

Brewer's Dictionary
of
Phrase. and Fable
Part - 2

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Jaafer. At the battle of Muta, Jaafer carried the sacred banner of "the Prophet." One hand being lopped off, he held it with the other; the other being struck off, he embraced it with his two stumps; his head being cleft in twain, he flung himself on the banner staff, and the banner was detained; thus till Abdullah seized it and handed it to Khaled. A similar tale is told of Cynagiros (*q.v.*).

Ja'chin. The parish clerk in Crabbe's *Borough*. He appropriated the sacramental money, and died disgraced.

Jackin. (*See* BOAZ.)

Jack.

I. APPLIED TO MEN, but always depreciatingly. (*See* TOM.)

(1) *Jack Adams.* A fool.

(2) *Jack-a-dandy (q.v.).*

(3) *Jack-a-dreams.* A man of inaction, a mere dreamer.

(4) *Jack-a-drugues.* A good-natured, lazy fool. (*Dutch, druilen*, to be listless; *our drael.*)

(5) *Jack-a-Lent.* A half-starved, sheepish booby. Shakespeare says: "You little Jack-a-lent, have you been true to us?" (*Merry Wives of Windsor*, iii. 3.)

A kind of Aunt Sally which was thrown at in Lent. (*See* *Cleveland's Poems* [1660], p. 64.)

(6) *Jack-a-napes (q.v.).*

(7) *Jack-at-a-pinch.* One who lends a hand in an emergency; an itinerant clergyman who has no cure, but officiates for a fee in any church where his assistance is required.

(8) *Jack Brag.* (*See* BRAG.)

(9) *Jack Fool.* More generally, Tom Fool (*q.v.*).

(10) *Jack Ketch (q.v.).*

(11) *Jack-pudding (q.v.).*

(12) *Jack-sauce.* An insolent sauce-box, "the worst Jack of the pack." Fluellen says one who challenges another and refuses to fight is a "Jack-sauce." (*Henry V.*, iv. 7.)

(13) *Jack-snip.* A botching tailor.

(14) *Jack-slave.* "Every Jack-slave hath his belly full of fighting." (*Shakespeare: Cymbeline*, ii. 2.)

(15) *Jack-sprat (q.v.).*

(16) *Jack-straw.* A peasant rebel.

(17) *Jack-tar (q.v.).*

(18) *Jack-in-office.* A conceited official, or upstart, who presumes on his official appointment to give himself airs.

(19) *Jack-in-the-green.* A chimney-sweep boy in the midst of boughs, on May Day.

(20) *Jack-in-the-water.* An attendant at the waterman's stairs, etc., willing to

wet his feet, if needs be, for a "few coppers."

(21) *Jack-of-all-trades.* One who can turn his hand to anything, but excels in nothing.

(22) *Jack-of-both-sides.* One who tries to favour two antagonistic parties, either from fear or for profit.

(23) *Jack-out-of-office.* "But long I will not be Jack-out-of-office." (*Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI.*, i. 1.)

(24) *Cheap Jack.* (*See* CHEAP.)

(25) *Jack will never be a gentleman.* A more parvenu will never be like a well-bred gentleman.

(26) *Every man-Jack of them.* All without exception, even the most insignificant.

(27) *Remember poor Jack.* Throw a copper to the boys paddling about the jetty of pier, or performing tricks under the hope of getting a small bounty.

II. APPLIED TO BOYS WHO ACT THE PART OF MEN.

(1) *Jack Frost.* Frost personified as a mischievous boy.

(2) *Jack Sprat.* Who bears the same relation to a man as a sprat does to a mackerel or herring.

(3) *Jack and Jill* (nursery rhyme). Jill or Gill is a contraction of Julienne or Gillian, a common Norman name. (*See* JACK, VII.)

(4) *Jack and the Bean-stalk (q.v.).*

(5) *Jack and the Fiddler (q.v.).*

(6) *Jack of cards.* The Knave or boy of the king and queen of the same suit.

(7) *Jack the Giant-killer (q.v.).*

(8) *Glym Jack.* A link boy who carries a gylm. (*German, glimmen.*) (*See* GLYM.)

(9) *Little Jack Horner.* (*See* JACK HORNER.)

(10) *The house that Jack built* (nursery tale).

III. APPLIED TO THE MALES OR INFERIOR ANIMALS: as—

Jack-ass, Jack-baker (a kind of owl), *Jack or dog fox, Jack-hare, Jack-horn, Jack-rat, Jack-shark, Jack-snipe*: a young pike is called a *Jack*, so also were the male birds used in falconry.

IV. APPLIED TO INSTRUMENTS which supply the place of or represent inferior men or boys:—

(1) *A jack.* Used instead of a turn-spit boy, generally called Jack.

(2) *A jack.* Used for lifting heavy weights.

(3) *Jack.* The figure outside old public clocks made to strike the bell.

"Strike like Jack of the clock-house, never but in season."—*Strode: Floating Island.*

(4) *Jack-roll*. The cylinder round which the rope of a well coils.

(5) *Jack-in-the-basket*. The cap or basket on the top of a pole to indicate the place of a sandbank at sea, etc.

(6) *Jack-in-the-box*. A toy consisting of a box out of which, when the lid is raised, a figure springs.

(7) *Boot-jack*. An instrument for drawing off boots, which used to be done by inferior servants.

(8) *Bottle-jack*. A machine for turning the roast instead of a turnspit.

(9) *Lifting-jack*. A machine for lifting the axle-tree of a carriage when the wheels are cleaned.

(10) *Roasting-jack*. (See *Bottle-jack*, 8.)

(11) *Smoke-jack*. An apparatus in a chimney-flue for turning a spit. It is made to revolve by the upward current of smoke and air.

(12) *Jack-chain*. A small chain for turning the spit of a smoke-jack.

V. APPLIED TO INFERIOR ARTICLES which bear the same relation to the thing imitated as Jack does to a gentleman.

(1) *Jack*. A rough stool or wooden horse for sawing timber on.

(2) *Jack*. A small drinking vessel made of waxed leather.

"Body of me, I am dry stall; give me the Jack, boy."—*Beaumont and Fletcher: Bloody Brothers*, II. 2.

(3) *Jack*. Inferior kind of armour. (See *Jack*, No. VIII.)

(4) *A Jack and a half-jack*. Counters resembling a sovereign and a half-sovereign. Used at gaming-tables to make up a show of wealth.

(5) *Jack-block*. A block attached to the topgallant-tie of a ship.

(6) *Jack-boots*. Cumbersome boots of tough, thick leather worn by fishermen. Jacks or armour for the legs.

(7) *Jack-pan*. A vessel used by barbers for heating water for their customers.

(8) *Jack-plane*. A menial plane to do the rough work for finer instruments.

(9) *Jack-rafter*. A rafter in a hipped roof shorter than a full-sized one.

(10) *Jack-rib*. An inferior rib in an arch, being shorter than the rest.

(11) *Jack-screw*. A large screw rotating in a threaded socket, used for lifting heavy weights.

(12) *Jack-timbers*. Timbers in a building shorter than the rest.

(13) *Jack-towel*. A coarse, long towel hung on a roller, for the servants' use.

(14) *Jack of Dover* (q.v.).

(15) *Jack* (q.v.).

(16) *Black jack*. A huge drinking vessel. A Frenchman speaking of it says, "The English drink out of their boots." (*Heywood*.)

VI. A TERM OF CONTEMPT.

(1) *Jack-a-lantern* or *Jack-o'-lantern*, the fool fire (*mis fatuus*).

(2) *Jack-ass*. An unmitigated fool.

(3) *Jack-at-bowls*. The butt of all the players.

(4) *Jack-daw*. A prating nuisance.

(5) *Jack Drum's entertainment* (q.v.).

(6) *Jackey*. A monkey.

(7) *Skip-jack*. A toy, an upstart.

(8) *The black jack*. The turnip-fly.

(9) *The yellow jack*. The yellow fever.

VII. USED IN PROVERBIAL PHRASES.

¶ *A good Jack makes a good Jill*. A good husband makes a good wife, a good master makes a good servant. Jack, a generic name for man, husband, or master; and Gill or Jill, his wife or female servant.

Every Jack shall have his Jill. Every man may find a wife if he likes; or rather, every country rustic shall find a lass to be his mate.

"Jack shall have his Jill,

Nought shall go ill."

The man shall have his mate again, and all shall be well."

Shakespeare: *Midsummer Night's Dream*, III. 2.

To play the Jack. To play the rogue or knave; to deceive or lead astray like Jack-o'-lantern, or *ignis fatuus*.

"—your folly, which you say is a harmless folly, has done little better than played the Jack with us."—Shakespeare: *Tempest*, IV. 1.

To be upon their jacks. To have the advantage over one. The reference is to the coat of mail quilted with stout leather, more recently called a jerkin.

VIII. *Jack*. Armour consisting of a leather surcoat worn over the hauberk, from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century, both inclusive. It was formed by overlapping pieces of steel fastened by one edge upon canvas, coated over with cloth or velvet. In short, it was a surcoat padded with metal to make it sword-proof. These jazerines were worn by the peasantry of the English borders when they journeyed from place to place, and in their skirmishes with moss-troopers.

"Jackets quilted and covered over with leather, fasten, or canvas, over thick plates of iron that are sowed to the same."—*Lily: Englishes*.

¶ *Colonel Jack*. The hero of Defoe's novel so called. He is a thief who goes to Virginia, and becomes the owner of vast plantations and a family of slaves.

Jack-a-Dandy. A term of endearment for a smart, bright little fellow; a *Jemmy Jossamy*.

"Smart she is, and handy, O!
Sweet as sugar-candy, O!
And I'm her Jack-a-dandy, O!"

Jack - a - dandy. Slang for brandy. Dandy rhymes with brandy. (See CHIVVY.)

"In Ireland "dandy" means whisky; but whisky = eau de vie; and eau de vie is brandy.

"Dumdim cyathi vero apud Metropoliticos Hieronymos dicitur Dandy."—*Blackwood's Magazine*, May, 1833 (Father Tom and the Pope).

Jack-a-Lantern (A). A Will-o'-the-wisp, an *ignis fatuus*.

Jack-a-napes or **Jackanapes** = Jack of apes. An impertinent, vulgar prig. (See JEANNOT.)

More likely, it is *Jack* and *ape*, formed on the model of Jack-ass, a stupid fool.

"I will teach a scurvy Jackanape priest to meddle or make."—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 4.

Jack-Amend-All. One of the nicknames given to Jack Cade the rebel, who promised to remedy all abuses.

Jack Brag. (See BRAG.)

Jack Drum's Entertainment. A beating. (See JOHN DRUM'S, etc.)

Jack Horner. For solution see *Notes and Queries*, xvi. 156; xvii. 83. In Latin alcaics, thus:

"Sedens Johannes prorsus in anulo
Hornus edit crustula Christina;
Et dixit, ut pinna extraheret
Pallens, 'Quam sum ego prorsus infans!'"
—*The Lincoln Herald*, Jan. 13, 1832.

Jack Ketch. Although this looks very much like a sobriquet, there seems no sufficient evidence to believe it to be otherwise than a real proper name. We are told that the name Jack was applied to hangmen from Richard Jaquett, to whom the mayor of Tyburn once belonged. (See HANGMEN.)

Jack Pudding. A buffoon who performs pudding tricks, such as swallowing a certain number of yards of black-pudding. S. Bishop observes that each country names its stage buffoon from its favourite viands: The Dutchman calls him *Pickel-herringe*; the Germans, *Hans Wurst* (John Sausage); the Frenchman, *Jean Potage*; the Italian, *Macaroni*; and the English, *Jack Pudding*.

Jack Robinson. Before you can say *Jack Robinson*, immediately. Grose says that the saying had its birth from a very volatile gentleman of that name,

who used to pay flying visits to his neighbours, and was no sooner announced than he was off again; but the following couplet does not confirm this derivation:—

"A warke it ys as due to be done
As to saye Jacke! 'robby on!'"
—*An old Play, cited by Halliwell: Arch. Dict.*

Jack Sprat. A dwarf; as if sprats were dwarf mackerels. Children, by a similar metaphor, are called small fry.

Jack Tar. A common sailor, whose hands and clothes are tarred by the ship tackling.

Jack and the Beanstalk. A nursery tale of German invention. The giant is All-Father, whose three treasures are (1) a harp—i.e. the wind; (2) bags full of treasures—i.e. the rain; and (3) the red hen which laid golden eggs—that is, the genial sun. Man avails himself of these treasures and becomes rich.

Jack of all Trades is Master of None. In French, "*Tout savoir est ne rien savoir*."

Jack o' both Sides. A supernumerary who plays on both sides to make up a party; one who for profit or policy is quite colourless.

Jack o' the Clock. The figure which comes out to strike the hours on the bell of a clock. A contraction of *Jaquemart* (q.v.).

"King Richard. Well, but what's o'clock?
—*Buckingham*. Upon the stroke of ten."

K. R. Well, let it strike.
B. Why let it strike?
K. R. Because that, like a jack, thou keep'st the stroke
Betwixt thy begging and my meditation."
—*Shakespeare: Richard III.*, i. 2.

Jack of Dover. A stockfish. "Hake salted and dried." The Latin for a hake is *merluccius*, and lucius is a jack or pike. *Mer*, of course, means the sea, and Dover, the chief Cinque Port, is used as a synonym. Also refuse wine collected into a bottle and sold for fresh wine. "To do-over again." (See DOVER.)

"Many a Jack of Dover hastow sold
That hath been twice hot and twice cold."
—*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales*.

Jack of Newbury. John Winchcomb, the greatest clothier of the world, in the reign of Henry VIII. He kept 100 looms in his own house at Newbury, and equipped at his own expense 100 of his men to aid the king against the Scotch in Flodden Field.

Jack o' the Bowl. The most famous brownie or house-spirit of Switzerland; so called from the custom of placing

for him every night on the roof of the cow-house a bowl of fresh sweet cream. The contents of this bowl are sure to disappear before morning.

Jack Out of Office. One no longer in office.

"I am left out; for me nothing remains.
But long I will not be Jack-out-of-office."
Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI., i. 1.

Jack the Giant-killer owed much of his success to his four marvellous possessions—an invisible coat, a cap of wisdom, shoes of swiftness, and a resistless sword. When he put on his coat no eye could see him; when he had his shoes on no one could overtake him; his sword would cut through everything; and when his cap was on he knew everything he required to know. Yonge says the story is based on the Scandinavian tale of Thor and Loki, while Masson maintains it to be a nursery version of the feats of Corin'eus in Geoffrey of Monmouth's marvellous history. I apprehend that neither of these suggestions will find many supporters.

• Military success depends (1) on an *invisible coat*, or secrecy, not letting the foe know your plans; (2) a *cap of wisdom*, or wise counsel; (3) *shoes of swiftness*, or attacking the foe before he is prepared; and (4) a *resistless sword*, or dauntless courage.

Jack the Ripper. An unknown person who so called himself, and committed a series of murders in the East End of London on common prostitutes.

The first was April 2nd, 1888, the next was August 7th; the third was August 31st; the fourth was September 8th, the fifth was September 30th, when two women were murdered; the sixth was November 9th; the seventh was December 20th, in a builder's yard; the eighth was July 17th, 1889, at Whitechapel; the ninth was September 17th.

Jack and James. Jewish *Jacob*; French, *Jacques*, our "Jack," and *Jacquims*, our "James." *Jacques* used to be the commonest name of France, hence the insurrection of the common people was termed the insurrection of the *Jacques*, or the *Jacquerie*; and a rustic used to be called a *Jacques bon homme*. The Scotch call Jack *Jack*.

Jackal. A toady. One who does the dirty work of another. It was once thought that the jackals hunted in troops to provide the lion with prey, hence they were called the "lion's providers." No doubt the lion will at times avail himself of the jackal's assistance by appropriating prey started by these "hunters," but it would be folly to

suppose that the jackal acted on the principle of *vos non vobis*. (See HONEY-COMB.)

Jacket. The French *jaquette*, "little jack," a translation of the German *Hanselkin*, a slop cut short.

Jacket. The skin of a potato. Potatoes brought to table unpeeled are said to be "with their jackets on."

To dust one's jacket. (See DUST.)

Jackson. (See STONEWALL.)

Jacksonian Professor. The professor of natural and experimental philosophy in the University of Cambridge. This professorship was founded in 1783 by the Rev. Richard Jackson.

Jacob the Scourge of Grammar. Giles Jacob, master of Romsey, in Hampshire, brought up for an attorney. A poetaster in the time of Pope. (See *Dunciad*, iii.)

Jacob's Ladder. A ladder seen by the patriarch Jacob in a vision. It was set on the earth, and reached to heaven, and angels seemed to be ascending and descending on it (Gen. xxviii. 12). Jacob is, on this account, a cant name for a ladder. There is a pretty blue flower so called.

Jacob's Staff. An instrument for taking heights and distances.

"Reach then a soaring quest, that I may write
As with a Jacob's staff to take her height"
Cleveland: The Heccomb to his Mistress.

The Apostle James is usually represented with a staff.

"As he had travelled many a summer's day
Through boiling sands of Arabia and Ind;
And in his hand a Jacob's staff to stay
His weary limbs upon."
Spenser: Faerie Queene, book i. canto vi. 32-35.

Jacob's Stone. The stone inclosed in the coronation chair of Great Britain, brought from Scone by Edward I., and said to be the stone on which the patriarch Jacob laid his head when he dreamt about the ladder referred to above.

This stone was originally used in Ireland as a coronation stone. It was called "Innisfeil," or Stone of Destiny. (See CORONATION CHAIR.)

Jacobins. The Dominicans were so called in France from the "Rue St. Jacques," Paris, where they first established themselves in 1219.

Jacobins. A political club, originally called the *Club Breton*, formed at Versailles in 1789. On their removal to Paris, they met in the hall of an ex-convent of Jacobins (see above), in the Rue St. Honoré.

Jacobites (3 syl.). The partisans of James II. (when William III. superseded him), his son, and grandson.

Jacobites, nicknamed *Warming-pans*. It is said that Mary d'Este, the wife of James II., never had a living child, but that on one occasion a child introduced to her bedroom in a warming-pan, was substituted for her dead infant. This "warming-pan child" was the Pro-Tester. Such is the tale, the truth is quite another matter.

Jac'obites. An Oriental sect of Monophysites, so called from Jacobus Baradaeus (Jacoub Al-Baradei), Bishop of Edessa, in Syria, in the sixth century.

Jacobus. A gold coin of the value of 25s., struck in the reign of James I.

Jacquard Loom. So called from Jos. Marie Jacquard, of Lyons, who invented this ingenious device for weaving figures upon silks and muslins. (1732-1831.)

Jacqueline (of Paris). A bell weighing 15,000 lbs., cast in 1400.

Jacquerie (*La*). An insurrection of the peasantry of France in 1358, excited by the oppressions of the privileged classes and Charles the Bad of Navarre, while King Jean was a prisoner in England. When the peasants complained, and asked who was to redress their grievances, they were told in scorn *Jacques Bonhomme* (Johnny Goodman), i.e. no one. At length a leader appeared, called himself Jacques Bonhomme, and declared war to the death against every gentleman in France. In six weeks some 12,000 of these insurgents were cut down, and amongst their number was the leader himself. (See JACK, JACQUES.)

Jacques. A generic name for the poor artisan class in France. Jaques is a sort of cotton waistcoat without sleeves.

"Jacques, il me faut troubler ton homme;
Dans le village, un gros luisier
Rôde et court, suivi du mousier
'C'est pour l'impôt, las ! mon pauvre homme.
Lève-toi Jacques, lève-toi,
Voici l'air floussier du roi."

● *Branger* (1831).

Pauvre Jacques. Said to a maiden when she is lackadaisical (French). Marie Antoinette had at the Little Trianon an artificial Swiss village, which she called her "*Petite Suisse*," and actually sent to Switzerland for a peasant girl to assist in milking the cows. The Swiss maiden was one day overheard sighing for "*Pauvre Jacques*," and the queen sent for the distant swain, and had the lovers married. To

finish this absurd romance, the Marchioness de Travauet wrote an ode on the event, which was for a time wonderfully popular.

"Pauvre Jacques, quand j'étais près de toi,
Je ne sentais pas, pas l'insulte;
Mais à présent que tu es loin de moi,
Je manque de tout sur la terre."

Marquise de Travauet.

Jacques Bonhomme. A sort of fairy good-luck, who is to redress all wrongs, and make all the poor wealthy. The French peasants are so called sometimes, and then the phrase is like our term of sneering pity, "my good fellow," or "my fine fellow." (See JACQUES.)

Jactitation of Marriage. A false assertion by a person of being married to another. This is actionable.

Jade or *The Divine Stone*. Worn by the Indians as an amulet to preserve them from the bite of venomous animals, and to cure the gravel, epilepsy, etc. (*Hill*.)

"The conversation was interspersed by continual cups of tea drunk out of the most beautiful Chinese ware, while the Amur cup was of a green jade."—*Bonvallet: Across Tibet*, chap. x. p. 252.

Jade. A worthless horse. *An old woman (used in contempt). A young woman (not necessarily contemptuous).

Jaffier (3 syl.), in *Venice Preserved*, a tragedy by Otway. He joins the conspiracy of Pierre against the Venetian state, but communicates the secret to his wife Belvidera. Belvidera, being the daughter of a senator, is naturally anxious to save the life of Priuli, her father, and accordingly induces her husband to disclose the plot, under promise of pardon to all the conspirators. The plot being revealed, the senate condemned the conspirators to death; whereupon Jaffier stabbed Pierre to prevent his being broken on the wheel, and then stabbed himself.

Jagger. A gentleman; a sportsman. * (German, *jäger*, a sportsman.)

Jail-bird (*A*). One who has been in jail as a prisoner.

"At this late period of Christianity we brought up to author jail-birds as we do toads."—*Beecher: The Plymouth Pulpit*, August 30th, 1874, vol. II. 557.

Jamambuxes [*Soldiers of the round valleys*]. Certain fanatics of Japan, who roam about and pretend to hold converse with the Devil. They scourge themselves severely, and sometimes refrain from sleeping for several days, in order to obtain the odour of sanctity. They are employed by the people for the discovery of articles stolen or lost.

Jambon. A gun, so called from its faulciful resemblance to a "betterave" or jambon. The botanical name of the root is *melochia*.

"What would you do to me, brigand? . . . Give me fifty blows of a moustaque, as your officer gave you last week for stealing his jambon?"—*Dauda: Under Two Flags*, chap. xvi.

Jambuscha [*Jam-bus-cah*]. Adam's preceptor, according to the pre-Adamites. Sometimes called Boan, and sometime Zugtith.

James. A sovereign; a *jacōbus*. A gold coin circulated in the reign of James I. Worth about 25s.

James (St.). Patron saint of Spain. At Padron, near Compostella, they used to show a huge stone as the veritable boat in which the apostle sailed from Palestine. His body was discovered in 840 by divine revelation to Bishop Theodoricus, and King Alfonso built a church at Compostella for its shrine. According to another legend, it was the *relics* of St. James that were miraculously conveyed to Spain in a ship of marble from Jerusalem, where he was bishop. A knight saw the ship sailing into port, his horse took fright, and plunged with its rider into the sea. The knight saved himself by "boarding the marble vessel," but his clothes were found to be entirely covered with scallop shells.

* In the *Acta Sanctorum* (xi. 37, etc.) we are told, that in Clavium scarcely a stone is found which does not bear the form of a shell; and if these stones are broken up, the broken bits have also the forms of shells.

In Christian art this saint has sometimes the sword by which he was beheaded, and sometimes he is attired as a pilgrim, with his cloak covered with shells. (See above.)

St. James (the Less). His attribute is a fuller's club, in allusion to the instrument by which he was put to death, after having been precipitated from the summit of the temple.

St. James's College. So called from James I., who granted a charter to a college founded at Chelsea by Dr. Sutcliffe, Dean of Exeter, to maintain priests to answer all adversaries of religion. Laud nicknamed it "Controversy College." The college was a failure, and Charles II. gave the site to the Royal Society, who sold it for the purpose of erecting the Royal Hospital for Old Soldiers, which now exists.

St. James's Day. July 25th, the day of his martyrdom.

The Court of St. James or St. James's. The British court. Queen Victoria holds her drawing-rooms and levees in St. James's Palace, Pall Mall; but Queen Anne, the four Georges, and William IV. resided in this palace.

Jamie or Jemmie Duff. Weepers. So called from a noted Scotchman of the 18th century, who lived at Edinburgh. His great passion, like that of "Old Q.," was to follow funerals in mourning costume, with orthodox weepers. I myself know a gentleman of a similar morbid passion. (*Kay: Original Portraits*, i. 7, and ii. 9, 17, 95.)

Jamshid. King of the Genii, famous for a golden cup full of the elixir of life. This cup, hidden by the genii, was discovered while digging the foundations of Persepolis.

"I know too where the gentl' hild
The jewell'd cup of their king Jamshid,
With life's elixir sparkling bligh"
Thomas Moore: Paradise and the Peri.

Jane. A Genoese halfpenny, a corruption of Januensis or Genoensis.

"Because I could not give her many a Jane,"
Spenser: Faerie Queene, book iii. canto vii. 58.

Jane. A most ill-starred name for rulers. To give a few examples: *Lady Jane Grey*, beheaded by Mary for treason; *Jane Seymour*; *Jane or Joan Beaufort*, wife of James I. of Scotland, who was infamously and savagely murdered; *Jane of Burgundy*, wife of Philippe le Long, who imprisoned her for adultery in 1314; *Jane of Flanders*, who was in ceaseless war with *Jane of Ponthièvre* after the captivity of their husbands. This contest is known in history as "the wars of the two Janes" (fourteenth century). *Jane of France* (de Valois), wife of Louis XII., who repudiated her for being ugly; *Jane d'Albret*, mother of Henri IV. of France. Being invited to Paris to attend the espousals of her son with Margaret de Valois, she was poisoned by Catharine de' Medici (1572); *Jane, Countess of Hainault*, daughter of Baldwin, and wife of Fernand of Portugal, who was made prisoner at the battle of Bouvines in 1214. She refused to ransom him, and is thought to have poisoned her father; *Jane Henriquez*, wife of John II. of Navarre, stirred up war between her husband and his son Carlos by a former marriage, and ultimately made away with the young prince, a proceeding which caused a revolt of the Catalonians (1462); *Jane the Unbrute* of Castile, who lost her reason from grief at the neglect of her husband, Philip the

Handsome, Archduke of Austria; *Jane I. of Naples* married Andrew of Hungary, whom she caused to be murdered, and then married the assassin. Her reign was most disastrous. *La Harpe* has a tragedy entitled *Jeanne de Naples*; *Jane II. of Naples*, a woman of most scandalous character, guilty of every sort of wantonness. She married James, Count of March, who put to death her lovers and imprisoned Jane for two years. At her release James fled to France, when Jane had a *liaison* with Caraccioli, whom she murdered. *Joan*, the pope, if indeed such a person ever existed. *Jeanne la Pucelle* [Joan of Arc] cannot be called a ruler, but her lot was not more happy; etc. etc. (See JOHN TWO.)

Jane Eyre. The heroine in a novel of the same name, by Currer Bell (*q.v.*).

Jan'isaries or Jan'izaries, a celebrated militia of the Ottoman Empire, raised by Orchan in 1326, and called the *Yengi-tscheri* (new corps). It was blessed by Hadji Bektash, a saint, who cut off a sleeve of his fur mantle and gave it to the captain. The captain put the sleeve on his head, and from this circumstance arose the fur cap worn by these footguards. In 1826, having become too formidable to the state, they were abolished.

"There were two classes of Janizaries, one regularly organised . . . and the other composing an irregular militia."—*Chambers: Encyclopædia*, vol. vi. p. 276.

Jan'nes and Jam'bres. The two magicians of Pharaoh, who imitated some of the miracles of Moses. The Jannes and Jambres who "withstood Moses," mentioned by St. Paul (2 Tim. iii. 8, 9), are supposed to be the same. The paraphrast Jonathan says they were the sons of Balaam.

Jan'senists. A sect of Christians, who held the doctrines of Cornelius Jansen, Bishop of Ypres, in France. Jansen professed to have formulated the teaching of Augustine, A.D. 1640, which resembled Calvinism in many respects. He taught the doctrines of "irresistible grace," "original sin," and the "utter helplessness of the natural man to turn to God." Louis XIV. took part against them, and they were put down by Pope Clement XI., in 1705, in the famous bull called *Unigenitus* (*q.v.*).

Janua'rius (*St.*). A martyr in 305. Two vials of his blood are preserved in the cathedral at Naples, and every year on September 19 (the day of his martyrdom) the blood liquefies.

Order of St. Januarius (patron saint

of Naples), instituted in 1738 by Infante don Carlos.

January. The month dedicated by the Romans to Janus (*q.v.*). Janus had two faces, and January could look back to the year past, and forwards to the current year.

Ja'nus. The temple of peace, in Rome. The doors were thrown open in times of war and closed in times of peace. Some think the two faces of this mythical deity allegorise Noah and his sons, who look back on the world before the Flood, and forwards on the world after the deluge had abated. This idea will do very well in poetry.

"Slavery was the hinge on which the gates of the temple of Janus turned" (in the American war).—*The Times*.

Japanese (3 syl.). The language of Japan, a native of Japan, anything pertaining thereto.

Japheth's Stone. According to tradition, Noah gave Japheth a stone which the Turks call *goudesch* and *senjudé*. Whoever possesses this stone has the power of bringing rain from heaven at will. It was for a long time preserved by the Moguls.

Japhet'idie. The supposed posterity of Japheth, son of Noah. The Aryan family is said to belong to this race.

"The Indo-European family of languages as known by various designations, style *Japhetic*, as if it appertained to the descendants of the patriarch Japheth, has the *Semitic* tongues appertain to the descendants of Shem."—*Hubert: Language, &c.*, lecture v. p. 12.

Jaquemart. The automaton of a clock, consisting of a man and woman who strike the hours on a bell. So called from Jean Jaquemart of Dijon, a clock-maker, who devised this piece of mechanism.

Jaques (1 syl.). A morose cynical moraliser in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. It is much disputed whether the word is a monosyllable or not. Charles Lamb makes it a dissyllable—"Where Jaques fed in solitary vein;" but Sir Walter Scott uses it as a monosyllable—"Whom humorous Jaques with envy viewed."

Jarkman. An Abram-man (*q.v.*). Jark means a *scal*, whence also a safe-conduct. Abram-men were licensed beggars, who had the "scal" or licence of the Bethlehem Hospital to beg.

Jarnac. *Comp de Jarnac.* A peculiar stroke of the sword by which the opponent is ham-strung. The allusion is to

the duel between Jarnac and La Châteigneraie, on July 10th, 1547, in the presence of Henri II., when Jarnac dealt his adversary such a blow, from which he died.

Jarndyce *r.* **Jarndyce**. An interminable Chancery suit in Dickens's *Black House*. The character of Jarndyce is that of a kind-hearted, easy fellow, who is half ashamed that his left hand should know what his right hand gives.

Jarvey. A hackney-coach driver. Said to be a contraction of Geoffrey; and the reason why this name was selected was because coachmen say to their horses *gee-a*, and *Go-o* is a contraction of Geoffrey. Bullantine says, that one Jarvis, a noted hackney-coachman who was hanged, was the original Jarvey.

A Jarvey's benjamin. A coachman's great-coat. (See **BENJAMIN**.)

Jarvie (*Baillie Nicol*). • A Glasgow magistrate in Scott's *Rob Roy*. He is petulant, conceited, purse-proud, without tact, and intensely prejudiced, but sincere and kind-hearted.

Jann'dice (2 syl.) *A jaundiced eye*. A prejudiced eye which sees "faults that are not." It was a popular belief among the Romans that to the eye of a person who had the jaundice everything looked of a yellow tinge. (French, *jaune*, yellow.)

* All seems infected that th' infected eye.
As all seems yell'd to the jaundiced eye.
Pope. *Essay on Criticism*

Javan [*clay*]. Son of Japheth. In most Eastern languages it is the collective name of the Greeks, and is to be so understood in Isa. lvi. 19, and Ezek. xxvii. 13.

In the *World Before the Flood*, by James Montgomery, Javan is the hero. On the day of his birth his father died, and Javan remained in the "patriarch's glen" under his mother's care, till she also died. Then he resolved to see the world, and sojourned for ten years with the race of Cain, where he became the disciple of Jubal, noted for his musical talents. At the expiration of that time he returned, penitent, to the patriarch's glen, where Zillah, daughter of Enoch, "won the heart to Heaven denied." The giants invaded the glen, and carried off the little band captives. Enoch reproved the giants, who would have slain him in their fury, but they could not find him, "for he walked with

God." As he ascended through the air his mantle fell on Javan, who, "smiting with it as he moved along," brought the captives safely back to the glen again. A tempest broke forth of so fearful a nature that the giant army fled in a panic, and their king was slain by some treacherous blow given by some unknown hand.

Jav'inese (3 syl.). A native of Java, anything pertaining to Java.

Javert. An officer of police, the impersonation of inexorable law in *Les Misérables*, by Victor Hugo.

Jaw. Words of complaint; wrangling, abuse, jabber. "To jaw," to annoy with words, to jabber, wrangle, or abuse. The French *querrelle* and *querrel* are used in the same manner.

Hold your jaw. Hold your tongue or jabber.

What are you jawing about? What are you jabbering or wrangling about?

A break-jaw word. A very long word, or one hard to pronounce.

Jā-wāb. The refusal of an offer of marriage. Thus when one lady says to another that "Mr. A. B. has got his jawab," she means that he made her an offer of marriage, but was refused. (*Calcutta slang*.)

Jawbone (2 syl.). Credit, promises. (*Jaw*, words or talk, *bon*, good.)

Jay (*A*). A wanton.

"Thus Jay of Italy . . . hath betrayed his
Shakespeare: *Cymbeline* iii. 4

Jay. A plunger; one who spends his money recklessly; a simpleton. This is simply the letter J, the initial letter of Juggins, who, in 1887, made a fool of himself by losses on the turf.

Jaz'ey. A wig; a corruption of Jersey, and so called because they are made of Jersey flax and fine wool.

Je Maintiendrai (*I will maintain*). The motto of the House of Nassau. When William III. came to England he retained the motto, but added to it, "I will maintain the liberties of England and the Protestant religion."

Je ne Sais Quoi. An indescribable something; as "There was a *je ne sais quoi* about him which made us dislike him at first sight."

Jeames (1 syl.). Any funny. Sometimes the *Morning Post* is so called.

Thackeray wrote *Jeames's Diary* (published in *Punch*), of which Jeames de la Pluche was the hero.

Jean Crapaud. A Frenchman. A Frenchman is called both a toad and a frog. (See CRAPAUD.)

Jean Farine [*Jack Flour*]. A sort of Scaramouch, generally very tall, and representing a loutish boy dressed all in white, the hair, face, and hands being covered with flour.

"Jean Farine s'en feryent (du manteau d'un gentilhomme Gascon) un bonnet; et à le voir blancheâtre, il semble qu'il soit déjà enfariné."
— *Les Jours de l'Inconnu* (1645).

Jean de Lettre (*Mr. Jenkins*). "*Qui pour l'ordinaire, dit Tallemant, est un animal mal dévot à toute autre chose.*" (*Mme. Deshoulières: Historiettes*, ix. 209, x. 82.)

Jean de la Suie (French). A Savoyard.

Jean de la Vigne (French). A crucifix. (See next article.)

Jean des Vignes (French). So the jonglers call the poupée to which they address themselves. The French Protestants in the sixteenth century called "the host" Jean, and the word is pretty well synonymous with buffoon. Jean des Vignes was a drunken marionette performer of considerable ability; "Jean" was his name, "des Vignes" his sobriquet. Hence when a person does a bad action, the French say, "*Il fait comme Jean des Vignes*," an illicit marriage is called "*le mariage de Jean des Vignes*," and a bad fellow is "*un Jean des Vignes*." Hence Assoucy says, "*Moi, pauvre sot, plus sot que Jean des Vignes*."

"Jean" que dire sur Jean? c'est un terrible nom.
Qui jamais n'a accompagné une pauvre honnête
Jean des Vignes Jean higne Oh va! je
Tr. s. bon
Que Jean chemin à mariage
Virgil Travers, xvii. (*Ju* . . . *Ed. 1855*).

Jeannot (French). One who is minutely great; one who exercises his talents and ingenuity on trifles; one who after great preparation at table to produce some mighty effect, brings forth only a ridiculous mouse.

Jebusites (3 syl.), in Dryden's satire of *Abdolon* and *Achitophel*, stands for the Roman Catholics; so called because England was Roman Catholic before the Reformation, and Jerusalem was called Jebus before the time of David.

"In this poem, the *Jebusites* are the Catholics, and the *Levites* the dissenting clergy.

"Succeeding times did equal fully call,
Believing nothing, or believing all.
The Egyptian rises the Jebusites embrace."
When gods were recommended by their taste."
(Transubstantiation)

Dryden: *Abdolon* and *Achitophel*, Part I. 117-123.

Jedwood Justice. Putting an obnoxious person to death first, and trying him afterwards. This sort of justice was dealt to moss-troopers. Same as *Jedburgh justice*, *Jeddah justice*. We have also "Cupar justice" and "Abingdon law." Of the last we are told that Major-General Brown, in the Commonwealth, hanged a man first and tried him afterwards.

"Jedwood justice—hang in haste and try at leisure."—*Scott: Fair Maid of Perth*, chap. xxxii.

Jehen'nam. The Gehenna or Inferno of the Arabs. It consists of seven stages, one below the other. The first is allotted to atheists; the second to Manicheans (*q.v.*); the third to the Brahmans of India; the fourth to the Jews; the fifth to Christians; the sixth to the Magians or Ghebers of Persia; and the seventh to hypocrites. (*The Koran*.)

Jehovist'ic. (See ELOHISTIC.)

Jehu. A coachman, especially one who drives at a rattling pace.

"The watchman told, saying, . . . The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nishai, for he drove furiously."—2 Kings ix. 20.

Jejune (2 syl.). *A jejune narrator.* A dry, tedious one. (Latin, *jejunus*, dry, spiritless.)

"Till face it self most mournfully jejune,
Calls for the kind assistance of a tune."
Don pe? Reluctant, 711

Jekyll. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The two phases of one man, "the law of his members warring against the law of his mind." Jekyll is the "would do good," Hyde is "the evil that is present." (*Stevenson: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.)

Jelly Pardons. When Thomas Cromwell was a clerk in the English factory at Antwerp, two of his fellow-countrymen from Boston (Lincolnshire) consulted with him as to the best means of getting the pardons renewed for the repair of Boston harbour. Cromwell, knowing that Pope Julius was very fond of dainties, provided for him some exquisite jelly, and told his Holiness that only royalty ever ate it in England. The Pope was so pleased with the delicacy that he signed the pardons, on condition of having the recipe of the jelly.

Jellyby (*Mrs.*). A philanthropist who would spend and be spent to help the poor fan-makers and flower-girls of Borrioboolah Gha, but would bundle into the street a poor beggar dying of starvation on her own doorstep. (*Dickens: Bleak House*.)

Jemmie Duff. (See JAMIE DUFFS.)

Jemmy, a name found in engravings of the eighteenth century, was James Worsdale, the painter and dramatic writer (died 1767).

A housebreaker's crowbar. A variant of Jimmy, Jenny, Jinnie, and a diminutive of engine. Similarly a "spinning-jinnie" is a small engine for spinning. These crowbars generally take to pieces that they may be slipped into the pocket.

Jemmy. The head of a slaughtered sheep. There are "boiled jemmys," "baked jemmys," and "sanguinary jemmys" (raw sheep's heads). The tradition is that James IV. of Scotland breakfasted on a sheep's head just before the battle of Flodden Field (Sep. 9, 1513).

"Mr. Sikes made many pleasant witticisms on jemmys, a cant name for sheep's heads, and also for an ingenious implement much used by his profession."—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Jemmy. A great-coat. So called from the Scotch cloth called jemmy.

Jemmy. Spruce, fine. A diminutive of *gim*, *gruce* or smart (Anglo-Saxon *gemet*). Gimcrack means an ornamental toy, a pretty ornament of no solidity. (See below, JEMMY JESSAMY.)

Jemmy Dawson was one of the Manchester rebels, who was hanged, drawn, and quartered on Kennington Common, Surrey, July 30th, 1746. A lady of gentle blood was in love with the gallant young rebel, and died of a broken heart on the day of his execution. (*Perry's Reliques*, Series 2, book iii. 26.) Shenstone has a ballad on it, beginning, "Come, listen to my mournful tale."

Jemmy Jessamy (A). A Jack-a-dandy; a lady's fondling, "sweet as sugar-candy."

Jenkinson (Ephraim). A swindling rascal, who makes a tool of Dr. Primrose. (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield*.)

• **Jennet**. A small Spanish horse.

Jenny. The spinning jenny means the little spinning engine. The word is a corrupt diminutive, 'ginie. It is an effort to derive the word from the inventor's wife or daughter, seeing his wife's name was Elizabeth, and he had no daughter.

Jenny l'Ouvrière. A generic name for a hard-working, poor, but contented needlewoman. The name was devised by Emile Barateau, and rendered popular by his song so called.

"Entendez-vous un oiseau familier?
C'est le chanteur de Jenny l'Ouvrière.
Au cœur content, content de peu
Elle pourrait être riche, et préfère
Ce qui vient de Dieu." (1847.)

Jenny Wren, the sweetheart of Robin Redbreast.

"Robin promised Jenny, if she would be his wife, she should 'feed on cherry-pie and drink currant-wine'; and he says:—

"I'll dress you like a goldfinch,
Or any peacock gay;
So, dearest Jen, if you'll be mine,
Let us appoint the day."

Jenny replies:—

"Cherry-pie is very nice,
And so is currant wine;
But I must wear my plain brown gown,
And never go too fine."

Jeofail, i.e. *J'ai failli* (*Lapsus sum*; I have failed), an omission or oversight in a law proceeding. There are several statutes of Jeofail for the remedy of slips or mistakes.

Jeopardy (3 syl.). Hazard, danger. Tyrrwhitt says it is the French *jeu parti*, and Froissart uses the phrase, "*Si nous les royaux à jeu parti*" (vol. i. c. 231). *Jeu parti* is a game where the chances are exactly balanced, hence a critical state.

Jereed. A javelin with which the Easterns exercise. (Turkish and Arabic.)

Jeremi'ad (4 syl.). A pitiful tale, a tale of woe to produce compassion; so called from the "Lamentations" of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah, derived from "Cucumber." The joke is this: King Jeremiah = *Jerv'-king*, contracted in *Jer'-kin*, or *gher'-kin*, and gherkin is a young cucumber.

The British Jeremiah. Gibbon so calls Gildas, author of *Lamentations over the Destruction of Britain* (516-570).

Jeremy Piddler. An adept at raising money on false pretences. From Kenny's farce called *Raising the Wind*.

Jeremy Twitcher. A cunning, treacherous highwayman, in Gay's *Beggar's Opera*. Lord Sandwich, a member of the New Kit Kat Club, was so called in 1765.

Jerloho. *Gone to Jericho*. No one knows where. The manor of Blackmore, near Chelmsford, was called Jericho, and was one of the houses of pleasure of Henry VIII. When this lascivious prince had a mind to be lost in the embraces of his courtesans, the cant phrase among his courtiers was "He is gone to Jericho!" Hence, a place of concealment.

Go to Jericho with you, I wish he had been at Jericho. A euphemistic turn of phrase for "Go and hang yourself," or something more offensive still. This

saying it derived from 2 Sam. x. 5 and 1 Chron. xix. 5.

"And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beard be grown."

I wish you were at Jericho. Anywhere out of my way. (See above.)

Jerked (beef), a corruption of the Peruvian word *charqui*, meat cut into strips and dried in the sun to preserve it. (See *Mayne Reid's novels*.)

Jerkin. A short coat or jacket; a close waistcoat.

"Mistress Inne, is not this my jerkin? Now is the jerkin under the lute."—*Shakespeare: The Tempest*, iv. 1.

Jeroboam of Rum or Claret (A). Eight bottles; but of whisky three pints. Probably a perversion of "joram." (See *TAPFIT-HEM* and *REHOBOM*.)

"Some 'jéroboams' of very old rum went at 65s. each; several 'tapfit-beers' of rum fetched 84s.; and some 'magnums,' 17s. each."—*Truth*, 31st March, 1867.

A magnum = 2 quart bottles; a tapfithe = 2 magnums; a jerohoam = 2 tapfithe; and a rehoboam = 2 jero-boams or 16 quart bottles.

Jerome (St.). Generally represented as an aged man in a cardinal's dress, writing or studying, with a lion seated beside him. The best painting of this saint is *The Communion of St. Jerome*, by Domenichino, in the Vatican. It is placed opposite Raphael's *Transfiguration*.

Jerónimo. The chief character in the *Spanish Tragedy* by Thomas Kyd. On finding his application to the king ill-timed, he says to himself, "Go by, Jerónimo," which tickled the fancy of the audience so that it became for a time the current-street jest.

Jerry-built, unsubstantial. A "jerry-builder" is a speculative builder who runs up cheap, unsubstantial houses, using materials of the commonest kind. (See *JURY MAST*.)

Jerry-shop, or a Tom and Jerry Shop. A low-class beer-house. Probably the *Tom and Jerry* was a public-house sign when *Pierce Egan's Life in London* was popular.

Jerry Sneak. A henpecked husband, from a celebrated character in Foote's farce of the *Mayor of Garratt*.

Jerrymander. (See *GERRYMANDER*.)

Jersey is *Cæsar's-ey*—i.e. *Cæsar's island*, so called in honour of Julius Cæsar.

Jerusalem, in Dryden's satire of *Abaddon and Achitophel*, means London. (Part i. verse 86, etc.)

Jerusalem Artichoke. A corruption of *Girasolè articioeco*. *Girasole* is the sunflower, which this vegetable resembles both in leaf and stem.

Jerusalem Chamber. The Chapter-house of Westminster Abbey. Henry IV. died there, March 20, 1413.

"It hath been prophesied to me many years, I should not die but in Jerusalem."
Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV., iv. 5.

"Pope Sylvester II. was told the same thing, and he died as he was saying mass in a church so called. (*Bacon: Tusculum*.)

The Lower House, of Convocation now meets in the Jerusalem Chamber. The Upper House meets at Mr. Hodgson's, in Dean's Yard, Westminster.

Jerusalem Delivered. An epic in twenty books, by Torquato Tasso (1544-1595).

The crusaders, encamped on the plains of Tortosa, chose Godfrey for their chief, and Alandine, King of Jerusalem, made preparations of defence. The overtures of Argantes to Godfrey being declined, he declared war in the name of the king of Egypt. The Christian army having reached Jerusalem, the king of Damascus sent Armida to beguile the Christians; she told an artful tale by which she drew off several of the most puissant. It was found that Jerusalem could never be taken without the aid of Rinaldo; but Rinaldo had withdrawn from the army, because Godfrey had cited him to answer for the death of Girlando, slain in a duel. Godfrey, being informed that the hero was dallying with Armida in the enchanted island, sent to invite him back to the army; he returned, and Jerusalem was taken in a night attack. As for Armida, after setting fire to her palace, she fled into Egypt, and offered to marry any knight who slew Rinaldo; but when she found the Christian army was successful she fled from the field. The love of Rinaldo returned; he pursued her and she relented. The poem concludes with the triumphant entry of the Christian army into the Holy City, and their devotions at the tomb of the Redeemer. The two chief episodes are the loves of Olindo (*q.v.*) and Sophronia, and of Tancred (*q.v.*) and Corinda.

Jerusalem Pony. A needy clergyman or minister, who renders temporary aid to his brother ministers for hire; so called in humorous discourtesy. The Jerusalem pony is a large species of donkey.

Jess (pl. *Jessen*). A short strap of leather tied about the legs of a hawk to hold it on the fist. Hence a bond of affection, etc.

"If I prove her haggard,
Though that her jesses were my dear heart-
strings,
I'd whistle her off."

Shakespeare: Othello, iii. 3.

Jessamy Bride is Mary Horneck, with whom Oliver Goldsmith fell in love in 1769.

Jesse Tree. In Christian art, a vine tracing the genealogy of Christ, called a "rod out of the stem of Jesse" (*Isa.* xi. 1). Jesse is generally represented in a recumbent position, and the vine is made to rise out of his loins.

Jesse Window (*A*). A stained-glass window representing Jesse recumbent, and a tree shooting from him containing the pedigree of Jesus.

Jessica. The Jew's daughter in the *Merchant of Venice*, by Shakespeare.

Jesters. (See *FOOLS*.)

Jesu'it (3 syl.). When Ignatius de Loyola was asked what name he would give his order, he replied, "We are a little battalion of Jesus;" so it was called the "Society of Jesus," vulgarised into Jesuits. The society was noted for its learning, political influence, and "pious frands." The order was driven from France in 1594, from England in 1604, from Venice in 1606, from Spain in 1767, from Naples in 1768; and in 1773 was suppressed by Pope Clement XIV.; but it revived again, and still exists. The word is used by controversialists to express one who "lies like truth," or palters with us in a double sense, that "keeps the word of promise to our ear, and breaks it to our hope."

Jesus Paper. Paper, of very large size, chiefly used for engravings. Originally it was stamped with the initials I.H.S. (*q.v.*).

Jet. So called from the River Gages, in Asia Minor, on the banks of which it was collected by the ancients. It was originally called *gagates*, corrupted into *gagat*, *jet*.

Jet d'Eau (French). A spout or jet of water thrown up into the air, generally from an artificial fountain. The great jet at Versailles rises to a height of 100 feet; that at Chatsworth, the highest in existence, to 267 feet. (French, from the Latin *jactus*, thrown; *jacio*, to throw.)

Jetsam or **Jetson**. Goods cast into the sea to lighten a ship. (French, *jeter*, to cast out.) (See *FLOTSAM* and *LIGAN*.)

Jettator. One with an evil eye, who always brings ill-luck. The opposite of the Mascotte (*q.v.*), who with a "good eye" always brings good fortune.

The opera called *La Mascotte*. (1893, by Duree and Chivot.)

Jettatura. The evil-eye.

"Their glance, if you meet it, is the jettatura, or evil-eye."—*Mrs. Gaskell: An Accursed Race*.

Jeu d'Esprit (French). A witticism.

Jeu de Mot. A pun; a play on some word or phrase. (French.)

Jeunesse Dorée. The "gilded youth" of a nation; that is, the rich and fashionable young unmarried men.

"There were three of the *jeunesse dorée*, and, as such, were pretty well known to the ladies who promenade the grand circle."—*T. Trollope: Lady Debutant*, ix.

Jew. *The Wandering Jew*.

(1) Said to be KHAPTAPH'LOS, Pilate's porter. When the officers were dragging Jesus out of the hall, Kaptaph'los struck Him with his fist in the back, saying, "Go quicker, Man; go quicker!" Whereupon Jesus replied, "I indeed go quickly; but thou shalt tarry till I come again." This man afterwards became a Christian, and was baptised under the name of Joseph. Every 100 years he falls into an ecstasy, out of which he rises again at the age of thirty.

The earliest account of the "Wandering Jew" is in the *Book of the Chronicles of the Abbey of St Albans*. This tradition was continued by Matthew Paris in 1224. In 1242 Philip Mouskes, afterwards Bishop of Tournay, wrote the *Rhymed Chronicle*.

(2) AHAUERUS, a cobbler, who dragged Jesus before Pilate. As the Man of Sorrows was going to Calvary, weighed down with His cross, He stayed to rest on a stone near the man's door, when Ahasuerus pushed Him away, saying, "Away with you; here you shall not rest." The gentle Jesus replied, "I truly go away, and go to rest; but thou shalt walk, and never rest till I come."

This is the legend given by Paul von Etzen, Bishop of Schleswig (151.). (See *Greece: Memoirs of Paul von Etzen* (1741).)

(3) In German legend, the "Wandering Jew" is associated with JOHN BUTTADÆUS, seen at Antwerp in the thirteenth century; again, in the fifteenth; and again, in the sixteenth century. His last appearance was in 1764, at Brussels.

Leonard Doldius, of Nürnberg, in his *Praxis Alchemica* (1604), says that Ahasuerus is sometimes called Buttadæus.

(4) The French call "The Wandering Jew" ISAAC LAKE-DION or LAQUEDON. (*Mitternacht: Dissertatio in Johannem*, xxi. 19.)

(5) *Dr. Croly*, in his novel, calls the "Wandering Jew" SALATHIEL BEN SADI, who (he says) appeared towards the close of the sixteenth century at Venice.

* The legend of the Wild Huntsman, called by Shakespeare "Horne, the Hunter," and by Father Mathieu "St. Hubert," is said to be a Jew who would not suffer Jesus to drink from a horse-trough, but pointed out to Him some water in a hoof-print, and bade Him go there and drink. (*Kuhn von Schwarz: Morald. Sagen*, 499.)

Jew's-eye. *Worth a Jew's-eye.* According to fable, this expression arose from the custom of torturing Jews to extort money from them. The expedient of King John is well known: He demanded 10,000 marks of a rich Jew of Bristol; the Hebrew resisted the atrocious exaction, but the tyrant ordered him to be brought before him, and that one of his teeth should be tugged out every day till the money was forthcoming. This went on for seven days, when the sufferer gave in, and John jestingly observed, "A Jew's eye may be a quick ransom, but Jew's teeth give the richer harvest."

Launcelot, in the *Merchant of Venice*, ii. 5, puns upon this phrase when he says to Jessica:—

"There will come a Christian by
Will be worth a Jew's eye."

Jew's-harp, called by Bacon *jeu-trompe*, by Beaumont and Fletcher, *jeu-trump*, by Hakluyt, *jeu's-harp*.

The best players on this instrument have been Koch, a Prussian soldier under Frederick the Great: Kunert, Amstein, and some others.

Jew's Myrtle. So called from the popular notion that it formed the crown of thorns placed by the Jews on the Saviour's head.

Jews, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, those English who were loyal to Charles II., called David.

"The Jews, a headstrong, moody, murmuring race,
God's paupered people, whom, debauched with ease,
No king could govern, nor no god could please."
Part I. verses 43-44.

Jews born with tails. (See RABOIN.)

Jew's Sabbath. In the *Monasticon de Melsa*, ii. pp. 134, 137, we read that a Jew at Tewkesbury fell into a cesspool,

and Richard, Earl of Gloucester, passing by, offered to pull him out, but the Jew refused, saying:—

"Sabbato nostra colo:
De stercore gurgere nolo."

Next day, as the Earl was passing again, the Jew cried to him for help, when Gloucester replied—

"Sabbata nostra guidem,
Solomon, celebrabis tandem."
The Rolls Series.

Jewels in heraldry.

The topaz represents "or" (gold), or the planet Sol.

The pearl or crystal represents "argent" (silver), or the planet Luna.

The ruby represents "gules" (red), or the planet Mars.

The sapphire represents "azure" (blue), or the planet Jupiter.

The diamond represents "sable" (black), or the planet Saturn.

The emerald represents "vert" (green), or the planet Venus.

The amethyst represents "purpure" (purple), or the planet Mercury.

Jewels for the MONTHS. Each month is supposed to be under the influence of some precious stone:—

January: Garnet. *Constancy.*

February: Amethyst. *Sincerity.*

March: Bloodstone. *Courage.*

April: Diamond. *Innocence.*

May: Emerald. *Success in love.*

June: Agate. *Health and long life.*

July: Cornelian. *Content.*

August: Sardonyx. *Conjugal fidelity.*

September: Chrysolite. *Antidote to madness.*

October: Opal. *Hope.*

November: Topaz. *Fidelity.*

December: Turquoise. *Prosperity.*

Jewels for SIGNS of the ZODIAC—

Aries: Ruby.

• Taurus: Topaz.

Gemini: Carbuncle.

Cancer: Emerald.

Leo: Sapphire.

Virgo: Diamond.

Libra: Jacinth.

Scorpio: Agate.

Sagittarius: Amethyst.

Capricornus: Beryl.

Aquarius: Onyx.

Pisces: Jasper.

Jez'ebel. *A painted Jezebel.* A flaunting woman of bold spirit, but loose morals; so called from Queen Jezebel, the wife of Ahab.

Jib. A triangular sail borne in front of the foremast. It has the bowsprit for a base in small vessels, and the jib-boom

in larger ones, and exerts an important effect, when the wind is abeam, in throwing the ship's head to leeward.

Jib. The under-lip. A sailor's expression; the under-lip indicating the temper, as the jib indicates the character of a ship.

The cut of his jib. A sailor's phrase, meaning the expression of a person's face. Sailors recognise vessels at sea by the cut of the jibs.

To hang the jib. The jib means the lower lip. To hang the lower lip is to look ill-tempered, or annoyed.

Jib (To). To start aside; a "jibbing horse" is one that is easily startled. It is a sea term, to jib being to shift the boomsail from one side of the mast to the other.

Jib-boom. An extension of the bowsprit by the addition of a spar projecting beyond it. Sometimes the boom is further extended by another spar called the *flying jib-boom*.

Jib-door. A door flush with the outside wall, and intended to be concealed; forming thus part of the jib or face of the house. (*See above*, line 8.)

Jib-stay (A). The stay on which a jib is set.

Jib Topsail (A). A light sail flying from the extreme forward end of the flying-jib boom, and set about half-way between the mast and the boom.

Jiffy. In a jiffy. In a minute; in a brace of shakes; before you can say "Jack Robinson." (*French, vif, vif.*)

Jig. from *gigue*. A short piece of music much in vogue in olden times, of a very lively character, either six-eight or twelve-eight time, and used for dances. It consists of two parts, each of eight bars. Also a comic song.

"You jig, you amble, and you hop." — *Shakespeare: Hamlet*, iii. 1.

Jilt (To). (*See under BASKET.*) To give the basket.

Jim Crow. Brought out at the Adelphi in 1836. The character of Jim Crow played by T. D. Rice, as the original of the "nigger minstrels" since so popular. A renegade or turncoat is called a Jim Crow, from the burden of the song, *Wheel about and turn about*.

Jingo. By *Jingo* or *By the Living Jingo*. Basque "Jainko," the Supreme Being. In corroboration of this derivation it may be stated that Edward I. had Basque mountaineers conveyed to

England to take part in the conquest of Wales, and the Plantagenets held the Basque provinces in possession. The word was certainly used as a juron long before the Crimean War.

"Hey, Jingo! What the devil's the matter?"

Do mermaids swim in Dartford water?

Swift: Aetion (or The Original Horn Fair)

Dr. Morris, in his *Historic Outlines* (p. 210 note), says it is St. Glingulph, and Professor Skeat (*Notes and Queries*, August 25th, 1884, p. 140) is of the same opinion. According to *The Times*, June 25th, 1877, p. 6, col. 1, it is the Persian *jung* = war, and the juron "By St. Jingo" is about equal to "By Mars." But the word had originally no connection with our *jainism*. It was common enough in the early part of the nineteenth century. Query. A corruption of Jesus, Son of God, thus, *Je-hu-go*.

Jingoes (The). The war party in 1877. They were Russophobists, who felt convinced that the Czar intended to take possession of Constantinople, which would give him command of the Black Sea, and might endanger our Indian possessions. This has nothing to do with the word "jingo" used by Dean Swift; but was wholly connected with the music-hall song mentioned in the next article.

Jingoism. The British war brag-gadocio; called *Chauvinism* in French; *Spread-eagleism* in the United States of North America. During the Russo-Turkish War in 1877-1878 England was on the point of interfering, and at the music-halls a song became popular containing the following refrain: —

"We don't want to fight; but, by Jingo, if we do,
We've got the ships, we've got the men, and got
the money too."

Jinn. A sort of fairies in Arabian mythology, the offspring of fire. They propagate their species like human beings, and are governed by a race of kings named Sulcymen, one of whom "built the pyramids." Their chief abode is the mountain Kaf, and they appear to men under the forms of serpents, dogs, cats, monsters, or even human beings, and become invisible at pleasure. The evil jinn are hideously ugly, but the good are exquisitely beautiful. According to fable, they were created from fire two thousand years before Adam was made of earth. The singular of jinn is jinnee. (*See FAIRY.*)

Jinnistan. The country of the Jinn, or Fairy Land, the chief province of which is *The Country of Delight*, and the capital *The City of Jewels*.

Joachim (St.). The father of the Virgin Mary. Generally represented as an old man carrying in a basket two turtle-doves, in allusion to the offering made for the purification of his daughter. His wife was St. Anne, or St. Anna.

Joan (Pope). A supposed female "pope" between Leo IV. and Benedict III. She is said to have been born in England and educated at Cologne, passing under the name of Joannes Anglicus (*John of England*). Blondel, a Calvinist, wrote a book in 1640 to prove that no such person ever occupied the papal chair; but at least a hundred and fifty authors between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries repeat the tale as an historic fact. The last person who critically examined the question was Dollinger, in 1868. (See *Historic Note Book*, 701-2, for authorities *pro* and *con*.)

Joan Cromwell. *Joan Cromwell's kitchen-stuff tub.* A tub of kitchen perquisites. The filchings of servants sold for "market pennies." The Royalists used to call the Protector's wife, whose name was Elizabeth, *Joan Cromwell*, and declared that she exchanged the kitchen-stuff of the palace for tallow candles.

Joan of Arc or Jeanne la Pucelle. M. Octave Delepierre has published a pamphlet, called *Doute Historique*, to deny the tradition that Joan of Arc was burnt at Rouen for sorcery. He cites a document discovered by Father Vignier in the seventeenth century, in the archives of Metz, to prove that she became the wife of Sieur des Armoise, with whom she resided at Metz, and became the mother of a family. Vignier subsequently found in the family muniment-chest the contract of marriage between "Robert des Armoise, knight, and Jeanne D'Arcy, surnamed the Maid of Orleans." In 1740 there were found in the archives of the Maison de Ville (Orléans) records of several payments to certain messengers from Joan to her brother John, bearing the dates 1435, 1436. There is also the entry of a presentation from the council of the city to the Maid, for her services at the siege (dated 1439). M. Delepierre has brought forward a host of other documents to corroborate the same fact, and show that the tale of her martyrdom was invented to throw odium on the English. A sermon is preached annually in France towards the beatification of the Maid, who will eventually become the patron saint of that nation, and Shakespeare will prove a true prophet in the words—

"No longer of St. Denis will we cry,
But Joan la Pucelle shall be France's saint."

Joannes Hagustaldensis is John, Prior of Hexham, author of an old English *Chronicle*, and *Lives of the Bishops of Hexham*, in two books.

Job (o long). The personification of poverty and patience. "*Patient as Job*," in allusion to the patriarch whose history is given in the Bible.

Poor as Job. Referring to the patriarch when he was by Satan deprived of all his worldly possessions.

"I am as poor as Job, my lord, but not so patient."—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV*, i. 2.

Job's Comforter. One who pretends to sympathise in your grief, but says that you brought it on yourself; thus in reality adding weight to your sorrow. (See *above*.)

Job's wife. Some call her Rahmat, daughter of Ephraim, son of Joseph; and others call her Makhri, daughter of Manasses. (*Sale: Koran* xxi., note.)

She is also called by some Sitis; and a tradition exists that Job, at the command of God, struck the earth with his foot from the dunghill where he lay, and instantly there welled up a spring of water with which his wife washed his sores, and they were miraculously healed. (*Koran*, xxxvi. 41.)

Job's Pound. Bridewell; prison.

Job (o short). A job is a piece of chance work; a public work or office not for the public benefit, but for the profit of the person employed; a sudden blow or "dig" into one.

A bad job. An unsuccessful work; one that brings loss instead of profit; a bad speculation.

To do the job for one. To kill him.

Job (o short). *A ministerial job.* Sheridan says:—"Whenever any emolument, profit, salary, or honour is conferred on any person not deserving it—that is a job; if from private friendship, personal attachment, or any view except the interest of the public, anyone is appointed to any public office . . . that is a job."

"No cheek is known to blush, or heart to throb,
Save when they lose a question or a job."
Pope: Essay on Criticism, l. 161.

Job Lot (-1). A lot of miscellaneous goods to be sold a bargain.

Jobs. A printer's phrase to designate all kinds of work not included in the term "book-work." The French call such work *ouvrage de ville*.

Allied to the Latin, *op[us]*; Spanish, *ob[ra]*; French, *ouv[erage]*; the *r* occurs in the genitive case, *oper[is]*.

Job (*To*). To strike. To give one a "job in the eye" is to give one a blow in the eye; and to "job one in the ribs" is to strike one in the ribs, to stab

one in the ribs. Job and probe seem to be very nearly allied. Halliwell gives the word "stop," to poke or thrust, which is allied to stab.

Joba'tion. A scolding; so called from the patriarch Job.

"Jobation . . . means a long, dreary homily, and has reference to the tedious rebukes inflicted on the patriarch Job by his too obliging friends."
—*A. Sala: (Rehearsal), Sept. 6, 1884.*

Jobber. One who does small jobs; one who buys from merchants to sell to retailers; a middle-man. A "stock-jobber" is one who buys and sells public funds, but is not a sworn stockbroker.

Jobbing Carpenter. One who is ready to do odd jobs (piece-work) in his own line. (See *JOB*.)

Jocelin de Brakelonda, de Rebus gestis Samsonis, etc., published by the Camden Society. This record of the acts of Abbot Samson of Edmondsbury contains much contemporary history, and gives a good account of English life and society between 1173 and 1202.

Jockey is a little Jack (boy). So in Scotch, "Ilka Jeanie has her Jockie." (See *JACK*.)

All fillows, Jockey and the laird (man and master). (*Scotch proverb.*)

Jockey (To). To deceive in trade; to cheat; to indulge in sharp practice.

Jockey of Norfolk. Sir John Howard, a firm adherent of Richard III. On the night before the battle of Bosworth he found in his tent the warning compler:—

"Jockey of Norfolk be not too bold,
For Dickon, thy master, is bought and sold."

Joe or a Joe Miller. A stale joke; so called from the compilation of jokes under that *nom de plume*. (See *MILLER*.)

• **Joey.** A groat; so called from Joseph Hume, M.P., who strongly recommended the coinage for the sake of paying short cab-fares, etc. (*Hawkins: History of the Silver Coinage of England.*)

Jog. *Jog away; jog off; jog on.* Get away; be off; keep moving. Shakespeare uses the word *shog* in the same sense—as, "Will you shog off?" (*Henry V.*, ii. 1); and again in the same play, "Shall we shog?" (ii. 3). Beaumont and Fletcher use the same expression in *The Coxcomb*—"Come, prithee, let us shog off?" and again, in *Paquill and Ketharine*—"Thus it shogges" [goes]. In the *Morte d'Arthur* we have another variety—"He shokkes in sharply"

[rushes in]. The words seem to be connected with the Dutch *schokken*, to jolt, and the Anglo-Saxon *scacan*, to depart, to flee.

"Jog on a little faster, prithee,
I'll take a nap and then be woe, thee."
—*R. Lloyd: The Hare and the Tortoise.*

To jog his memory, or Give his memory a jog. To remind one of something apparently forgotten. Jog is to shake or stir up. (Welsh, *gogi*, to shake; French, *choquer*; our *shock*, *shake*, etc.)

Jog-trot. A slow but regular pace.

Joggis or Jogges. The pillory. Jamieson says, "They punish delinquents, making them stand in 'jogges,' as they call their pillories." (The word is *Yoke*: Latin, *jugum*; French, *joug*; Anglo-Saxon, *geoc*; our *jug*, a jail.)

"Staune and wholl Sabothe daye in ye joggis."
—*Allen: History of Dumbarton.*

John. A contraction of *Johannes* (*Joh'n*). The French contract it differently, *Jean*—i.e. Jehan or Jehann; in Italian, *Giovanni*.

Popes.

JOHN I. died wretchedly in jail.
JOHN II. and III. were nonentities.
JOHN IV. was accused of heresy.
JOHN V., VI., VII., were nonentities.
JOHN VIII. was imprisoned by Lambert, Duke of Spoleto; after a subsequent period he was dressed in female attire out of mockery, and was at last poisoned.

JOHN IX. had SERGIUS III. for a rival Pope.
JOHN X. was overthrown by Gu. Duke of Tuscany, and died in prison.

JOHN XI. was imprisoned with his mother by Alberic, and died there.

JOHN XII. was deposed for sacrilege, and was at last assassinated.

JOHN XIII. was imprisoned by his nobles and deposed.

JOHN XIV. was deposed, and died imprisoned in the Castle of St. Angelo.

JOHN XV. was a nonentity.
JOHN XVI. was driven from Rome by the 13th century.

JOHN XVII. (antipope) was expelled by Otto III., and barbarously treated by Gregory.

JOHN XVIII. abdicated.

JOHN XIX. was deposed and expelled by Conrad.

JOHN XX. was a nonentity.

JOHN XXI. was crushed to death by the falling in of his palace at Viterbo.

JOHN XXII. was charged with heresy.

JOHN XXIII. fled in disguise, was arrested, and cast into prison for three years.

Certainly a disastrous list of Popes.

John. A proverbially unhappy name with royalty, inasmuch that when John Stuart ascended the throne of Scotland he changed his name to Robert; but misfortune never deserted him, and after an evil reign he died overwhelmed with calamities and infirmity. John Baliol was the mere tool of Edward I.; John of England, a most disastrous reign. *John I. of France* reigned only a few days; John II., having lost the battle of Poitiers, died in captivity in

London; to France his reign was a tissue of evils. *John of Bohemia* was slain at Cressy. *John I. of Aragon* was at ceaseless war with his subjects, by whom he was execrated; *John II.* was at ceaseless war with his son, Don Carlos. *John I. of Constantinople* was poisoned by Basil, his eunuch; *John IV.* had his eyes put out; *John V.* was emperor in name only, and was most unhappy; *John VI.*, harassed with troubles, abdicated, and died in a monastery.

"*John I. of Sweden* was unhappy in his expeditions, and died childless; *John II.* had his wife driven out of the kingdom by his angry subjects. *Jean sans Peur* of Burgundy engaged in the most horrible massacres and was murdered. *John of Suabia*, called the *Paricide*, because he murdered his father Albert, after which he was a fugitive and a vagabond on the face of the earth, etc., etc.

N.B. *John of Portugal* was a signal exception.

Ivan IV. of Russia, surnamed the "Terrible" (1529-1584). He murdered with his own hand his eldest son; *Ivan V.* (1666-1696) was dumb and nearly blind; *Ivan VI.* (1737-1762) was dethroned, imprisoned, and put to death. (See JANE.)

King John and the Abbot of Canterbury. John, being jealous of the state kept by the abbot, declared he should be put to death unless he answered three questions. The first question was, how much the king was worth; the second, how long it would take to ride round the world; and the third, what the king was thinking of. The king gave the abbot three weeks' grace for his answers. A shepherd undertook to answer the three questions, so with crozier, mitre, rochet, and cope, he presented himself before the king. "What am I worth?" asked John. "Well," was the reply, "the Saviour was sold for thirty pence, and your majesty is a penny worse than He." The king laughed, and demanded what he had to say to the next question, and the man replied, "If you rise with the sun and ride with the sun, you will get round the world in a day." Again the king was satisfied, and demanded that the respondent should tell him his thoughts. "You think I am the abbot of Canterbury, but I am only a poor shepherd who am come to ask your majesty's pardon for him and me." The king was so pleased with the jest, that he would have made the shepherd abbot of Canterbury; but the man

pleaded that he could neither write nor read, whereupon the king dismissed him, and gave him a pension of four nobles a week. (*Percy: Reliques*, series 2, bk. iii. 6.)

Mess-John or *Mass-John.* A priest. *Prester John.* The supposed Christian king and priest of a mediæval kingdom in the interior of Asia. This Prester John was the Khan Ung who was defeated and slain by Genghis Khan in 1202, said to have been converted by the Nestorian Christians. He figures in Ariosto, and has furnished materials for a host of mediæval legends.

"I will fetch you a tooth-picker now from the farthest inch of Asia, bring you the length of Prester John's foot; fetch you a hair off the great 'ham's beard . . ."

Shakespeare: Much Ado about Nothing, ii. 1.

The three Johns—an alehouse picture in Little Park Street, Westminster, and in White Lion Street, Pentonville—is John Wilkes between the Rev. John Horne Tooke and Sir John Glynn (serjeant-at-law). (*Gotten: History of Signboards*).

St. John the Evangelist is represented writing his gospel; or bearing a chalice, from which a serpent issues, in allusion to his driving the poison from a cup presented to him to drink. He is sometimes represented in a cauldron of boiling oil, in allusion to the tradition of his being plunged into such a cauldron before his banishment to the isle of Patmos.

St. John. The usual war-cry of the English of the North in their encounters with the Scotch. The person referred to is St. John of Beverley, in Yorkshire, who died 721.

John-a-Dreams. A stupid, dreamy fellow, always in a brown study and half asleep.

"*Yot!*
A dull and muddy-wetted rascal, peak,
Like John-a-dreams, unpregnant of my cause,
And can say nothing."

Shakespeare: Hamlet, i. 2.

John-a-Droynas. A foolish character in Whetstone's *Promos and Cassandra* (1578). Being seized by informers, he stands dazed, and suffers himself to be quietly cheated out of his money.

John-a-Nokes [or **Noakes** (1 syl.)]. A simpleton.

"John-a-Nokes was driving a cart toward Croydon, and by the way fell asleep therein. Meane time a good fellow came by and stole away his two horses. [John] awakening and missing them, said, 'Either I am John-a-Nokes or I am not John-a-Nokes. If I am John-a-Nokes, then I have lost two horses; and if I am not John-a-Nokes, then I have found a cart.'"
—*Copley: Wits, Fads, and Fancies* (1814).

John Anderson, my Jo. This song, like "Green Sleeves and Pudding Pies," "Maggy Lauder" and some others, were invectives against the Catholic clergy about the time of the Reformation. The first verse refers to their luxurious habits:—

"John Anderson, my Jo, ain in as ye gae bye,
And ze sail get a sheip's heid wool baken in a pye;
Weel baken in a pye, and the haggis in a pat.
John Anderson, my Jo, cum in, and ze's get that."

Another verse refers to the seven sacraments or "Seven batns of Mother Church."

John Audley. Is John Audley there? Get done as soon as possible, for there are persons sufficient for another audience. John Audley was a noted showman and actor; when his platform was full, he taught the ticket collector to poke his head behind the green curtain, and cry out: "Is John Audley there?" This was a signal to the actors to draw their pieces to a close, and clear the house as quickly as possible. Audley taught this trick to Richardson.

John Bull. The national nickname for an Englishman, represented as a bluff, kindhearted, bull-headed farmer. The character is from a satire by Dr. Arbuthnot. In this satire the Frenchman is termed *Levis Baboon*, the Dutchman *Nicholas Frog*, etc.

John Bull. A comedy by George Colman. Job Thornberry is the chief character.

John Chinaman. Either a Chinese or the Chinese as a people.

John Company. Colonel Harold Malet, in *Notes and Queries*, August 6th, 1892, p. 116, says that "John" is a perversion of "Hon.," and John Company is the Hon. Company. No doubt Hon., like Hans, may be equal to John, but probably John Company is allied to the familiar John Bull. The Company was abolished in 1867, in consequence of the Indian Mutiny.

"In old times 'John Company' employed four thousand men in its warehouses."—*Old and New London*, ii. 185.

John Doe. At one time used in law pleadings for an hypothetical plaintiff; the supposititious defendant being "Richard Roe." These fictions are not now used.

John Dory is technically called *Zeus fœver*, common in the Mediterranean Sea and round the south-western coasts of

England. A corruption of *jaune dorée* = the adorable or sacred yellow fish.

• The only interest of this creature in a work like the *Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* is the tradition that it was the fish from which St. Peter took the stater. Hence it is called in French *le poisson de St. Pierre*, and in Gascon, the golden or sacred cock, meaning St. Peter's cock. Like the haddock, it has a remarkable oval black spot on each side, said to be the finger-marks of St. Peter, when he held the fish to extract the coin. As neither the haddock nor dory can live in fresh water, of course this tradition is only an idle tale.

John Dory. A piratical French captain, conquered by Nicholl, a Cornishman.

"John Dory bought him an ambling nag,
To Paris for to ride-a."

Cobbett: A Journey to France p. 129.

John Long. To wait for John Long, the carrier. To wait a long time; to wait for John, who keeps us a long time.

John Roberts (J). An enormous tankard holding enough drink for any ordinary drinker to last through Saturday and Sunday. This measure was introduced into Wales in 1886 to compensate toppers for the Sunday closing, and derived its name from John Roberts, M.P., author of the Sunday Closing Act. (*Standard*, March 11th, 1886.)

John Thomas. A generic name for a flunkey; or footman with large calves and bushy whiskers.

John Drum's Entertainment. Hauling a man by his ears and thrusting him out by the shoulders. The allusion is to "drumming" a man out of the army. There is a comedy so called, published 1601.

"When your lordship sees the bottom of his success in't . . . if you give him not John Drum's entertainment, your inclination cannot be removed."—*Shakespeare: All's Well that Ends Well*, iii. 6.

John in the Wad. A Will-o'-Wisp. A wad is a wisp, and John or Jack is a name for any inferior person unknown. (*See JACK*.)

John of Bruges (1 syl.). John van Eyck, the Flemish painter (1370-1441).

John o' Groat, with his two brothers Malcolm and Gavin, came from Holland in the reign of James IV. of Scotland, and purchased the lands of Warse and Dungsabay. In process of time their families increased, and there came to be eight families of the same name.

They lived together amicably, and met once a year in the original house; but on one occasion a question of precedence arose, who was to go out first, and who was to take the head of the table. John o' Groat promised them the next time they came he would contrive to satisfy them all. Accordingly he built an eight-sided room, with a door and window in each side, and placed a round oak table in the room. This building went ever after with the name of John o' Groat's House. The site of this house is the Rerubium of Ptolemy, in the vicinity of Duncansby Head.

"Hear, land o' cakes and brither Scots,
Frae Maidenkirke to Johnny Groat's . . .
A child's amang yow takin' notes,
And, faith, he'll prevent it."

Burns: *Captain Grace*.

John of Hexham. An English historical writer, twelfth century.

John of Leyden (the prophet), being about to marry Bertha, met with three Anabaptists who observed a strong likeness in him to a picture of David in Munster cathedral. They entered into conversation with him, and finding him apt for their purpose, induced him to join their rebellion. The rebels took the city of Munster, and John was crowned "ruler of Westphalia." His mother met him in the street, and John disclaimed all knowledge of her; but subsequently visited her in prison, and obtained her forgiveness. When the emperor arrived with his army, John's Anabaptist friends deserted him, and "the prophet," setting fire to the banquet-room of his palace, perished with his mother in the flames. (*Meyerbeer: Le Prophète* [an opera]).

His real name was John Bockhold.

John the Almoner. Chrysostom was so called, because he bestowed so large a portion of his revenues on hospitals and other charities. (347-407.)

John the Baptist. Patron saint of missionaries. He was sent "to prepare the way of the Lord."

In Christian art he is represented in a coat of sheepskins, in allusion to his life in the desert; either holding a rude wooden cross, with a pennon bearing the words, *Ece Agnus Dei*, or with a book on which a lamb is seated; or holding in his right hand a lamb surrounded by a halo, and bearing a cross on the right foot.

John Tamson's Man, a henpecked husband; one ordered here, and ordered

there, and ordered everywhere. Tamson—i.e. spiritless, the slave even of a Tame-son.

"The devil's in the wife!" said Cuddie. "D'ya think I am to be John Tamson's man, and maintained by a woman at the days o' my life?"—*Sir W. Scott: Old Mortality* [chap. xxxix].

John with the Leaden Sword. The Duke of Bedford, who acted as regent for Henry VI. in France, was so called by Earl Douglas.

Johnniea. British bourgeois. Byron, February 23rd, 1824, writes to Murray his publisher respecting an earthquake:

"If you had but seen the *English Johnniea*, who had never been out of a cockney workshop before . . . [running away . . .]."

Johnny Crapaud. A Frenchman, so called by the English sailors in the long Napoleon contest. The ancient Flemings used to call the French "Crapaud Franchos." In allusion to the toads borne originally in the arms of France.

Johnny Raw. A Verdant Green; a newly-enlisted soldier; an adult apprentice in the ship-trade.

"The impulse given to ship-building by the continental war, induced employers to take persons as apprentices who had already passed their majority. This class of men—apprentices, generally from remote towns, were called 'Johnny Raws' by the fraternity."—*C. Thomson: Autobiography*, p. 73.

Johnson (*Dr. Samuel*) lived in Fleet Street—first in Fetter Lane, then in Boswell Court, then in Gough Square, then in the Inner Temple Lane for seven years, then in Johnson's Court (No. 7) for ten years; and lastly in Bolt Court (No. 8), where he died eight years after. The coffee-house he most frequented was the *Mitre* tavern in Fleet Street, and not that which has assumed the name of "Dr. Johnson's Coffee-house." The church he frequented was St. Clement Danes in the Strand.

Johnstone. The crest of this family is a winged spur, or spur between two wings, leathered, with the motto, "*Nunquam non paratus*." When King Edward I. was meditating treachery in favour of Balliol, Johnstone sent to Bruce (then in England) a spur with a feather tied to it. Bruce took the hint and fled, and when he became king conferred the crest on the Johnstone family.

Johnstone's Tippet (*St.*). A halter.

Join the Majority. (*See* MAJORITY.)

Joint. *The times are out of joint.* The times are disquiet and unruly. If the body is out of joint it cannot move easily, and so is it with the body corporate.

Jolly. A sailor's nickname for a marine, who, in his opinion, bears the same relation to a "regular" as a jolly-boat or yawl does to a ship. (Danish, *jollø*, a yawl.)

Jolly Dog (A). •A bon vivant. Here "jolly" means jovial.

Jolly God (The). Bacchus. The Bible speaks of wine which "maketh glad the heart of man." Here "jolly" means jovial.

Jolly Good Fellow (A). A very social and popular person. (French, *joli*.)

"Alc was jolly quiet at Ephesus before St. Paul came thither."—*John Trapp: Commentary* (1656).

"For he's a jolly good fellow (three times).
And so say all of us,
With a hip, hip, hip, hooray!"

Jolly Green. Very simple: easily imposed upon, from being without worldly wisdom.

Jolly Roger (The). (See ROGER.)

Jollyboat. A small boat usually hoisted at the stern of a ship. (Danish, *jollø*; Dutch, *jol*; Swedish, *jullc*; a yawl.)

Jonah and the Whale. Mr. Colbert, Professor of Astronomy in Chicago, in a chapter on "Star Grouping," tells us that the *whale* referred to is the star-group "Cetus," and that *Jonah* is the "Moon passing through it in three days and nights."

Jonas, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, is meant for Sir William Jones, Attorney-General, who conducted the prosecution of the Popish Plot (June 25th, 1674); not the great Oriental scholar, who lived 1746-1794. The attorney-general was called in the satire Jonas by a palpable pun.

"Not full-faced Jonas, who could statutes draw
To mean rebellion and make treason law."
Dryden: Absalom and Achitophel, part 1. 530, 521.

Jonathan. Brother Jonathan. In the revolutionary war, Washington, being in great want of supplies for the army, and having unbounded confidence in his friend, Jonathan Trumbull, governor of Connecticut, said, "We must consult brother Jonathan." Brother Jonathan was consulted on all occasions by the American liberator, and the phrase becoming popular was accepted as the national name of the Americans as a people.

Jonathan and David. In 1 Sam. xviii. 4 we read that Jonathan (the king's son) "stripped himself of his robe and gave it to David, with his sword, bow, and girdle." This was a mark of honour, as princes and sovereigns nowadays strip themselves of a chain or

a ring, which they give to one they delight to honour. In 1519 the Sultan Selim, desirous of showing honour to an imamu of Constantinople, threw his royal robe over him.

Jonathan's. A noted coffee-house in Change Alley, described in the *Tatler* as the general mart of stock-jobbers.

* What is now called the Stock Exchange was called Jonathan's.

"Yesterday the brokers and others . . . came to a resolution that [the new building] instead of being called 'New Jonathan's' should be called 'The Stock Exchange' . . . The brokers then collected sixpence each, and christened the house with punch."—*Newspaper paragraph* (July 15, 1773).

Jonathan's Arrows. They were shot to give warning, and not to hurt. (1 Sam. xx. 36.)

"If the husband would reprove his wife, it should be in such a mood as if he did chide himself; and his words, like Jonathan's arrows, should be shot, not to hurt, but only to give warning."—*Le Fanu: The House in the Churchyard*, chap. xcix.

Jonc (French). A wedding-ring; so called because those who were married by compulsion at Ste. Marine wore rings of jonc or straw.

"C'est dans l'église de Ste. Marthe que l'on marie ceux que l'on condamne à se pointer. Anciennement on les mariait avec un anneau de paille; et c'est pour marquer au mari que la vertu de celle qu'il épousait était bien fragile."—*Dumas*.

Jones. *Etre sur le Jones* (to be on the straw)—i.e. in prison.

"Plantez aux herbes vos pieux
Ils pour les herbes si tics durs
Et puis d'estre sur les Jones,
Ennuiez les en coffres et en murs."
Villon: Jargues et Jobelin, ballad 1

Jordan Passed. Death over. Jordan is the Styx of Christian mythology, because it was the river which separated the wilderness [of this world] from the promised land.

"If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last?
Sorrow vanquished, labour ended,
Jordan passed!"

John Mason Seale, D.D. (*Stephen the Martyr*)

Jordeloo (3 syl.). Notice given to passengers when dirty water was thrown from chamber windows into the street. Either "*Gare de l'eau*," or else "*Jordan lo!*" the mutuality being usually called the "Jordan."

"At ten o'clock at night the whole cargo is flung out of a back window that looks into some street or lane, and the maid calls 'Gardy loo' to the passengers."—*Smollett: Humphrey Clinker*.
"The lass had made the Gardy loo out of the wrong window."—*Sir W. Scott: Heart of Midlothian*.

Jormungandar or *Midgardsormen* (i.e. earth's monster). The great serpent, brother of Hela and Fenrir (q.v.), and son of Loki, the spirit of evil. It

used to lie at the root of the celestial ash till All-Fader cast it into the ocean; it then grew so large that in time it encompassed the whole world, and was for ever biting its own tail.

Jos'aphat. An Indian prince converted by the hermit Barlaam, in the Greek religious pastoral entitled *Josaphat and Barlaam*, generally ascribed to St. John of Damascus (eighth century).

Joseph (A). One not to be seduced from his continency by the severest temptation. The reference is to Joseph in Potiphar's house. (Gen. xxxix.) (See BELLEROPHON.)

A joseph. A great coat, so called after Joseph, who wore a garment or coat of many colours.

"At length, Mrs. Ruby herself made her appearance: her venerable person, endued with what was then called a Joseph, an ample garment, which had once been green, but now, betwixt stains and patches, had become like the vestment of the patriarch whose name it bore—a garment of divers colours."—*Sir W. Scott: The Pirate*, chap. xi.

Joseph (St.). Patron saint of carpenters, because he was of the same craft. This is Joseph, husband of Mary, and the reputed father of Jesus.

In Christian art Joseph is represented as an aged man with a budding staff in his hand.

Joseph Andrews. The hero of a novel written by Fielding to ridicule Richardson's *Pamela*, whose brother Joseph is supposed to be.

Joseph of A'rimathe's brought to Listenise the sanctgrail and also the spear with which Longinus wounded the crucified Saviour. When Sir Balin entered this chamber, which was in the palace of King Pellam, he found it "marvellously well dight and richly: the bed was arrayed with cloth of gold, the richest that might be thought, and thereby stood a table of clean gold, with four pillars of silver, and upon the table stood the spear strangely wrought." (*The History of Prince Arthur*, part i. chap. 40.)

Joseph's Coat. (See under COAT.)

Joss. The house-god of the Chinese; every family has its joss. A temple is called a joss-house.

Josse. *Vous êtes orfèvre, Monsieur Josse* (You are a jeweller, Mr. Josse). Nothing like leather: great is Diana of the Ephesians; your advice is not disinterested. In Molière's comedy of *L'Amour Médecin*, a silversmith, by the name of Josse, being asked the best way

of curing a lady pining from love, recommends a handsome present of jewellery. The father replies, "You advise me like a jeweller, Mr. Josse."

Jot. *Not a jot.* "Jot" is a contraction of *iota*, called the Lacedemonian letter, and the smallest in the alphabet; or the Hebrew *yod*.

Jotham, in Dryden's satire of *Abraham and Achitophel*, means Saville, Marquis of Halifax. Jotham was the person who uttered the parable of *The Trees Choosing a King* when the men of Shechem made Abimelech king. (Judges ix.)

Jotunheim (pron. *Utun-hime*). Giant land. The home or region of the Scandinavian giants or joten.

Jour' Maigre (French). A day of abstinence, when meat is forbidden to be eaten. (See BANTIAN DAYS.)

Jourdain (*Monsieur*), in Molière's comedy of *Le Bourgeois Geutlhomme*. He represents a bourgeois placed by wealth in the ranks of gentlemen, and making himself extremely ridiculous by his endeavours to acquire their accomplishments.

Journal. (Latin, *diurnum*, a daily thing; Welsh, *diurnod*; Italian, *giorno*; French, *journal*, *journal*, *jour*, a day.)

Applied to newspapers, the word strictly means a daily paper; but the extension of the term to weekly papers is sanctioned by custom.

Journey. *A Sabbath-day's journey.* The distance between the farthest tents in the wilderness and the tabernacle of Moses, a radius of about a mile; this would make the entire encampment to cover a circumference of six miles.

Journey-weight. The weight of certain parcels of gold in the mint. *A journey of gold* is fifteen pounds Troy, which is coined into 701 sovereigns, or double that number of half-sovereigns. *A journey of silver* is sixty pounds Troy, which is coined into 3,960 shillings, or double that number of sixpences, half that number of florins, etc. So called because this weight of coin was at one time esteemed a day's mintage. (French, *ournée*.)

Jouvence (2 syl.). *You have been to the fountain of Jouvence*—i.e. You have grown young again. This is a French phrase. Jouvence is a town of France in the department of Saône-et-Loire, and has a fountain called *la fontaine de*

Jouvence; but *Jouvence* means also youth, and *la fontaine de jouvence* may be rendered "the fountain of youth." The play on the word gave rise to the tradition that whoever drank of this fountain would become young again.

Jove (1 syl.). (See JUPITER.) The Titans made war against Jove, and tried to dethrone him.

"Not stronger were of old the giant crew,
Who sought to pull high Jove from regal state."
Thomson: *Castle of Indolence*, canto 1.

Milton, in *Paradise Lost*, makes Jove one of the fallen angels (i. 512).

Jo'vial. Merry and sociable, like those born under the planet Jupiter, which astrologers considered the happiest of the natal stars.

"Our jovial star re'igned at his birth."
Shakespeare: *Cymbeline*, v. 4.

Joy. The seven joys of the Virgin: (1) The annunciation; (2) the visitation; (3) the nativity; (4) the adoration of the three kings; (5) the presentation in the temple; (6) the discovery of her youthful Son in the temple in the midst of the doctors; (7) her assumption and coronation. (See SORROW.)

Joyeuse (2 syl.). Charlemagne's sword, which bore the inscription *Decem præcepto'rum cristus Carolus*; the sword of Guillaume au Court-Nez: anyone's sword. It was buried with Charlemagne. (See SWORDS.)

Joyeuse Garde or *Garde-Joyeuse*. The estate given by King Arthur to Sir Lancelot of the Lake for defending the Queen's honour against Sir Mador.

Juan Fernandez. A rocky island in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Chili.* Here Alexander Selkirk, a buccaneer, resided in solitude for four years, and his history is commonly supposed to be the basis of Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

Sailors commonly believe that this island is the scene of Crusoe's adventures; but Defoe distinctly indicates an island on the east coast of South America, somewhere near Dutch Guiana.

Jubal [a trumpet]. The son of Lamech and Adah. He is called the inventor of the lyre and flute (Gen. iv. 19-21).

"Then when he [Javan] heard the voice of Jubal's lyre.

Instinctive genius caught the ethereal fire."
Montgomery: *The World Before the Flood*, c. 1.

Ju'bilee (Jewish). The year of jubilee. Every fiftieth year, when land that had passed out of the possession of those to

whom it originally belonged was restored to them; all who had been reduced to poverty, and were obliged to let themselves out for hire, were released from bondage; and all debts were cancelled. The word is from *jobil* (a ram's horn), so called because it was proclaimed with trumpets of rams' horns. (See LEVITICUS xxv. 11-34, 39-54; and xxvii. 16-24.)

Jubilee (in the Catholic Church). Every twenty-fifth year, for the purpose of granting indulgences. Boniface VIII. instituted it in 1300, and ordered it to be observed every hundred years. Clement VI. reduced the interval to fifty years, Urban IV. to thirty, and Sixtus IV. to twenty-five.

Protestant Jubilee, celebrated in Germany in 1617, the centenary of the Reformation.

Shakespeare Jubilee, held at Stratford-on-Avon, September 6th, 1769.

Jubilee to commemorate the commencement of the fiftieth year of the reign of George III., October 25th, 1809.

Jubilee to celebrate the close of the Revolutionary War, August 1st, 1814.

1887. The **Jubilee** to commemorate the fiftieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

Ju'daise (3 syl.). To convert or conform to the doctrines, rites, or manners of the Jews. A *Judaizing spirit* is a desire to convert others to the Jewish religion.

Ju'daism (3 syl.). The religion of the Jews, or anything else which is special to that people.

Judas, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, was meant for Mr. Fergusson, a Nonconformist. He was ejected in 1662 from his living of Godmersham, in Kent, and afterwards distinguished himself by his political intrigues. He joined the Duke of Monmouth, whom he afterwards betrayed.

Le point de Judas (French). The number thirteen. The Messiah and His twelve disciples made thirteen. And as Judas was the first to die, he was the thirteenth. At the death of the Saviour, the number being reduced to eleven, a twelfth (Matthias) was elected by lot to fill the place of the traitor.

Judas Kiss (A). A deceitful act of courtesy. Judas betrayed his Master with a kiss.

"So Judas kissed his Master,
And cried, 'All hail!' whenas he meant all harm."
Shakespeare: *3 Henry VI.*, v. 7.

Judas Slits or **Judas Holes**. The peep-holes in a prison-door, through which the guard looks into the cell to see if all is right; when not in use, the holes are covered up.

"It was the faint click made by the cover of the 'Judas' as it falls back into the place over the slit where the eyes have been."—*The Century: Russian Political Prisons*, February, 1888, p. 524.

Judas Tree. A translation of the Latin *arbor Judæ*. The name has given rise to a Greek tradition that it was upon one of these trees that Judas Iscariot hanged himself.

Judas-coloured Hair. Fiery-red. Cain is represented with red hair.

"His very hair is of the dissembling colour, something browner than Judas's."—*Shakespeare: As You Like It*, iii. 4.

Jude (*St.*), in Christian art, is represented with a club or staff, and a carpenter's square, in allusion to his trade.

Judée. *La petite Judée* (French). The prefecture of police; so called because the bureau is in the Rue de Jérusalem, and those taken there for offences look on the police as their betrayers.

Judge's Black Cap. The judge puts on his black cap (now a three-cornered piece of black silk) when he condemns to death, in sign of mourning. This sign is very ancient. "Haman hastened to his house mourning, having his head covered" (*Esther* vi. 12). David wept "and had his head covered" (*2 Samuel* xv. 30). Demosthenes went home with his head covered when insulted by the populace. Darius covered his head on learning the death of his queen. Malcolm says to Macduff in his deep sorrow, "What, man! ne'er pull your hat upon your brows" (*Macbeth*, iv. 3). And the ancient English, says Fosbroke, "drew their hoods forward over their heads at funerals."

Judges' Robes. In the criminal courts, where the judges represent the sovereign, they appear in full court dress, and wear a scarlet robe; but in Nisi Prius Courts the judge sits merely to balance the law between civilians, and therefore appears in his judicial undress, or violet gown.

Judica (Latin). The fifth Sunday after Lent; so called from the first word of the service for the day, *Judica me, Domine* (Judge me, O Lord). (*Psalms* xliii.)

Judicium Crucis was stretching out the arms before a cross, till one of the party could hold out no longer, and lost his cause. The bishop of Paris and

abbot of St. Denis appealed to this judgment in a dispute they had about the patronage of a monastery; each of the disputants selected a man to represent his cause, and the man selected by the bishop gave in, so that the award was given in favour of the abbot.

Judicium Dei (Latin). The trial of guilt by direct appeal to God, under the notion that He would defend the right even by miracle. There were numerous methods of appeal, as by single combat, ordeal by water or fire, eating a crust of bread, standing with arms extended, consulting the Bible, etc., etc.

Ju'dith. The Jewish heroine of Bethulia, who perilled her life in the tent of Holofernes, the general of Nebuchadnezzar, in order to save her native town. The bold adventurer cut off the head of the Assyrian, and her townsmen, rushing on the invaders, defeated them with great slaughter. (*The Book of Judith*.)

Jug (*A*) or a *Stone jug*. 'A prison. (*See* JOGGIS.)

Juge de Paix (French). A tudge.

"Albert Mangin, condamné à mort le 7 février an. ii. ayant dit que les jacobins étaient tous ecclésiastes et des coquins, et montrant un gros bâton qu'il tenait à la main: Voilà un 'Juge de Paix' qui me servira à leur casser la tête du cou."—*L. P. Prudhomme: Dictionnaire des Individus Condamnés*, etc.

Jugged Hare. The hare being cut up is put into a jug or pipkin, and the pipkin is set in a pan of water. This *bain marie* prevents the contents of the pipkin from being burnt.

Juggernaut or **Jaggernaut**. A Hindu god. The word is a corruption of the Sanscrit *jagannātha* (lord of the world). The temple of this god is in a town of the same name in Orissa. King Ayeen Akbery sent a learned Brahman to look out a site for a temple. The Brahman wandered about for many days, and then saw a crow dive into the water, and having washed, made obeisance to the element. This was selected as the site of the temple. While the temple was a-building the rajah had a prophetic dream, telling him that the true form of Vishnu should be revealed to him in the morning. When the rajah went to see the temple he beheld a log of wood in the water, and this log he accepted as the realisation of his dream, enshrined it in the temple, and called it *Jagannāth*.

"The idol Jaggernaut is in shape like a serpent, with seven heads; and on each cheek it hath the form of a wing, and the wings open, and shut, and flap as it is carried in a stately chariot."—*Bruton: Churchill's Collection*.

The car of Juggernaut. An enormous wooden machine adorned with all sorts of figures, and mounted on sixteen wheels. Fifty men drag it annually to the temple, and it is said to contain a bride for the god. Formerly many were crushed to death by the car; some being pushed down by the enormous crowd; some throwing themselves under the wheels, as persons in England under a railway train; some perhaps as devotees. By British police arrangements, such immolation is practically abolished.

Juggler means a player. (Latin, *joculator*.) These jugglers accompanied the minstrels and troubadours, to assist them, and added to their musical talents sleight-of-hand, antics, and feats of prowess, to amuse the company assembled. In time the music was dropped as the least attractive, and tricks became the staple of these wandering performers. (Latin, *joculator*, *jocus*, a joke or trick.)

Jugge or Jonga. The game given in Scotland to a sort of pillory, consisting of an iron ring or collar fastened by a short chain to a wall, as the "juggs" of Duddingston, Edinburgh. (See *JOGGINS*.)

Julian, the Roman emperor, boasted that he would rebuild Jerusalem, but was mortally wounded by an arrow before the foundation was laid. Much has been made of this by early Christian writers, who dwell on the prohibition and curse pronounced against those who should attempt to rebuild the city, and the fate of Julian is pointed out as an example of Divine wrath against the impious disregard of the threat.

"Well pleased they look for Stou's coming state,
Nor think of Julian's boast and Julian's fate."
Crabbe: Borough.

St. Julian. Patron saint of travellers and of hospitality. Represented as accompanied by a stag in allusion to his early career as a hunter; and either receiving the poor and afflicted, or ferrying travellers across a river.

"An houschaldere, and that a gret, was he;
Seynt Julian he was in his countrie.
His breed, his ale, was alway afteroun [our
pattern]."
A better envied man was nowhere noon."

Chaucer: The Franklin's Tale, Introduction to Canterbury Tales.

St. Julian was he deemed. A great epicure. St. Julian was the epicurean of saints. (See above.)

Julian Epoch or Era. That of the reformed calendar by Julius Cæsar, which began forty-six years before Christ.

Julian Period is produced by multiplying together the lunar cycle, the

solar cycle, and the Roman indiction. The first year of the Christian era corresponded to the year 4713 of the Julian, and therefore to reduce our B.C. dates to the Julian, we must subtract them from 4713, but our A.D. dates we must add to that number. So named from Julius Scaliger, the deviser of it.

Julian period. Multiply 28 by 19 and by 15, which will give 7,980, the time when the solar and lunar periods agree.

Julian Year. The year regulated by Julius Cæsar, which continued to be observed till it was corrected by Pope Gregory XIII. in 1582.

Julienne Soup. Clear meat soup, containing chopped vegetables, especially carrots; so called after Julien, a French cook, of Boston.

Juliet. Daughter of Lady Capulet, and "sweet sweeting" of Romeo, in Shakespeare's tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*. She has become a household word for a lady-love.

Julium Sædus. The comet which appeared at the death of Julius Cæsar, and which in court flattery was called the apotheosis of the murdered man.

July. The seventh month, named by Mark Antony, in honour of Julius Cæsar, who was born in it.

Ju'mala. The supreme idol of the ancient Finns and Lapps. The word is sometimes used by the Scandinavian poets for the Almighty.

"On a lonely cliff
An ancient shrine he found, of Jumala the seat,
For many a year gone by closed up and desolate."
Frithjof-Saga: The Reconciliation

Jump. To jump or to fit or unite with like a graft; as, both our inventions meet and jump in one. Hence the adverb exactly, precisely.

"Good advice is easily followed when it jumps with our own."—*Lockhart: See Walter Scott, chap. x. p. 241.*

• The Scotch use *jump*, as, "When she had been married jump four months." (*The Antiquary*.)

Jump at an Offer (To). To accept eagerly.

Jump Over the Broomstick (To). To marry in an informal way. A "brom" is the bit of a bridle; to "jump the brom" is to skip over the marriage restraint, and "broomstick" is a mere corruption.

"A Romish wedding is surely better than jumping over a broomstick."—*G. A. Sala.*

Jumper. The longest jumper on record was Phayllos, who is accredited

with jumping 55 feet. Half that length would be an enormous jump.

A counter jumper. A draper's apprentice or employé, who is accustomed to jump over the shop counter to save the trouble and time of going round.

June (1 syl.). The sixth month. Ovid says, "*Junius a juvenum nomine dictus.*" (*Fanti*, v. 78.)

June Marriages Lucky. "Good to the man and happy to the maid." This is an old Roman superstition. The festival of Juno moneta was held on the calends of June, and Juno was the great guardian of the female sex from birth to death.

Junior Optime. A Cambridge University term, meaning a third-class "honour" man—i.e. in the mathematical "honour" examination.

Junior Soph. A man of the second year's standing is so called in the University of Cambridge. (*See SOPH.*)

Jun'ina. *Letters of Junius.* In 1871 was published a book entitled *The Handwriting of Junius Professionally Investigated by Mr. Charles Chabot, expert.* The object of this book is to prove that Sir Philip Francis was the author of these letters. On the 22nd May, 1871, appeared an article in the *Times* to show that the case is "not proven" by Mr. Chabot. Mr. Pitt told Lord Aberdeen that he knew who wrote the Junius Letters, and that it was not Francis. Lady Grenville sent a letter to the editor of *Darvies of a Lady of Quality* to the same effect.

Junk, Latin, *juncus*, from *jungo*, to join; used for binding, making baskets, mats. The *juncus maritimus* is useful in binding together the loose sands of the sea-shore, and obstructing the incursions of the sea. The *juncus conglomeratus* is used in Holland for giving stability to river-banks and canals. (*See RUST.*)

Junk. Salt meat supplied to vessels for long voyages; so called because it is hard and tough as old rope-ends so called. Ropes are called junks because they were once made of bulrushes. Junk is often called salt horse. (*See HARNESS CASK.*)

Jun'ket. Curded cream with spice, etc.; any dainty. The word is the Italian *giuncata* (curd or cream-cheese), so called because carried on junk or bulrushes (*giuncò*).

"You know there wants no junkets at the feast." *Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew*, iii. 2.

Junner. A giant in Scandinavian mythology, said in the Edda to represent the "eternal principle." Its skull forms the heavens; its eyes the sun and moon; its shoulders the mountains; its bones the rocks, etc.; hence the poets call heaven "Junner's skull;" the sun, "Junner's right eye;" the moon, "Junner's left eye;" the rivers, "the ichor of old Junner." (*See GIANTS.*)

Ju'no. The "venerable ox-eyed" wife of Jupiter, and queen of heaven. (*Roman mythology.*)

"The famous marble statue of the Campana Juno is in the Vatican.

Juno'nian Bird. The peacock, dedicated to the goddess-queen.

Junto. A faction consisting of Russell, Lord-Keeper Somers, Charles Montague, and several other men of mark, who ruled the Whigs in the reign of William III. for nearly twenty years, and exercised a very great influence over the nation. The word is a corruption of the Spanish *junta* (an administrative assembly), but is in English a term of censure.

Jupiter is the Latin form of *Zeus* *πάρις*. Verospi's statue of Jupiter is in the Vatican; but one of the seven wonders of the world was, the statue of Olympian Jove, by Phidias, destroyed by fire in Constantinople A.D. 475.

This gigantic statue was nearly sixty feet high, though seated on a throne. The statue was made of ivory; the throne of cedar-wood, adorned with ivory, ebony, gold, and precious stones. The god holds in his right hand a golden statue of Victory, and his left hand rested on a lion's sceptre surmounted with an eagle. The robe of the god was of gold, and so was the footstool supported by golden lions. This wonderful work of art was removed to Constantinople by Theodosius J.

Jupiter. With the ancient alchemists designated tin.

Jupiter Scapin. A nickname of Napoleon Bonaparte, given him by the Abbé de Pradt. Scapin is a valet famous for his knavish tricks, in Molière's comedy of *Les Fourberies de Scapin*.

Jupiter's Beard. House-leek. Supposed to be a charm against evil spirits and lightning. Hence grown at one time very generally on the thatch of houses.

"Et habet quisque supra domum suam Jovis barbam."—*Charlemagne's Edict.*

Jurassic Rocks. Limestone rocks; so called from the Jura; the *Jurassic period* is the geological period when these rocks were formed. Our *oolitic* series pretty nearly corresponds with the Jurassic.

Jurisprudence. *The Father of Jurisprudence.* Glanville, who wrote *Tractatus de Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliæ* in 1181 (died 1190).

Jury Leg (A). A wooden leg, or leg for the nonce. (See **JURY MAST**.)

"I took the leg off with my saw . . . severed the stump . . . and made a jury leg that he shambles about with as well as ever he did."—*Sir W. Scott: The Pirate*, chap. xxxiv.

Jury Mast. A corruption of *joury mast*—i.e. a mast for the day, a temporary mast, being a spar used for the nonce when the mast has been carried away. (French, *jour*, a day.)

Jus Civile. Civil law.

Jus Divinum. Divine law.

Jus Gentium (Latin). International law.

Jus Mari'ti (Latin). The right of the husband to the wife's property.

Jus de Régisse (liquorice). French slang for a negro.

Jus et Norma Loquendi. The right method of speaking and pronouncing established by the custom of each particular nation. The whole phrase is "*Consuetudo, jus et norma loquendi*." (*Horace*.)

Just (The).

Aristides, the Athenian (died B.C. 468).

Baharam, styled *Shuh Endeb* (the Just King), fifth of the Sassanids (q.v.) (276-296).

Casimir II., King of Poland (1117, 1177-1194).

Ferdinand I., King of Aragon (1373, 1412-1416).

Haroun al Raschid (*The Just*). The most renowned of the Abbasside califs, and the hero of several of the *Arabian Nights* stories (765, 786-808).

James II., King of Aragon (1261-1327). Khosru or Chosroes, called by the Arabs *Molk al Adel* (the Just King).

Moran the Just, councillor of Feredach King of Ireland.

Pedro I. of Portugal (1320, 1357, 1367).

Juste Milieu (French). The golden mean.

Justices in Eyre (pron. *ire*). A contraction and corruption of *Itin'ere*—i.e. on circuit.

Justing of Watson and Barbour. A description of a ludicrous tilt between Watson and Barbour, in Scotch verse, by Sir David Lindsay.

Justinian. *The English Justinian.* Edward I. (1239, 1272-1307).

Ju'venal (Latin, from *juvenis*). A youth; common in Shakespeare, thus—

"The juvenal, the prince your master, whose chin is not yet fledged."—*Henry IV.*, l. 2.

Juvenal.

The English Juvenal. John Oldham (1653-1683).

The Juvenal of Painters. William Hogarth (1697-1764).

Juveniles (3 syl.), in theatrical parlance, means those actors who play young men's parts, whether in tragedy, melodrama, or light comedy. Thus a manager scoring a play would write against Hamlet, not the name of the actor, but "the leading Juvenile."

K

K. To be branded with a K (*kalamnia*). So, according to the *Lex Memmii*, false accusers were branded in the forehead.

K. *The three bad K's.* The Greeks so called the Ka'rians, Kre'tans, and Kilik'ians. The Romans retained the same expression, though they spelt the three nations with C instead of K.

K.C.B. Knight Commander of the Bath.

K.G. Knight of the Garter.

K.K. is the German *Kaiserliche Königlische*. The Emperor of Austria is styled K.K. Majestät (*His Imperial Royal Majesty*).

K.O.B. (i.e. the King's Own Borderers). The 25th Foot, so called in 1805.

Ka Me, Ka Thee. One good turn deserves another; do me a service, and I will give you a helping hand when you require one. (Latin, *Fricantem frica*, or *Muli mutuo scabunt*.)

"Ka me, ka thee, is a proverb all over the world."—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. v.

Ka'aba (Arabic, *ka'bah*, a square house). A shrine of Mecca, said to have been built by Abraham on the spot where Adam first worshipped after his expulsion from Paradise. In the north-east corner is a stone seven inches long, said to be a ruby sent down from heaven. It is now black, from being kissed so often by sinful man. (See **ADAM'S PEAK**.)

Kab'ibonok'ka (*North-American Indian*). Son of Mudjokee'wis, and the

Indian Boreas, who dwelt in Wabasso (the North). He paints the autumn leaves scarlet and yellow, sends the snow, binds the rivers in ice, and drives away the sea-gull, cormorant, and heron. (See SHING'EBIS.)

Kadris. Mohammedan dervishes who lacerate themselves with scourges.

Kafir (Arabic, *Kāfir*, an infidel). A name given to the Hottentots, who reject the Moslem faith. *Kafiristan*, in Central Asia, means "the country of the infidels."

"The affinity of the Kafir tribes . . . including the Kafirs proper and the people of Onco, is based upon the various idioms spoken by them, the direct representatives of a common, but now extinct, mother tongue. This aggregate of languages is now conveniently known as . . . the Bantu linguistic system."—*K. Johnston: Africa*, p. 447.

Kai-Omurs (the mighty Omurs), surnamed *Ghil-shah* (earth's king). Son of Du'lavéd, founder of the city Balk, and first of the Kai-Omurs or Faishdad'ian dynasty of Persia (B.C. 940-920). (See FAISHDAD'IAN.)

Kai-an'ians. The sixth Persian dynasty. The semi-historic period (B.C. 660-331). So called because they took for their affix the term *kai* (mighty), called by the Greeks *Ku* (Kuros), and by the Romans *Cy* (Cyrus).

Kail'yal (2 syl.). The heroine of Southey's *Curse of Kehama*.

Kain Hons. Hens that a tenant pays to his landlord, as a sort of rent in kind (ill-fed hens). (*Guy Mannering*, v.)

Kaiser. The German Emperor. He receives the title from Dalmatia, Croatia, and the line of the Danube, which, by the arrangement of Diocletian, was governed by a prince entitled Caesar of the Holy Roman Empire, as successor of the emperor of the old Roman empire. It was Albert II., Duke of Austria, who added the Holy Roman Empire to the imperial throne in 1438; and William I., king of Prussia, on being crowned German emperor in 1871, took the title.

Kajak. An Esquimaux boat, used by the men only. Eighteen feet long, eighteen inches broad in the middle, the ends tapering, and one foot deep.

Kal'ed is Gulnare (2 syl.) in the disguise of a page in the service of Lara. After Lara was shot, she haunted the spot of his death as a crazy woman, and died of a broken heart. (*Byron: Lara*.)

Kaleda (Slavonic mythology). The god of peace, somewhat similar to the

Latin Janus. His feast was celebrated on the 24th of December.

Kali. A Hindu goddess after whom Calcutta receives its name, Kali-Kutta (*Kali's village*).

Kaliyuga. The last of the four Hindu periods contained in the great Yuga, equal to the Iron Age of classic mythology. It consisted of 432,000 solar-sidereal years, and began 3,102 years before the Christian era. The bull, representing truth and right, has but one foot in this period, because all the world delights in wickedness. (See KRITA.)

Kalmar. The Union of Kalmar. A treaty made on July 12th, 1397, to settle the succession of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark on Queen Margaret and her heirs for ever. This treaty lasted only till the death of Margaret.

Kalmucks—i.e. *Khalmujiku* (apostates) from Buddhism. A race of western Monguls, extending from western China to the valley of the Volga river.

Kalpa. A day and night of Brahmā, a period of 4,320,000,000 solar-sidereal years. Some say there are an infinity of Kalpas, others limit the number to thirty. A Great Kalpa is a life of Brahmā; the whole duration of time from the creation to the destruction of the world.

Kalpa-Tarou. A tree in Indian mythology from which might be gathered whatever a person desired. This tree is "the tree of the imagination."

Kalyb. The "Lady of the Woods," who stole St. George from his nurse, brought him up as her own child, and endowed him with gifts. St. George enclosed her in a rock, where she was torn to pieces by spirits. (*Seven Champions of Christendom*, part i.)

Kam. Crooked. (Erse *kaam*, squint-eyed.) Clean *Kam*, perverted into *Kim Kam*, means wholly awry, clean from the purpose.

"This is clean kam—merely awry."
Shakespeare: Coriolanus, iii. 1.

Kāma. The Hindu god of love. His wife is Rati (*voluptuousness*), and he is represented as riding on a sparrow, holding in his hand a bow of flowers and five arrows (i.e. the five senses).

Kami. The celestial gods of the first mythical dynasty of Japan, the demi-gods of the second dynasty, the spiritual princes, anyone sainted or

deified; and now about equal to our lord, a title of respect paid to princes, nobles, ministers, and governors.

Kamsin. A simoom or samiel, a hot, dry, southerly wind, which prevails in Egypt and the deserts of Africa.

Kansas, U.S. America. So named from the Kousos, an Indian tribe of the locality.

Kansas. Bleeding Kansas. So called because it was the place where that sanguinary strife commenced which was the prelude of the Civil War of America. According to the Missouri Compromise made in 1820, slavery was never to be introduced into any western region lying beyond 36° 30' north latitude. In 1851, the slave-holders of Missouri, by a local act, pushed their west frontier to the river-bank, and slave lords, with their slaves, took possession of the Kansas hunting grounds, declaring that they would "lynch, hang, tar and feather any white-livered abolitionist who presumed to pollute the soil." In 1854, thirty New England free-soilers crossed the river in open boats; they were soon joined by others, and dared the slavers to carry out their threats. Many a fierce battle was fought, but in 1861 Bleeding Kansas was admitted into the Union as a free state. (*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, vol. i. chap. 2.)

Karaites [Scripturists]. A Jewish sect that adhered to the letter of the Scriptures, rejecting all oral traditions. They abhorred the Talmud, and observed the Sabbath with more rigour than even the rabbinites.

Karma. The Buddhist's judgment, which determines at death the future state of the deceased. It is also their fiat on actions, pronouncing them to be meritorious or otherwise.

"In Theosophy, it means the unbroken sequence of cause and effect; each effect being, in its turn, the cause of a subsequent effect. It is a Sanscrit word, meaning "action" or "sequence."

"The laws which determine the physical attribution, condition of life, intellectual capacities, and so forth, of the new body, to which the *Ego* is drawn by affinities . . . are . . . in Buddhism [called] Karma."—*Nineteenth Century*, June, 1893, p. 1025.

Karma'thians. A Mohammedan sect which rose in Irak in the ninth Christian century. Its founder was Ahmad, a poor labourer who assumed the name of Karmat, and professed to be a prophet.

Karoon or Korah. *The riches of Karoon* (Arabic proverb). Korah, according to the commentators of the Koran, was the most wealthy and most beautiful of all the Israelites. It is said that he built a large palace, which he overlaid with gold, and that the doors of his palace were solid gold (*Sale: Koran*). He was the Croesus of the Mahometans, and guarded his wealth in a labyrinth.

Karrows. A set of gamblers in Ireland, who played away even the clothes on their backs.

"The karrows plie awale mantle and all to the bare skin, and then trusse themselves in straw or leaves. They wait for passengers in the highway, invite them to game upon the green, and aske no more but companions to make them sport. For default of other stuffe they pawne their gibbs, the nailes of their fingers and toes, their dimissaries which they leefe or redeeme at the courtesy of the winner."—*Stanhurst*.

Kaswa (A). Mahomet's favourite camel, which fell on its knees in adoration when "the prophet" delivered the last clause of the Koran to the assembled multitude at Mecca. This is one of the dumb creatures admitted into the Moslem paradise. (*See PARADISE.*)

Katerfelto. A generic name for a quack or charlatan. Katerfelto was a celebrated quack or influenza doctor. He was a tall man, who dressed in a long black gown and square cap. In 1782 he exhibited in London his solar microscope, and created immense excitement by showing the infusoria of [muddy] water. The doctor used to aver that he was the greatest philosopher since the time of Sir Isaac Newton.

"And Katerfelto with his hair on end,
At his own wonders wondering for his breed,"
Corpus: The Task; The Winter Evening (152).

Katharine or Kathari'na. Daughter of Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua. She was very beautiful, but a shrew. Petruchio of Verona married her, and so subdued her imperious temper by his indomitable will, that she became the model of a "submissive wife," and gave Bianca, her sister, most excellent advice respecting the duty of submission. (*Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew*.)

The Katharine de' Medici of China. Voochee, widow of King Tae-tsung.

Kathay. China.

Katmir. (*See KETMIR.*)

Kay or Sir Key. Son of Sir Ector, and foster-brother of King Arthur. In Arthurian romance, this seneschal of England is represented as a rude and boastful knight, the first to attempt any achievement, but very rarely successful.

Keyward. The hare, in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*. (The word means "Country-guardian.")

Keber'. A Persian sect (generally rich merchants), distinguished by their beards and dress. When one of them dies, a cock is driven out of the poultry yard; if a fox seizes it, it is a proof that the soul of the deceased is saved. If this experiment does not answer, they prop the dead body against a wall, and if the birds peck out the right eye first, the Keber is gone to heaven; if the left eye, the carcass is flung into the ditch, for the Keber was a reprobate.

Kebla. The point of adoration; i.e. the quarter or point of the compass towards which persons turn when they worship. The Persian fire-worshippers turn to the east, the place of the rising sun; the Jews to Jerusalem, the city of the King of kings; the Mahometans to Mecca; the early Christians turned to the "east," and the "communion table" even of the "Reformed Church" is placed at the east end of the building, whenever this arrangement is practicable. Any object of passionate desire.

Kebla-Noma. The pocket compass carried by Mussulmans to direct them which way to turn when they pray. (See *above*.)

Kedar's Tents. This word. Kedar was Arabia Deserta, and the phrase Kedar's tents means houses in the wilderness of this world.

"Ah me! ah me! that I
In Kedar's tents here stay;
No place like that on high:
Lord, thither guide my way."

Chasman

Ke'derli. The St. George of Mahometan mythology. He slew a monstrous dragon to save a damsel exposed to its fury, and, having drunk of the water of life, rode about the world to aid those warriors who invoked him. This tradition is exactly parallel to that of St. George, and explains the reason why the one is the field-word with the Turks, and the latter with the ancient English.

Ked'jeree'. A stew of rice, vegetables, eggs, butter, etc. A corruption of the Indian word *Kichari* (a medley or hotch-potch). The word has been confounded with a place so called, forty miles south-west of Calcutta, on the Hooghly river.

Keel-hauling or -haling. A long, troublesome, and vexatious examination or repetition of annoyances from a

landlord or government official. In the Dutch and many other navies, delinquents were, at one time, tied to a yard-arm with weights on their feet, and dragged by a rope under the keel of a ship, in at one side and out at the other. The result was often fatal.

Keelman (A). A bargeman. (See *Old Mortality* [Introduction], the bill of Margaret Chrystale: "To three chappins of yell with Sandy the keelman, 9d.")

Keelson or Kelson. A beam running lengthwise above the keel of a ship, and bolted to the middle of the floor-frames, in order to stiffen the vessel. The word *son* is the Swedish *spin*, and Norwegian *evill*, a sill.)

Keening. A weird lamentation for the dead, common in Galway. The coffin is carried to the burying place, and while it is carried three times round, the mourners go to the graves of their nearest kinsfolk and begin keening, after which they smoke.

Keep Down (To). To prevent another from rising to an independent position; to keep in subjection.

Keep House (To). To maintain a separate establishment; to act as house-keeper.

To keep open house. To admit all comers to hospitable entertainment.

Keep Touch. To keep faith; the exact performance of an agreement, as, "To keep touch with my promise" (*More*). The idea seems to be embodied in the proverb, "Seeing is believing, but feeling is naked truth."

"And trust me on my truth,
If thou keep touch with me,
My dearest friend, as my own heart,
Thou shalt right welcome be."

Songs of the London Prentices, p. 37.

Keep Up (To). To continue, as, "to keep up a discussion;" to maintain, as, "to keep up one's courage;" to continue *pari passu*, as "Keep up with the rest."

Keep at Arm's Length (To). To prevent another from being too familiar.

Keep Body and Soul Together (To). To struggle to maintain life; to continue life. Thus we say, "It is as much as I can do to keep body and soul together;" and "To keep body and soul together" we did so and so.

Keep Company with (To). To associate with someone of another sex with a view of marriage. The phrase

is almost confined to household servants and persons of a similar status.

Keep Good Hours (To). To retire to bed somewhat early. *To keep bad hours* is to sit up late at night.

Keep it Dark. Keep it as a secret; hide it from public sight or knowledge; do not talk about it.

Keep One's Countenance (To). To refrain from laughing; to preserve one's gravity.

Keep One's Own Counsel (To). To be reticent of one's own affairs or plans.

Keep your Breath to Cool your Porridge. Look after your own affairs, and do not put your spoke in another person's wheel. Husband your strength to keep your own state safe and well, and do not waste it on matters in which you have really no concern. Don't scold or rail at me, but look at home.

Keep your Powder Dry. Keep prepared for action; keep your courage up.

"Go forth and conquer, Strephon mine,
This kiss upon your lips retaining;
A precept that is also thine
Forbids the teardrop hot and straining.
We're Mars and Venus, you and I,
And both must 'keep our powder dry.'"
Sims: Dogwood Ballads (In Love and War).

Keepers. A staff of men employed by Irish landlords in 1843, etc., to watch the crops and prevent their being smuggled off during the night. They were resisted by the Molly Maguires.

Kehama. A Hindu rajah who obtains and sports with supernatural powers. (*Southey: Chirsh of Kehama.*)

Kelpie or Kelpy. A spirit of the waters in the form of a horse, in Scottish mythology. Not unlike the Irish Phooka. (*See FAIRY.*)

"Every lake has its Kelpie, or Water-horse, often seen by the shepherd sitting upon the brow of a rock, gazing along the surface of the deep, or browsing upon the pasture on its verge."—*Graham: Sketches of Porthshire.*

Kelso Convey (A). A step and a half over the door-stone or threshold.

"It's no expected your honour suld leave the land; it's just a Kelso convey, a step and a half over the door-stone."—*Mr W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. xii.

Ke'ma. The books containing the secrets of the genii, who, infatuated with love, revealed the marvels of nature to men, and were banished out of heaven. According to some etymologists, the word *chemistry* is derived from this word. (*Zozime Panopolite.*)

Kemp'er-Hau'sen. The *nom de plume* of Robert Pearce Gillies, one of the speakers in the *Noctes Ambrosiæ*. (*Blackwood's Magazine.*)

Kempis. The authorship of the work entitled *De Imitatione Christi*, has afforded as much controversy as the author of *Letters of Junius*. In 1604, a Spanish Jesuit discovered a manuscript copy by the Abbot John Gersen or Gesen; and since then three competitors have had angry and worthy defenders, viz. Thomas à Kempis, J. Charlier de Gerson, Chancellor of the University of Paris, and the Abbot Gersen. M. Malou gives his verdict in favour of the first.

Ken or Klun. An Egyptian goddess similar to the Roman Venus. She is represented as standing on a lion, and holding two serpents in one hand and a flower in the other. (*See Amos v. 26.*)

Kendal Green. Green cloth for foresters; so called from Kendal, Westmoreland, famous at one time for this manufacture. Kendal green was the livery of Robin Hood and his followers. In Rymer's *Federa* (ii. 83) is a letter of protection, dated 1331, and granted by Edward III. to John Kempe of Flaunders, who established cloth-weaving in the borough. Lincoln was also famous at one time for dyeing green.

"How couldst thou know these men in Kendal green, when it was so dark thou couldst not see thy hand?"—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., ii. 4.*

Kenelm (St.) was murdered at Clente-in-Cowbage, near Winchelcumb, in Gloucestershire. The murder, says Roger of Wendover, was miraculously notified at Rome by a white dove, which alighted on the altar of St. Peter's, bearing in its beak a scroll with these words:

"In Clente cow pasture, under a thorn,
Of head bereft, lies Kenelm king-born."

Kenna. (*See KENSINGTON.*)

Kenna Quhair [*I know not where*]. Scotch for *terra incognita*.

Kenne. A stone said to be formed in the eye of a stag, and used as an antidote to poison.

Kennedy. A poker, or to kill with a poker; so called from a man of that name who was killed by a poker. (*Dictionary of Modern Slang.*)

Kennel. A dog's house; from the Latin *canis* (a dog), Italian *canile*; but kennel (a gutter), from the Latin *canna* (a cane, whence *canāle*), our canal, channel, etc.

Ken'no. This was a large rich cheese, made by the women of the family with a great affectation of secrecy, and was intended for the refreshment of the gossips who were in the house at the "caunny minute" of the birth of a child. Called *Ken-no* because no one was supposed to know of its existence—certainly no male being, not excepting the master of the house. After all had eaten their fill on the auspicious occasion, the rest was divided among the gossips and taken home. The *Kenno* is supposed to be a relic of the secret rites of the *Bona Dea*.

Ken'sington. Oberon, king of the fairies, held his royal seat in these gardens, which were fenced round with spells "interdicted to human touch;" but not unfrequently his thievish elves would rob the human mother of her babe, and leave in its stead a sickly changeling of the elfin race. Once on a time it so fell out that one of the infants fostered in these gardens was Albion, the son of "Albion's royal blood;" it was stolen by a fairy named Milkah. When the boy was nineteen, he fell in love with Kenna, daughter of King Oberon, and Kenna vowed that none but Albion should ever be her chosen husband. Oberon heard her when she made this vow, and instantly drove the prince out of the garden, and married the fairy maid to Azu'riel, a fairy of great beauty and large possessions, to whom Holland Park belonged. In the meantime, Albion prayed to Neptune for revenge, and the sea-god commanded the fairy O'riel, whose dominion lay along the banks of the Thames, to espouse the cause of his lineal offspring. Albion was slain in the battle by Azu'riel, and Neptune in revenge crushed the whole empire of Oberon. Being immortal, the fairies could not be destroyed, but they fled from the angry sea-god, some to the hills and some to the dales, some to the caves and others to river-banks. Kenna alone remained, and tried to revive her lover by means of the herb moly. No sooner did the juice of this wondrous herb touch the body than it turned into a snow-drop. When Wise laid out the grounds for the Prince of Orange, Kenna planned it "in a morning dream," and gave her name to the town and garden. (*Tickell: Kensington Gardens.*)

Kent (Latin, *Can'tium*), the territory of the Kantii or Cantii; Old British, *Kant*, a corner or headland). In the reign of Queen Elizabeth Kent was so

notorious for highway robbery, that the word signified a "nest of thieves."

"Some hookee are arrogant and impudent;
So are most thieves in Christendome and Kent."
Taylor, the Water Poet (1630).

A man of Kent. One born east of the Medway. These men went out with green boughs to meet the Conqueror, and obtained in consequence a confirmation of their ancient privileges from the new king. They call themselves the *invicti*. The hops of East Kent are liked best.

A Kentish man. A resident of West Kent.

Holy Maid of Kent. Elizabeth Barton, who pretended to the gift of prophecy and power of miracles. Having denounced the doom and speedy death of Henry VIII. for his marriage with Anne Boleyn, she was executed. Sir Walter Scott (*Abbot*, xiii.) calls her "The Nun of Kent." (See FAIR [Maid of Kent].)

Kent's Hole. A large cave in the limestone rock near Torquay, Devon.

Kent Street Ejectment. Taking away the street-door; a method devised by the landlords of Kent Street, Southwark, when their tenants were more than a fortnight in arrears.

Kentish Fire. Rapturous applause, or three times three and one more. The expression originated with Lord Winchelsea, who proposed the health of the Earl of Roden, on August 15th, 1834, and added, "Let it be given with the 'Kentish Fire.'" In proposing another toast he asked permission to bring his "Kentish Artillery" again into action. Chambers, in his *Encyclopædia*, says it arose from the protracted cheers given in Kent to the No-Popery orators in 1828-1829.

Kentish Moll. Mary Carlton, nicknamed *The German Princess*. She was transported to Jamaica in 1671; but, returning without leave, she was hanged at Tyburn, January 22nd, 1673.

Kentishmen's Tails. (See TAILS.)

Kentucky (U.S. America), so called in 1782, from its principal river. It was admitted into the union in 1792. The nickname of the inhabitants is *Corn-crackers*. Indian Shawnoese *Kentuckee* = "head or long river."

Kepler's Fairy. The fairy which guides the planets. Kepler said that each planet was guided in its elliptical orbit by a resident angel.

Kepler's Laws (Johann Kepler, 1571-1630) :

(1) That the planets describe ellipses, and that the centre of the sun is in one of the foci.

(2) That every planet so moves that the line drawn from it to the sun describes equal areas in equal times.

(3) That the squares of the times of the planetary revolutions are as the cubes of their mean distances from the sun.

Kerchief of Plesance. An embroidered cloth presented by a lady to her knight to wear for her sake. The knight was bound to place it in his helmet.

Kerna. A kind of trumpet used by Tamerlane, the blast of which might be heard for miles.

Kernel (Anglo-Saxon, *cyrnel*, a diminutive of *corn*; seed in general), whence acorn (the *ac* or *oak* corn).

Kersey. A coarse cloth, usually ribbed, and woven from long wool; said to be so named from Kersey, in Suffolk, where it was originally made.

Kerseysmere. A corruption of Casimir, a man's name. A twilled woollen cloth made in Abbeville, Amiens, Elbeuf, Louviers, Rheims, Sedan, and the West of England. * (French *casimir*, Spanish *casimiro* or *casimiras*.)

Kerzereh or Kerzrah. A flower which grows in Persia. It is said, if anyone in June or July inhales the hot south wind which has blown over this flower he will die.

Kesora. The female idol adored in the temple of Juggernaut. Its head and body are of sandal-wood; its eyes two diamonds, and a third diamond is suspended round its neck; its hands are made entirely of small pearls, called *perles à l'once*; its bracelets are of pearls and rubies, and its robe is cloth of gold.

Kestrel. *A hawk of a base breed, hence a worthless fellow. Also used as an adjective.

"No thought of honour ever did assay
His bawdy breast; but in his kestrel kynd
A pleasant reyne of glory he did find . . ."
Spenser: Faerie Queene, book ii. canto lii. 3.

Ketch. (See JACK KETCH.)

Ketch. A kind of two-masted vessel. Bomb-ketches were much used in the last century wars.

• **Ketchup.** A corruption of the Japanese *Kitjap*, a condiment sometimes sold as soy, but not equal to it.

Ketmir or Katmir. The dog of the Seven Sleepers. Sometimes called Al Rakim. (*Sale's Koran*, xviii. n.)

Kettle (*A*), a watch. A tin kittle is a silver watch. A red kittle is a gold watch. "Kettle," or rather *kittle*, in slang language is a corrupt rendering of the words *to-tick* read backwards. (Compare Anglo-Saxon *cetel*, a kettle, with *citel-ian*, to tickle.)

Thor's great kettle. The god Thor wanted to brew some beer, but not having a vessel suited for the purpose in Valhalla, stole the kettle of the giant Hymer. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Kettle of Fish. A *fête-champêtre* in which salmon is the chief dish provided. In these pic-nics, a large caldron being provided, the party select a place near a salmon river. Having thickened some water with salt to the consistency of briue, the salmon is put therein and boiled; and when fit for eating, the company partake thereof in gipsy fashion. Some think the discomfort of this sort of pic-nic gave rise to the phrase "A pretty kettle of fish." (See KITTLE OF FISH.)

"The whole company go to the waterside to-day to eat a kettle of fish."—*Sir Walter Scott: St Ronan's Well*, xii.

Kettledrum. A large social party, originally applied to a military party in India, where drum-heads served for tables. On Tweedside it signifies a "social party," met together to take tea from the same tea-kettle. (See DRUM, HURRICANE.)

Kettledrum, a drum in the shape of a kiddle or fish-basket.

Kettledrummle (*Gabriel*). A Covenanting preacher in Sir Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*.

Kevin (*St.*), like St. Sennanus (*q.v.*), retired to an island where he vowed no woman should ever land. Kathleen loved the saint, and tracked him to his retirement, but the saint hurled her from a rock. Kathleen died, but her ghost rose smiling from the tide, and never left the place while the saint lived. A bed in the rock at Glendalough (Wicklow) is shown as the bed of St. Kevin. Thomas Moore has a poem on this tradition. (*Irish Melodies*, iv.)

Kex, hemlock. Tennyson says in *The Princess*, "Though the rough kex break the starred mosaic," though weeds break the pavement. Nothing breaks a pavement like the growth of grass or lichen

through it. (Welsh, *cecoys*, hemlock; French, *ciguë*; Latin, *cicula*.)

Key. (*See* KEY.)

Key-cold. Deadly cold, lifeless. A key, on account of its coldness, is still sometimes employed to stop bleeding at the nose.

"Poor key-cold figure of a holy king!
Pale ashes of the house of Lancaster!
Thou bloodless remnant of that royal blood!"
Shakespeare: Richard III., l. 2.

Key-stone. *The Key-stone State.* Pennsylvania; so called from its position and importance.

Key and the Bible (A). Employed to discover whether plaintiff or defendant is guilty. The Bible is opened either at Ruth, chap. i., or at the 51st Psalm; and a door-key is so placed inside the Bible, that the handle projects beyond the book. The Bible, being tied with a piece of string, is then held by the fourth fingers of the accuser and defendant, who must repeat the words touched by the wards of the key. It is said, as the words are repeated, that the key will turn towards the guilty person, and the Bible fall to the ground.

Key of a Cipher or *of a romance*. That which explains the secret or lays it open ("*La clef d'un chiffre*" or "*La clef d'un romance*").

Key of the Mediterranean. The fortress of Gibraltar; so called because it commands the entrance thereof.

Key of Russia. Smolensk, on the Dnieper.

Key of Spain. Ciudad Rodrigo, taken by the Duke of Wellington, who defeated the French there in 1812.

Keys. (*See* ST. SITHA.)

Keys of stables and cowhouses have not unfrequently, even at the present day, a stone with a hole through it and a piece of horn attached to the handle. This is a relic of an ancient superstition. The *hag*, *hahg*, or holy stone was looked upon as a talisman which kept off the fiendish Mara or night-mare; and the horn was supposed to ensure the protection of the god of cattle, called by the Romans Pan.

Key as an emblem. (Anglo-Saxon, *cyg*.)

St. Peter is always represented in Christian art with two keys in his hand; they are consequently the insignia of the Papacy, and are borne saltire-wise, one of gold and the other of silver.

They are the emblems also of St. Servatius, St. Hippolytus, St. Geneviève,

St. Petronilla, St. Osyth, St. Martha, and St. Germa'nus of Paris.

The Bishop of Winchester bears two keys and sword in saltire.

The bishops of St. Asaph, Gloucester, Exeter, and Peterborough bear two keys in saltire.

The Cross Keys. A public-house sign; the arms of the Archbishop of York.

The key shall be upon his shoulder! He shall have the dominion. The ancient keys were instruments about a yard long, made of wood or metal. On public occasions the steward slung his key over his shoulder, as our mace-bearers carry their mace. Hence, to have the key upon one's shoulder means to be in authority, to have the keeping of something. It is said of Eliakim, that God would lay upon his shoulder the key of the house of David (Isa. xxii. 22); and of our Lord that "the government should be upon His shoulder" (Isa. ix. 6). The chamberlain of the court used to bear a key as his insignia.

The power of the keys—i.e. the supreme authority vested in the pope as successor of St. Peter. The phrase is derived from St. Matt. xvi. 19. (Latin, *Potestas clavium*.)

To throw the keys into the pit. To disclaim a debt; to refuse to pay the debts of a deceased husband. This refers to an ancient French custom. If a deceased husband did not leave his widow enough for her aliment and the payment of his debts, the widow was to throw the bunch of house-keys which she carried at her girdle into the grave, and this answered the purpose of a public renunciation of all further ties. No one after this could come on her for any of her late husband's debts.

Keys (*The House of*). One of the three estates of the Isle of Man. The Crown in council, the governor and his council, and the House of Keys, constitute what is termed "the court of Tynwald." The House of Keys consists of twenty-four representatives selected by their own body, vacancies are filled up by the House presenting to the governor "two of the oldest and worthiest men of the isle," one of which the governor nominates. To them an appeal may be made against the verdicts of juries, and from their decision there is no appeal, except to the Crown in council. (*Manx, kiare-as-feed, four-and-twenty.*)

The governor and his council consists of the

general.

The House of Keys. The board of landed proprietors referred to above, or the house in which they hold their sessions.

Keyne (St.). The well of St. Keyne, Cornwall, has a strange superstition attached to it, which is this: "If the bridegroom drinks therefrom before the bride, he will be master of his house; but if the bride gets the first draught, the grey mare will be the better horse." Southey has a ballad on this tradition, and says the man left his wife at the church porch, and ran to the well to get the first draught; but when he returned his wife told him his labour had been in vain, for she had taken with her a "bottle of the water to church."

Khedive d'Egypte. An old regal title revived by the sultan in 1867, who granted it to Ismael I., who succeeded as Pasha of Egypt in 1863. The title is higher than viceroy, but not so high as sultan. (Turkish, *khdw*; Persian, *khdw*, king; and *khdwci*, viceroy.) Pronounce *ke-dive*, in 2 syl.

Khorassan [*Region of the Sun*]. A province of Persia, anciently called *Aria'na*.

The Veiled Prophet of Khorassan. Mokanna, a prophet chief, who, being terribly deformed, wore a veil under pretence of shading the dazzling light of his countenance.

"Terror seized her lest the love-light which encircled him should fade away, and leave him like the veiled prophet of Khorassan, a stained thing of clay."—*Lady Hardy: A Casual Acquaintance*.

Ki. A Chinese word, signifying age or period, generally applied to the ten periods preceding the first Imperial dynasty, founded B.C. 2205. It extended over some 300,000 years. The first was founded by Puon-ku (highest eternity), and the last by Fo-hi, surnamed *Tien-Tse* (son of heaven).

Kiak-Kiak (*god of gods*). An idol worshipped in Pegu. This god is to sleep 6,000 years, and when he wakes the end of the world will come.

Kick (A). Sixpence. "Two-and-a-kick" = two shillings and sixpence. (Anglo-Saxon, *cecel*, a bit. In Jamaica a "bit" = sixpence, and generally it means the smallest silver coin in circulation; thus, in America, a "bit" is fourpence. We speak of a "threepenny bit.")

"It is hard for thee to kick against the *pricks*" (Acts ix. 5; and xxvi. 14.) The proverb occurs in Pindar (2 *Pythian*

Victories, v. 173), in Æschylos (*Agamemnon*, 1,624), in Euripides (*Bacchæ*, 901), in Terence (*Phormio*, i. ii. 27), in Ovid (*Tristia*, book ii. 15), etc.; but whether the reference is to an ox kicking when goaded, or a horse when pricked with the rowels of a spur, is not certain. The plural *kentra* seems to refer to more than one, and *pros kentra* cannot refer to a repetition of goad thrusts. Altogether, the rowels of a spur suit the phrase better than the single point of an ox-goad.

N.B. The Greek *pros* with an accusative is not = the Latin *adversus*, such a meaning would require a genitive case; it means in answer to, i.e. to kick when spurred or goaded.

More kicks than ha'pence. More abuse than profit. Called "monkey's allowance" in allusion to monkeys led about to collect ha'pence by exhibiting "their parts." The poor brutes get the kicks if they do their parts in an unsatisfactory manner, but the master gets the ha'pence collected.

Quite the kick. Quite a dandy. The Italians call a dandy a *chic*. The French *chic* means knack, as *avoir le chic*, to have the knack of doing a thing smartly.

"I cocked my hat and twirled my stick,
And the girls they called me quite the kick."
George Colman the Younger

Kick Over the Traces (*To*). Not to follow the dicta of a party leader, but to act independently; as a horse refusing to run in harness kicks over the traces.

"If the new member shows any inclination to kick over the traces, he will not be their member long"—*Newspaper paragraph*, Feb., 1881.

Kick the Beam (*To*). To be of light weight; to be of inferior consequence. When one pan of a pair of scales is lighter than the other, it flies upwards and is said to "kick the beam" [of the scales].

"The evil has eclipsed the good, and the scale, which before rested solidly on the ground, now kicks the beam."—*Gloucester*.

Kick the Bucket (*To*). A bucket is a pulley, and in Norfolk a beam. When pigs are killed, they are hung by their hind-legs on a bucket or beam, with their heads downwards, and oxen are hauled up by a pulley. To kick the bucket is to be hung on the balk or bucket by the heels.

Kick Up a Row (*To*). To create a disturbance. "A pretty kick up" is a great disturbance. The phrase "To kick up the dust" explains the other phrases.

Kickshaws. Made dishes, odds and ends, formerly written "kickshose." (French, *quelque chose*.)

Kicky-wicky. A horse that kicks and winces in impatience; figuratively, a wife (*grey mare*). Taylor, the water poet, calls it *kickshewinsie*, but Shakespeare spells it *kicky-wicky*.

"He wears his honour in a box unseen
That hugs his kicky-wicky here at home,
Sounding his manly marrow in her arms,
Which should sustain the bound and high
curvet
Of Mars's fiery steed."
All's Well that Ends Well, II. 3 (Globe ed.).

Kid (A). A faggot or bundle of firewood. To *kid* is to bind up faggots. In the parish register of Kneelsall church there is the following item: "Leading kids to church, 2s. 6d.," that is, carting faggots to church. (Welsh, *cidys*, faggots.)

Kid (A). A young child. A facetious formation from the Anglo-Saxon *ci[ð]d*, a child. The *i* is often silent, as in *calm*, *half*, *golf*, etc. At one time fault was pronounced *faul't*.

"Are these your own kids? I inquired presently. 'Yes, two of them: I have six, you know.'—*H. A. Beers: Century Magazine*, June, 1903, p. 282.

Kidderminster Poetry. Coarse doggerel verse, like the coarse woollen manufacture of Kidderminster. The term was first used by Shenstone, who applied it to a Mr. C., of Kidderminster.

"Thy verses, friend, are Kidderminster stuff;
And I must own you've measured out enough."

Kidnapper (A). One who *habs* or steals "kids" or young children.

"Swarms of kidnappers were busy in every northern town."—*J. B. McMaster: People of the United States*, vol. II, chap. X, p. 337.

Kidney. Men of another kidney or of the same kidney. The reins or kidneys were even by the Jews supposed to be the seat of the affections.

Kilda (Sc.). The farthest of the western isles of Scotland.

Kildare (2 syl.) is the Irish *Kill dara*, church of the oaks.

Kildare's Holy Fane. Famous for the "Fire of St. Bridget," which was inextinguishable, because the nuns never allowed it to go out. Every twentieth night St. Bridget returned to tend the fire. Part of the chapel of St. Bridget still remains, and is called "The Fire-house."

"Apud Kildariam occurrit ignis Sanctæ Brigide quem inextinguibilem vocant."—*Giraldus Cambrensis: Liberatio*, II. 34.

Kilken'ny is the Gaelic *Kill Kenny*, church of St. Kenny or Can'ice.

Kilkenny Cats. (See CAT.)

Kill (A). The slaying of some animal, generally a bullock, tied up by hunters in a jungle, to allure to the spot and attract the attention of some wild beast (such as a lion, tiger, or panther) preparatory to a hunting party being arranged. As a tiger-kill, a panther-kill.

"A shikarie brought us the welcome tidings of a tiger-kill only a mile and a half from the camp. The next day there was no hunt, as the ground round the panther-kill was too unfavourable to permit of any hunting."—*Nineteenth Century*, August, 1886.

Kill Two Birds with One Stone (To). To effect some subsidiary work at the same time as the main object is being effected.

Killed by Inches. In allusion to divers ways of prolonging capital punishments in olden times; e.g.: (1) The "iron coffin of Lissa." The prisoner was laid in the coffin, and saw the iron lid creep slowly down with almost imperceptible movement—slowly, silently, but surely; on, on it came with relentless march, till, after lingering days and nights in suspense, the prisoner was at last as slowly crushed by the iron lid pressing on him. (2) The "baiser de la Vierge" of Baden-Baden. The prisoner, blindfolded and fastened to a chain, was lowered by a windlass down a deep shaft from the top of the castle into the very heart of the rock on which it stands. Here he remained till he was conducted to the torture-chamber, and commanded "to kiss" the brazen statue of the "Virgin" which stood at the end of a passage; but immediately he raised his lips to give the kiss, down he fell through a trap-door on a wheel with spikes, which was set in motion by the fall. (3) The "iron cages of Louis XI." were so contrived that the victims might linger out for years; but whether they sat, stood, or lay down, the position was equally uncomfortable. (4) The "chambre à crucer" was a heavy chest, short, shallow, and lined with sharp stones, in which the sufferer was packed and buried alive. (5) The "bernieles" consisted of a mattress on which the victim was fastened by the neck, while his legs were crushed between two logs of wood, on the uppermost of which the torturer took his seat. This process continued for several days, till the sufferer died with the lingering torment. Many other modes of stretching out the torment of death might easily be added. (See IRON MAIDEN.)

Killed by Kindness. It is said that Draco, the Athenian legislator, met with his death from his popularity, being smothered in the theatre of Ægina by the number of caps and cloaks showered on him by the spectators (B.C. 590).

Killing. Irresistible, overpowering, fascinating, or bewitching; so as to compel admiration and notice.

"Those eyes were made so killing."

Pope: Rape of the Lock, v. 64.

A killing pace. Too hot or strong to last; exceptionally great; exhausting.

Killing-stone, in Louth: A stone probably used for human sacrifice.

Killing no Murder. A tract written by Saxby, who was living in Holland at the time of its publication. Probably Saxby was paid for faghering it, and the real author was William Allan.

Kilmansegg (Miss). An heiress of great expectations with an artificial leg of solid gold. (*Thomas Hood: A Golden Legend.*)

Kilmarnock Cowls. Nightcaps. The Kilmarnock nightcaps were once celebrated all over Scotland.

Kilmarnock Rocks (Scotland). A pile of stones towering 28 feet in height, and overhauling more than 12 feet, like the tower of Pisa (Italy). (*See CHEESE-WRING.*)

Kilwinning, in the county of Ayr, Scotland, the scene of the renowned tournament held in 1839 by the Earl of Eglinton. It was also the cradle of Freemasonry in Scotland.

Kin, Kind.

"**King.** But now, my cousin Hamlet, and my son—
Ham. A little more than kin, and less than kind."
Shakespeare: Hamlet, i. 2.

Kin or kinsman is a relative by marriage or blood more distant than father and son.

Kind means of the same sort of genus, as man-kind or man-genus.

Hamlet says he is more than *kin* to Claudius (as he was step-son), but still he is not of the same *kind*, the same class. He is not a bird of the same feather as the king.

Kindhart. A jocular name for a tooth-drawer; so called from a dentist of the name in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Kindhart, the dentist, is mentioned by Rowland in his *Letting of Humours—Blood in the Hand-saine*. (1600); and in Rowley's *New Wonder*.

"Mistake me not, Kindhart.
He calls you tooth-drawer." Act i. 1.

King. The Anglo-Saxon *cynig*, *cyn-ing*, from *cyn* a nation or people, and the termination—*ing*, meaning "of," as "son of," "chief of," etc. In Anglo-Saxon times the king was elected on the Witena-gemot, and was therefore the choice of the nation.

The factory king. Richard Oastler, of Bradford, the successful advocate of the "Ten Hours' Bill" (1789-1861).

Ré Galantuomo (the gallant king), Victor Emmanuel of Italy (1820-1878).

King.

A king should die standing. So said Louis XVIII. of France, in imitation of Vespasian, Emperor of Rome. (*See DYING SAYINGS: Louis XVIII.*)

Like a king. When Porus, the Indian prince, was taken prisoner, Alexander asked him how he expected to be treated. "Like a king," he replied; and Alexander made him his friend.

Pray aid of the king. When someone, under the belief that he has a right to the land, claims rent of the king's tenants, they appeal to the sovereign, or "pray aid of the king."

King Ban. Father of Sir Lancelot du Lac. He died of grief when his castle was taken and burnt through the treachery of his seneschal. (*Lancelot du Lac, 1494.*)

King Cash. what the Americans call the "Almighty Dollar."

"Now birth and rank and breeding.

Hardly saved from utter annul.

Have been ousted, rather roughly,

By the onslaught of King Cash."

Truth (Christmas Number, 1882, p. 19)

King Cole. (*See COLE.*)

King Cotton. Cotton, the staple of the Southern States of America, and the chief article of manufacture in England. The expression was first used by James H. Hammond in the Senate of the United States, in 1858. The great cotton manufacturers are called "cotton lords."

King Estmere (2nd syl.) of England was induced by his brother Adler to go to King Adland, and request permission to pay suit to his daughter. King Adland replied that Bremor, King of Spain, had already proposed to her and been rejected; but when the lady was introduced to the English king she accepted him. King Estmere and his brother returned home to prepare for the wedding, but had not proceeded a mile when the king of Spain returned to press his suit, and threatened vengeance if it were not

accepted. A page was instantly despatched to inform King Estinere, and request him to return. The two brothers in the guise of harpers rode into the hall of King Adland, when Bremor rebuked them, and bade them leave their steeds in the stable. A quarrel ensued, in which Adler slew "the sowdan," and the two brothers put the retainers to flight. (*Percy's Reliques*, etc., series i. bk. i. 6.)

King Franco'ni. Joachim Murat; so called because he was once a mountebank like Franconi. (1767-1815.)

King Horn or *Childe Horn*. The hero of a metrical romance by *Master Thomas*.

King Log. A *roi fainéant*, a king that rules in peace and quietness, but never makes his power felt. The allusion is to the fable of *The Frogs desiring a King*. (See *LOG*.)

King-maker. Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick; so called because, when he sided with Henry VI., Henry was king; but when he sided with Edward IV., Henry was deposed and Edward was king. He was killed at the battle of Barnet. (1429-1471.)

***King Mob.** The "*ignobile vulgus*."

King Pétand. *The court of King Pétand*. A kind of Alsatia, where all are talkers with no hearers, all are kings with no subjects, all are masters and none servants. There was once a society of beggars in France, the chief of whom called himself King Pétand. (Latin, *peto*, to beg.)

King Ryence, of North Wales, sent a dwarf to King Arthur to say "he had overcome eleven kings, all of which paid him homage in this sort—viz. they gave him their beards to purfell his mantle. He now required King Arthur to do likewise." King Arthur returned answer, "My beard is full young yet for a purfell, but before it is long enough for such a purpose, King Ryence shall do me homage on both his knees." (See *Percy's Reliques*, etc., series iii. book 1.)

Spenser says that Lady Brin'na loved a knight named Crudor, who refused to marry her till she sent him a mantle lined with the beards of knights and locks of ladies. To accomplish this, she appointed Mal'effort, her seneschal, to divest every lady that drew near the castle of her locks, and every knight of his beard. (*Fairy's Queene*, book vi. canto 1.)

King Stork. A tyrant that devours his subjects, and makes them submissive with fear and trembling. The allusion is to the fable of *The Frogs desiring a King*. (See *LOG*.)

King-of-Arms. An officer whose duty it is to direct the heralds, preside at chapters, and have the jurisdiction of armoury. There are three kings-of-arms in England—viz. Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy; one in Scotland—viz. Lyon; and one in Ireland, called Ulster.

Bath King-of-Arms is no member of the college, but takes precedence next after Garter. The office was created in 1725 for the service of the Order of the Bath. (See *HERALDS*.)

King of Bark. Christopher III. of Scandinavia, who, in a time of great scarcity, had the bark of birchwood mixed with meal for food. (Fifteenth century.)

King of Bath. Richard Nash, generally called Beau Nash, who was leader of fashion and master of the ceremonies at that city for some fifty-six years. He was ultimately ruined by gambling. (1671-1761.)

King of Beasts. The lion.

King of Dalkey. A burlesque officer, like the Mayor of Garratt, the Mayor of the Pig Market, and the Mayor of the Bull-ring (*q.v.*).

* Dalkey is a small island in St. George's Channel, near the coast of Ireland, a little to the south of Dublin Bay.

King of Khorassan. So Anva'ri, the Persian poet of the twelfth century, is called.

King of Metals. Gold, which is not only the most valuable of metals, but also is without its peer in freedom from alloy. It is got without smelting; wherever it exists it is visible to the eye, and it consorts with little else than pure silver. Even with this precious alloy, the pure metal ranges from sixty to ninety-nine per cent.

King of Misrule. Sometimes called *LORD*, and sometimes *ABBO*, etc. At Oxford and Cambridge one of the Masters of Arts superintended both the Christmas and Candlemas sports, for which he was allowed a fee of 40s. These diversions continued till the Reformation. Polydore Vergil says of the feast of Misrule that it was "derived from the Roman Saturnalia," held in

December for five days (17th to 22nd). The Feast of Misrule lasted twelve days.

"If we compare our Bacchanalian Christmases and New Year-tides with these Saturnalia and Feasts of Janus, we shall find such near affinity between them both in regard of time . . . and in their manner of solemnising . . . that we must needs conclude the one to be the very ape or issue of the other."—*Pyrrhus: Histrion-Mastr.*

King of Painters. A title assumed by Parrhasios, the painter, a contemporary of Zeuxis. Plutarch says he wore a purple robe and a golden crown. (Flourished 400 B.C.)

King of Preachers. Louis Bourdaloue, a French clergyman (1632-1704).

King of Rome. A title conferred by Napoleon I. on his son on the day of his birth. More generally called the Duke of Reichstadt (1811-1832).

King of Shreds and Patches. In the old mysteries Vice used to be dressed as a mimic king in a parti-coloured suit. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*, iii. 4) The phrase is metaphorically applied to certain literary operatives who compile books for publishers, but supply no originality of thought or matter.

King of Spain's Trumpeter (The). A donkey. A pun on the word *don*, a Spanish magnate.

King of Terrors. Death.

King of Waters. The river Amazon, in South America.

King of Yvetot (pron. *Ev-to*). A man of mighty pretensions but small merits. Yvetot is near Rouen, and was once a seigneurie, the possessors of which were entitled kings—a title given them in 534 by Clotaire I., and continued far into the fourteenth century.

"Il était un roi d'Yvetot,
Peu connu dans l'histoire
Se levant tard, se couchant tot,
Dormant fort bien sans gloire;
Et couronné par le bonneton
D'un simple bonnet de coton.
Dis on:
Oh! oh! oh! Ah! ah! ah! ah!
Quel bonnetto roi c'était; la! la! la."
A king there was, 'roi d'Yvetot' clept,
But little known in story,
Went soon to bed, till daylight slept,
And soundly without glory;
His royal brow in cotton cap
Would Janet, when he took his nap,
Enwrap.
Oh! oh! oh! oh! Ah! ah! ah! ah!
A famous king he! La! la! la! E. C. D.

King of the Bean (*roi de la fève*). The Twelfth-night king; so called because he was chosen by distributing slices of Twelfth-cake to the children present, and the child who had the slice with the bean in it was king of the company for the night. This sport was

indulged in till the Reformation, even at the two universities.

King of the Beggars or *Gipsies*. Bamfylde Moore Carew, a noted English vagabond (1693-1770).

King of the Forest. The oak, which not only braves the storm, but fosters the growth of tender parasites under its arms.

King of the Herrings (The). The *Chimera*, or sea-ape, a cartilaginous fish which accompanies a shoal of herrings in their migrations.

King of the Jungle (The). A tiger.

King of the Peak (The). Sir George Vernon.

King of the Sea (The). The herring. "The head of an average-sized whale is from fifteen to sixteen feet (about one-third the length), and the lips of an some six or eight feet yet such a mouth there is scarcely any throat not sufficiently large to allow a herring to pass down it. This little scaly fellow (the herring), some fourteen inches in length, would choke a monster whale, and is hence called 'the king of the sea.'" (*Thomson: Antipodography*, p. 132)

King of the Teign. Baldrick of South Devon, son of Eri, who long defended his territory against Algar, a lawless chief.

King of the World (*Shah-Jehan*). The title assumed by Khorram Shah, third son of Selim Jehan-Ghir, and fifth of the Mogul emperors of Delhi.

King of the World. So the Caledonians, in Ossian's time, called the Roman emperor.

King Chosen by the Neighing of a Horse (A). Iarulus. (*See HORSE: A horse wins a kingdom.*)

King Over the Water (The). The Young Pretender, or Chevalier Charles Edward.

"My father so far compromised his locality as to announce merely 'The king,' as his first guest after dinner, instead of the emphatic 'King George.' . . . Our guest made a motion with his glass, so as to pass it over the water-decanter which stood beside him, and added, 'Over the water.'"—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, letter 1

King's [or *Queen's*] **Bench.** This was originally the *Aula Regia*, which followed the king in all his travels, and in which he occupied the *lit de justice*. In the absence of the sovereign the judges were supreme. Of course there is no *lit de justice* or bench for the sovereign in any of our law courts now.

King's Cave. Opposite to Campbellton; so called because it was here that King Robert Bruce and his retinue

lodged when they landed on the mainland from the Isle of Arran. (*Statistical Account of Scotland*, v. p. 167, article "Arran.")

King's Chair. A seat made by two bearers with their hands. On Candlemas Day the children of Scotland used to bring their schoolmaster a present in money, and the boy who brought the largest sum was king for the nonce. When school was dismissed, the "king" was carried on a seat of hands in procession, and the seat was called the "king's chair."

King's Crag. Fife, in Scotland. Called "king" because Alexander III. of Scotland was killed there.

"As he was riding in the dusk of the evening along the sea-coast of Fife, between Burnt-island and Kingshorn, he approached too near the brink of the precipice, and his horse, starting or stumbling, he was thrown over the rock and killed on the spot. The people of the country still point out the very spot where it happened, and which is called 'The King's Crag.'"*—Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, vi.

King's Cross. Up to the accession of George IV. this locality in London was called "Battle Bridge," and had an infamous notoriety. In 1821 some speculators built there a number of houses, and, at the suggestion of Mr. Bray, deranged the name.

King's Evil. Scrofula; so called from a notion which prevailed from the reign of Edward the Confessor to that of Queen Anne that it could be cured by the royal touch. The Jacobites considered that the power did not descend to William III. and Anne because the "divine" hereditary right was not fully possessed by them, but the office remained in our Prayer-Book till 1719. Prince Charles Edward, when he claimed to be Prince of Wales, touched a female child for the disease in 1745; but the last person touched in England was Dr. Johnson, in 1712, when only thirty months old, by Queen Anne. The French kings laid claim to the same divine power even from the time of Anne of Clovis, A.D. 481, and on Easter Sunday, 1686, Louis XIV. touched 1,600 persons, using these words: "*Le roy te touche, Dieu te guériss.*" The practice was introduced by Henry VII. of presenting the person "touched" with a small gold or silver coin, called a touch-piece. The one presented to Dr. Johnson has St. George and the Dragon on one side and a ship on the other; the legend of the former is *Soli deo gloria*, and of the latter *Anna D:G:M:BR:F:ET:H: REG.* (Anne, by the Grace of God, of

Great Britain, France, and Ireland Queen.)

We are told that Charles II. touched 92,107 persons. The smallest number in one year was 2,463, in 1669; and the largest number was in 1681, when many were trampled to death. (See Macaulay's *History of England*, chaps. xiv.) John Brown, a royal gungeon, had to superintend the ceremony. (See *Macbeth*, iv. 3.)

King's Keys. The crow-bars, hatchets, and hammers used by sheriffs' officers to force doors and locks. (*Law phrase*.)

"The door, framed to withstand attacks from evildoers, constables, and other personages, considered to use the King's keys . . . set his efforts at defiance."*—Sir W. Scott: Rogueries*, chap. xix.

King's Men. The 78th Foot; so called from their motto, "*Cuidich'r Rhi*" (Help the king).

It was raised by Kenneth Mackenzie, Earl of Seaforth, in 1777, and called the Seaforth Highlanders. In 1783 it became the 72nd Foot. From 1801 to 1803 it was called the "Duke of Albany's Highlanders"; and in 1804 it was made the 2nd Battalion of the "Seaforth Highlanders (High-shire Buffs), the Duke of Albany's."

King's Mess (The). An extra mess of rice boiled with milk—or of almonds, peas, or other pulse—given to the monks of Melrose Abbey by Robert [Bruce], the feast to be held on January 10th, and £100 being set aside for the purpose; but the monks were bound to feed on the same day fifteen poor men, and give to each four ells of broad cloth or six ells of narrow cloth, with a pair of shoes or sandals.

King's Oak (The). The oak under which Henry VIII. sat, in Epping Forest, while Anne [Boleyn] was being executed.

King's Picture. Money; so called because coin is stamped with "the image" of the reigning sovereign.

King's Quhair. King's book (James I.). "Cahier" is a copybook.

King's Cheese goes half in Faring. A king's income is half consumed by the numerous calls on his purse.

King's Hanoverian White Horse (The). The 8th Foot; called the "King's Hanoverian" for their service against the Pretender in 1715, and called the "White Horse" from their badge; now called the "Liverpool Regiment."

King's Own Scottish Borderers (The). Raised by Leven when Claverhouse rode out of Edinburgh.

Kings. Of the 2,550 sovereigns who have hitherto reigned,

300 have been overthrown.

134 have been assassinated.

123 have been taken captive in war.

108 have been executed.

100 have been slain in battle.
64 have been forced to abdicate.
28 have committed suicide.
25 have been tortured to death.
23 have become mad or imbecile.

Kings, etc., of England. Much foolish superstition has of late been circulated respecting certain days supposed to be "fatal" to the crowned heads of Great Britain. The following list may help to discriminate truth from fiction:

[From means the regnal year commenced from To is the day of death.]

WILLIAM I., from *Monday*, December 25th, 1066, to *Thursday*, September 9th, 1087; **WILLIAM II.**, from *Sunday*, September 26th, 1087, to *Thursday*, August 2nd, 1100; **HENRY I.**, from *Sunday*, August 5th, 1100, to *Sunday*, December 1st, 1135; **STEPHEN**, from *Thursday*, December 26th, 1135, to *Monday*, October 25th, 1154.

HENRY II., from *Sunday*, December 19th, 1154, to *Thursday*, July 6th, 1189; **RICHARD I.**, from *Sunday*, September 3rd, 1189, to *Tuesday*, April 6th, 1199; **JOHN**, from *Thursday*, May 27th, 1199, to *Wednesday*, October 19th, 1216; **HENRY III.**, from *Saturday*, October 28th, 1216, to *Wednesday*, November 16th, 1272; **EDWARD I.**, from *Sunday*, November 20th, 1272, to *Friday*, July 7th, 1307; **EDWARD II.**, from *Saturday*, July 8th, 1307, to *Tuesday*, January 20th, 1327; **EDWARD III.**, from *Sunday*, January 25th, 1327 (N.S.), to *Sunday*, June 21st, 1377; **RICHARD II.**, from *Monday*, June 22nd, 1377, to *Monday*, September 29th, 1399; **HENRY IV.**, from *Tuesday*, September 30th, 1399, to *Monday*, March 20th, 1413; **HENRY V.**, from *Tuesday*, March 21st, 1413, to *Monday*, August 31st, 1422; **HENRY VI.**, from *Tuesday*, September 1st, 1422, to *Wednesday*, March 4th, 1461; **EDWARD IV.**, from *Wednesday*, March 4th, 1461, to *Wednesday*, April 9th, 1483; **EDWARD V.**, from *Wednesday*, April 9th, 1483, to *Sunday*, June 22nd, 1483; **RICHARD III.**, from *Thursday*, June 26, 1483, to *Monday*, August 22nd, 1485.

HENRY VII., from *Monday*, August 22nd, 1485, to *Saturday*, April 21st, 1509; **HENRY VIII.**, from *Sunday*, April 22nd, 1509, to *Friday*, January 28th, 1547; **EDWARD VI.**, from *Friday*, January 28th, 1547, to *Thursday*, July 6th, 1553; **MARY**, from *Thursday*, July 6th, 1553, to *Thursday*, November 17th, 1553; **ELIZABETH**, from *Thursday*, November 17th, 1553, to *Thursday*, March 24th, 1603.

JAMES I., from *Thursday*, March 24th,

1603, to *Sunday*, March 27, 1625; **CHARLES I.**, from *Sunday*, March 27th, 1625, to *Tuesday*, January 30th, 1649; [Commonwealth—**CROMWELL**, died *Friday*, September 3-13, 1658;] **CHARLES II.**, restored *Tuesday*, May 29th, 1660, died *Friday*, February 6th, 1685; **JAMES II.**, from *Tuesday*, February 6th, 1685, to *Saturday*, December 11th, 1688; **WILLIAM III.**, from *Wednesday*, February 13th, 1689, to *Monday*, March 8th, 1702; **ANNE**, from *Monday*, March 8th, 1702, to *Sunday*, August 1st, 1714. (Both O.S.)

GEORGE I., from *Sunday*, August 1st, 1714, to *Saturday*, June 11th, 1727 O.S., 1721 N.S.; **GEORGE II.**, from *Saturday*, June 11th, 1727, to *Saturday*, October 25th, 1760, N.S.; **GEORGE III.**, from *Saturday*, October 25th, 1760, to *Saturday*, January 29th, 1820; **GEORGE IV.**, from *Saturday*, January 29th, 1820, to *Saturday*, June 26th, 1830; **WILLIAM IV.**, from *Saturday*, June 26th, 1830, to *Tuesday*, June 20th, 1837; **VICTORIA**, from *Tuesday*, June 20th, 1837 * * * (See Two.)

Hence five have terminated their reign on a *Sunday*, six on a *Monday*, four on a *Tuesday*, four on a *Wednesday*, six on a *Thursday*, four on a *Friday*, and six on a *Saturday*. Nine have begun and ended their reign on the same day; *Henry I.* and *Edward III.* on a *Sunday*; *Richard II.* on a *Monday*; *Edward IV.*, *Anne*, and *George I.* on a *Wednesday*; *Mary* on a *Thursday*; *George III.* and *George IV.* on a *Saturday*.

Kings, etc., of England.

William I. styled himself *King of the English, Normans, and Cinomantians*; **Henry I.**, *King of the English and Duke of the Normans*; **Stephen**, *King of the English*; **Henry II.**, *King of England, Duke of Normandy and Aquitania, and Count of Anjou*; **John**, *King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitania, and Count of Anjou*; **Henry III.**, in 1259, dropped the titles of "Duke of Normandy" and "Count of Anjou;" **Edward I.**, *King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitania*; **Edward II.** made his son "Duke of Aquitania" in the nineteenth year of his reign, and styled himself *King of England and Lord of Ireland*; **Edward III.**, from 1337, adopted the style of *King of France and England, and Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitania*; **Richard II.**, *King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland*; **Edward VI.**, *Of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith*—this last title was given to **Henry VIII.** in the

thirty-fifth year of his reign; Mary, *Of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and Supreme Head of the Anglican and Hibernian Church*; Charles I., *Of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.*; Commonwealth, *The Keepers of the Liberties of England, by the authority of Parliament, and Cromwell* was styled *His Highness*; Charles II. and James II. as Charles I.; William and Mary, *Of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, etc.*; Anne, *Of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc.*; George III., in 1801, abandoned the words "King of France," which had been retained for 132 years, and his style was "George III., by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith."

Kings have Long Hands. Do not quarrel with a king, as his power and authority reach to the end of his dominions. The Latin proverb is, "*An nescis longas regibus esse manus*;" and the German, "*Mit grossen herren es ist nicht gut kirschen zu essen*" ("It is not good to eat cherries with great men, as they throw the stones in your eyes").

*There's such divinity doth hedge a king,
That treason can but peep to what it would.
Shakespeare: King in Hamlet, iv. 5.

The books of the four kings. A pack of cards.

"After supper were brought in the books of the four kings: *Rebecca, Gargantua and Pantagruel, 1, 2.*"

The three kings of Cologne. The representatives of the three magi who came from the East to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. Tradition makes them three Eastern kings, and at Cologne the names ascribed to them are Kaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

Kings may override Grammar. (See GRAMMAR.)

Kingly Titles.

Abgarus (The Grand). So the kings of Edessa were styled.

Abim'elch (my father the king). The chief ruler of the ancient Philistines.

Agag (lord). The chief ruler of the Amalekites (4 syl.).

Akhar Khan (very-great chieftain). Hindustan.

Anax. The chief ruler of the ancient Greek kingdoms. *Anaxandron* was the over-king.

Archon (The). The chief of the nine magistrates of Athens. The next in rank was called *Basileus* (3 syl.); and the

third *Polemarch* (3 syl.), or Field-Marshal.

Asser or Assyr (blessed one). The chief ruler of ancient Assyria.

Attagab (father prince). Persia, 1118. **Augustus.** The title of the reigning Emperor of Rome, when the heir presumptive was styled "Cæsar." (See AUGUSTUS.)

Autocrat (self-potentate). One whose power is absolute; Russia.

Beglerbeg. (See Bey.)

Ben-Hadad (son of the sun or Hadad). The chief ruler of ancient Damascus.

Bey of Tunis. In Turkey, a bey is the governor of a banner, and the chief over the seven banners is the *beglar-bey*.

Brenn or Brenhin (war-chief) of the ancient Gauls. A dictator appointed by the Druids in times of danger.

Britulda (wielder of Britain). Chief king of the heptarchy.

Cæsar. Proper name adopted by the Roman emperors. (See KAISER.)

Calif (successor). Successors of Mahomet; now the Grand Signior of Turkey, and Sophi of Persia.

Candace. Proper name adopted by the queens of Ethiopia.

Cazique (Ca-zek'). American Indians: native princes of the ancient Peruvians, Cubans, Mexicans, etc.

Chagan. The chief of the Avars.

Cham. (See Khan.)

Cral. The despot of ancient Serbia.

Cyrus (mighty). Ancient Persia. (See CYRUS.)

Cæsar (Cæsar). Russia. Assumed by Ivan III., who married a princess of the Byzantine line, in 1472. He also introduced the double-headed black eagle of Byzantium as the national symbol.

Darius. Latin form of *Darvuresh* (king). Ancient Persia.

Dey. In Algiers, before it was annexed to France in 1830. (Turkish, *dai*, uncle.)

Dictator. A military autocrat, appointed by the Romans in times of danger.

Domnu (lord). Roumania.

Emperor. (See IMPERATOR.)

Empress. A female emperor, or the wife of an emperor.

Esin'qa (g.v.). Kings of Kent.

Hos'podar. Moldavia and Wallachia; now borne by the Emperor of Russia.

Imper'ator (ruler or commander). The Latin form of emperor.

Inca. Ancient Peru.

Judge. Ancient Jews (*Shophet*).

Kaiser (same as Cæsar, g.v.). The German Emperor.

Khan (chieftain) or *Ghengis-Khan*. Tartary. In Persia, the governor of a province is called a *Khan*.

Khedive (q.v.). Modern Egypt.

King or **Queen**. Great Britain, etc. (Anglo-Saxon *cyn*, the people or nation, and *-ing* (a patronymic) = the man of, the choice of, etc.)

Lama or **Dalai Lama** (great mother-of-souls). Tibet.

Molech (king). Ancient Jews.

Mogul or **Great Mogul**. Mongolia.

Nepus or **Nepushee** (lord protector).

Abvssinia.

Nizam (ruler). Hyderabad.

Padishah (fatherly king). The Sultan's title.

Pendragon (chief of the dragons, or "summus rex"). A dictator, created by the ancient Celts in times of danger.

Pha-raoh (light of the world). Ancient Egypt.

President. Republics of America, France, etc.

Ptolemy (proper name adopted). Egypt after the death of Alexander.

Queen (Anglo-Saxon, *cwēn*; Greek, *gūnē*, a woman.)

Raj'ah or **Maha-rajah** (great king). Hindustan.

Rex (ruler). A Latin word equivalent to our king.

Scherif (lord*). Mecca and Medina.

Shah (protector). Persia.

Sheik (patriarch). Arabia.

Shophetim. Sothe Jewish "judges" were styled.

Shphi (holy). A title of the Shah of Persia.

Stadtholder (city-holder). Formerly chief magistrate of Holland.

Sufetes (dictators). Ancient Carthage.

Sultan or **Soldan** (ruler). Turkey.

Vayrade or **Waywode** (2 syl.) of Transylvania, Moldavia, and Wallachia.

Vladika (ruler). Montenegro.

Also, *Aga*, *ameer* or *emir*, *archduke*, *count*, *duke*, *duke*, *effendi*, *elector*, *exarch*, *herzog* (= *duke*), *imam*, *infanta*, *land-amir*, *landgrave*, *mandarin*, *margrave*, or *margravine*, *nabob*, *pacha* or *bashaw*, *prince*, *sachem*, *satrap*, *seigneur* or *grand-seigneur*, *birdar*, *subahdar*, *suzerain*, *teirarch*, *viceroi*, etc., in some cases are chief independent rulers, in some cases dependent rulers or governors subject to an over-lord, and in others simply titles of honour without separate dominion.

Kingdom Come. Death, the grave, execution.

"And forty pounds he theirs, a pretty sum,
For sending such a rogue to kingdom come."
Peter Pindar: Subjects for Painters.

Kingsale. Wearing a hat in the presence of Royalty.

Kingsley's Stand, the 20th Foot. Called "Kingsley's" from their colonel (1756-1769); and called "Stand" from their "stand" at Minden in 1759. Now called the "Lancashire Fusiliers."

Kingston Bridge. A card bent, so that when the pack is cut, it is cut at this card. "*Faire le Pont*" is thus described in Fleming and Tibbins's *Grand Dictionnaire*: "*Action de courber quelques-unes des cartes, et de les arranger de telle sorte que celui qui doit couper n' puisse guère couper qu'à l'endroit qu'on veut.*"

Kingston-on-Thames. Named *King's-stone* from a large, square block of stone near the town hall, on which the early Anglo-Saxon monarchs knelt when they were anointed to the kingly office: Edward the Elder, Athelstan, Edmund, Ethelred, Edred, Edwy, and Edward the Martyr received on this stone the royal unction. The stone is now enclosed with railings.

Kingstown (Ireland), formerly called Dunleary. The name was changed in 1821 out of compliment to George IV., who visited Ireland that year, and left Dunleary harbour for his return home on September 5th.

Kingswood Lions. Donkeys; Kingswood being at one time famous for the number of asses kept by the colliers who lived thereabout.

Kinless Loons. The judges whom Cromwell sent into Scotland were so termed, because they condemned and acquitted those brought before them wholly irrespective of party, and solely on the merits of the charge with which they were accused.

Kiosk. A Turkish summer-house or alcove supported by pillars. (Turkish, *kiosk*; Persian, *kushk*, a palace; French, *kiosque*.) The name is also given to newspaper stands in France and Belgium.

Kirk of Skulls. Gamrie church in Banffshire; so called because the skulls and other bones of the Norsemen who fell in the neighbouring field, called the Bloody Pots, were built into its walls.

Kirke-grim. The nix who looks to order in churches, punishes those who misbehave themselves there, and the persons employed to keep it tidy if they fail in their duty. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Kirke's Lambs. The Queen's Royal West Surrey. Called "Kirke" from Piercy Kirke, their colonel, 1682-1691; and "Lambs" from their badge, the *Paschal Lamb*, the crest of the house of Braganza, in compliment to Queen Catherine, to whom they were a guard of honour in her progress to London.

Kirkrap'ine (3 syl.). While Una was in the hut of Corcōca, Kirkrapine forced his way in; but the lion, springing on him, tore him to pieces. The meaning is that Romanism was increased by rapine, but the English lion at the Reformation put an end to the rapacity of monks. (*Spenser: Faerie Queen*, bk. i.)

Kismet. The fulfilment of destiny. (Turkish, *gismet*, a lot.)

"The word *kismet*, which he scarcely comprehended before, seems now to be fraught with ... (meaning). This is *kismet*; this is the fulfilment of destiny; this is to love."—*Nineteenth Century*, February, 1892, p. 290.

Kiss, as a mode of salutation, comes from its use to express reverence or worship. Thus to adore idols and to kiss idols mean the same thing. Indeed, the word *adore* signifies simply to carry the hand to the mouth, that is, to kiss it to the idol. We still kiss the hand in salutation. Various parts of the body are kissed to distinguish the character of the adoration paid. Thus, to kiss the lips is to adore the living breath of the person saluted; to kiss the feet or ground is to humble oneself in adoration; to kiss the garments is to express veneration to whatever belongs to or touches the person who wears them. "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry" (Ps. ii. 12), means Worship the Son of God. Pharaoh tells Joseph, "Thou shalt be over my house, and upon thy mouth shall all my people kiss," meaning they shall reverence the commands of Joseph by kissing the roll on which his commands would be written. "Samuel poured oil on Saul, and kissed him," to acknowledge subjection to God's anointed (1 Sam. x. 1). In the Hebrew state, this mode of expressing reverence arose from the form of government established, whether under the patriarchal or matrimonial figure.

A Judas kiss. An act of treachery. The allusion is to the apostle Judas, who betrayed his Master with a kiss.

Kiss Hands (*To*). To kiss the hand of the sovereign either on accepting or retiring from a high government office. (See *Kiss*.)

"Kissing the hand to the statue of a god was a Roman form of adoration."—*Spencer: Principles of Sociology*, vol. ii. part iv. chap. 6, p. 123.

Kiss the Book. After taking a legal oath, we are commanded to kiss the book, which in our English courts is the New Testament, except when Jews "are sworn in." This is the kiss of confirmation or promise to act in accordance with the words of the oath (Moravians and Quakers are not required to take legal oaths). The kiss, in this case, is a public acknowledgment that you adore the deity whose book you kiss, as a worshipper.

It is now permitted to affirm, if persons like to do so. Mr. Bradlaugh refused to take an oath, and after some years of contention the law was altered.

Kiss the Dust. To die, or to be slain. In Psalm lxxii. 9 it is said, "his enemies shall lick the dust."

Kiss the Hare's Foot (*To*). To be late or too late for dinner. The hare has run away, and you are only in time to "kiss" the print of his foot. A common proverb.

"You must kiss the hare's foot; post festum venisti."—*Cole: Dictionary*.

Kiss the Mistress (*To*). To make a good hit, to shoot right into the eye of the target. In bowls, what we now call the *Jack* used to be called the "mistress," and when one ball just touches another it is said "to kiss it." To kiss the Mistress or Jack is to graze another bowl with your own.

"Rub on, and kiss the mistress."—*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, iii. 2.

Kiss the Rod (*To*). To submit to punishment or misfortune meekly and without murmuring.

Kiss behind the Garden Gate (*A*). A pansy. A practical way of saying "*Tenez de moi*," the flower-language of the pansy.

Kiss given to a Poet. Margaret, daughter of James I. of Scotland and wife of Louis XI. (when only dauphin), kissed the mouth of Alain Chartier "for uttering so many fine things." Chartier, however, was a decidedly ugly man, and, of course, was asleep at the time. •

The tale is sometimes erroneously told of Ronsard the poet.

Kiss the Gunner's Daughter (*To*). To be flogged on board ship, being tied to the breech of a cannon.

"I was made to kiss the wench that never speaks but when she scolds, and that's the gunner's daughter. . . . Yes, the minister's son . . . has the cat's scratch on his back."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xiv.

Kiss the Place to make it Well. A relic of a very common custom all

over the world of sucking poison from wounds. St. Martin of Tours, when he was at Paris, observed at the city gates a leper full of sores; and, going up to him, he kissed the sores, whereupon the leper was instantly made whole (*Sulpicius Severus: Dialogues*). Again, when St. Mayeul had committed some grave offence, he was sent, by way of penance, to kiss a leper who was begging alms at the monastery. St. Mayeul went up to the man, kissed his wounds, and the leprosy left him. Half a score similar examples may be found in the Bollandistes, without much searching.

"Who ran to help me when I fell,
And kissed the place to make it well?"

Kissing-comfit. The candied root of the *Sea-crynium maritimum* prepared as a lozenge, to perfume the breath.

Kissing-crust. The crust where the lower lump of bread kisses the upper. In French, *baisure de pain*.

Kissing the Hand. Either kissing the sovereign's hand at a public introduction, or kissing one's own hand to bid farewell to a friend, and kissing the tips of our fingers and then moving the hand in a sort of salutation to imply great satisfaction at some beautiful object, thought, or other charm, are remnants of pagan worship. If the idol was conveniently low enough, the devotee kissed its hand; if not, the devotees kissed their own hands and waved them to the image. God said He had in Israel seven thousand persons who had not bowed unto Baal, "every mouth which hath not kissed him." (*See Kiss*.)

"Many . . . whom the fame of this excellent vision had gathered thither, confounded by that matchless beauty, could but kiss the finger-tips of their right hands at sight of her, as in adoration to the goddess Venus herself." — *Faler: Marins the Epicurean*, chap. v.

Kissing the Pope's Toe. Matthew of Westminster says, it was customary formerly to kiss the hand of his Holiness; but that a certain woman, in the eighth century, not only kissed the Pope's hand, but "squeezed it." The Church magnate, seeing the danger to which he was exposed, cut off his hand, and was compelled in future to offer his foot, a custom which has continued to the present hour.

Kissing under the Mistletoe. Balder, the Apollo of Scandinavian mythology, was killed by a mistletoe arrow given to the blind Höder, by Loki, the god of mischief and potentate of our earth. Balder was restored to life, but

the mistletoe was placed in future under the care of Friga, and was never again to be an instrument of evil till it touched the earth, the empire of Loki. It is always suspended from ceilings, and when persons of opposite sexes pass under it, they give each other the kiss of peace and love in the full assurance that the epiphyte is no longer an instrument of mischief.

A correspondent in *Notes and Queries* suggests that the Romans dedicated the holly to Saturn, whose festival was in December, and that the early Christians decked their houses with the Saturnian emblems to deceive the Romans and escape persecution.

Kist-vaen (The). A rude stone sepulchre or mausoleum, like a chest with a flat stone for a cover.

"At length they reached a grassy mound, on the top of which was placed one of those receptacles for the dead of the ancient British chiefs of distinction, called *kist-vaen*, which are composed of upright fragments of granite, so placed as to form a stone coffin. . . . — *Sir Walter Scott: The Betrothed*, chap. xxix.

Kist of Whistles (A). A church-organ (Scotch). *Cist*, a box or chest.

Kist'nerappan. The Indian water-god. Persons at the point of death are sometimes carried into the Ganges, and sometimes to its banks, that Kist'nerappan may purify them from all defilement before they die. Others have a little water poured into the palms of their hands with the same object.

Kit. (Anglo-Saxon, *kette*, a cist or box [of tools].) Hence that which contains the necessities, tools, etc., of a workman.

A soldier's kit. His outfit.
The whole kit of them. The whole lot.
(*See above*.) Used contemptuously.

Kit. A three-stringed fiddle. (Anglo-Saxon, *cytere*; Latin, *cithra*.)

Kit-cat Club. A club formed in 1688 by the leading Whigs of the day, and held in Shire Lane (now Lower Serle's Place) in the house of Christopher Cat, a pastry-cook, who supplied the mutton pies, and after whom the club was named. Sir Godfrey Kneller painted forty-two portraits of the club members for Jacob Tonson, the secretary, whose villa was at Barn Elms, and where latterly the club was held. In order to accommodate the paintings to the height of the club-room, he was obliged to make them three-quarter lengths; hence a three-quarter portrait is still called a *kit-cat*.

Strictly speaking, a kit-cat canvas is twenty-eight inches by thirty-six.

"Steele, Addison, Congreve, Garth, Vanbrugh, Manwaring, Stepeny, Walpole, and Pulteney were of it; so was Lord Bolingbroke and the present Duke. Manwaring . . . was the ruling man in all conversation. . . . Lord Stanhope and the Earl of Essex were also members. . . . Each member gave his [picture]. — *Pope to Spence*.

* Cowley the poet lived at Barn Elms Villas.

Kit Cats. Mutton pies; so called from Christopher Cat, the pastrycook, who excelled in these pasties. (See *above*.)

Kit's Coty House. on the road between Rochester and Maidstone, a well-known cromlech, is Katigern's or *Kitigern's coty house*—that is, the house or tomb of Kitigern, made of *cots* or huge flat stones. (See HACKETT'S COIT and DEVIL'S COIT.)

Katigern was the brother of Vortimer, and leader of the Britons, who was slain in the battle of Aylesford or Epsford, fighting against Hengist and Horsa. Lambard calls it *Cotscotthouse* (1570). The structure consists of two upright side-stones, one standing in the middle as a support or tenon, and a fourth imposed as a roof. Numberless stones lie scattered in the vicinity. Often spelt "Kitt's Cotty House."

Kitchen. Any relish eaten with dry bread, as cheese, bacon, dried fish, etc.

"A hungry heart and scarce seek better kitchen to a barley-scone." — *Sir W. Scott: The Pirate*, chap. vi.

Kitchenmaid (*Mrs.*). So Queen Elizabeth called Lord Mountjoy, her lord-deputy in Ireland. In one of her letters to Lord Mountjoy she writes:—

"With your frying-pan and other kitchen-stuff you have brought to their last home more rebels than those that promised more and did less."

Kite (*A.*), in legal phraseology, is a junior counsel who is allotted at an assize court to advocate the cause of a prisoner who is without other defence. For this service he receives a guinea as his honorarium. A kite on Stock Exchange means a worthless bill. An honorarium given to a barrister is in reality a mere kite. (See *below*, KITE-FLYING.)

Kite-flying. *To fly the kite* is to "raise the wind," or obtain money on bills, whether good or bad. It is a Stock Exchange phrase, and means, as a kite flutters in the air by reason of its lightness, and is a mere toy, so these bills fly about, but are light and worthless. (See STOCK EXCHANGE SLANG.)

Kitely (2 syl.). A jealous city merchant in Ben Jonson's *Every Man in his Humour*.

Kittle of Fish. A pretty kittle of fish. A pretty muddle, a bad job. Corruption of "kiddle of fish." A kiddle is a basket set in the opening of a weir for catching fish. Perhaps the Welsh *hidl* or *hidyl*, a strainer. (See KETTLE.)

Klaus (*Peter*). The prototype of Rip Van Winkle, whose sleep lasted twenty years. Pronounce *Klor-a*. (See SANTA KLAUS.)

Klephts (*The*) etymologically means robbers, but came to be a title of distinction in modern Greece. Those Greeks who rejected all overtures of their Turkish conquerors, betook themselves to the mountains, where they kept up for several years a desultory warfare, supporting themselves by raids on Turkish settlers. Aristotélēs Valaoritis (born 1824) is the great "poet of the Klephts." (See *Nineteenth Century*, July, 1891, p. 130.)

Knack. Skill in handiwork. The derivation of this word is a great puzzle. Minshew suggests that it is a mere variant of *knock*. Cotgrave thinks it a variant of *snap*. Others give the German *knucken* (to sound).

Knave. A lad, a garçon, a servant. (Anglo-Saxon, *cnafa*; German, *knabe*.) The knave of clubs, etc., is the son or servant of the king and queen thereof. In an old version of the Bible we read: "Paul, a knave of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle," etc. (Rom. i. 1).

This version, we are told, is in the Hameian Library, but is generally supposed to be a forgery. But, without doubt, Wychit (Rev. xii. 5, 13) used the compound "Knave-child," and Chaucer uses the same in the *Man of Law's Tale*, line 3120.

Knave of Hearts (*A.*) A flirt.

Knave of Sologne (*A.*) More knave than fool. The French say: "*Un misé de Sologne*." Sologne is a part of the departments of Loiret et Loire-et-Cher.

Knee. Greek, *gonu*; Latin, *genu*; French, *genou*; Sanskrit, *jannu*; Saxon, *cneow*; German, *knie*; English, *knee*.

Knee Tribute. Adoration or reverence, by prostration or bending the knee.

"Coming to receive from us
Knee-tribute yet unpaid, prostration vile."
Milton: Paradise Lost, v. 762.

Kneph. The ram-headed god of ancient Egypt, called also Amen-ra, and by the Greeks, Ammon.

Knickerbocker (*Die'drich*). The imaginary author of a facetious *History of New York*, by Washington Irving.

Knickerbockers. Loose knee-breeches, worn by boys, cyclists, sportsmen, tourists, etc. So named from George Cruikshank's illustrations of Washington Irving's book referred to above. In these illustrations the Dutch worthies are drawn with very loose knee-breeches.

Knife is the emblem borne by St. Agatha, St. Albert, and St. Christina.

The *slaying knife* is the emblem of St. Bartholomew, because he was flayed. A *sacri-ficing knife* is borne in Christian art by St. Zadkiel, the angel.

The *knife of academic knots*, Chrysippos, so called because he was the keenest disputant of his age (B.C. 280-207).

War to the knife. Deadly strife.

Knife = sword or dagger.

"Till my keen knife see not the wound it makes,"
Shakespeare: Macbeth, I, 3.

Knife and Fork. *He is a capital knife-and-fork*, a good trencherman.

"He did due honour to the request; he ate and drank, and proved a capital knife-and-fork even at the risk of disturbing the same night of an indigestion."—*Gibson: Promise of Marriage*, vi.

Knifeboard. One of the seats for passengers running along the roof of an omnibus. Now almost obsolete.

Knight means simply a boy. (Saxon, *cnicht*.) As boys (like the Latin *puer* and French *garçon*) were used as servants, so *cnicht* came to mean a servant. Those who served the feudal kings bore arms, and persons admitted to this privilege were the king's knights; as this distinction was limited to men of family, the word became a title of honour next to the nobility. In modern Latin, a knight is termed *auratus* (golden), from the gilt spurs which he used to wear.

Last of the knights. Maximilian I. of Germany (1459, 1493-1519).

Knight Rider Street (London). So named from the processions of knights from the Tower to Smithfield, where tournaments were held. Leigh Hunt says the name originated in a sign or some reference to the Herald's College in the vicinity.

Knight of La Mancha. Don Quixote de la Mancha, the hero of Cervantes' novel, called *Don Quixote*.

Knight of the Bleeding Heart. The Bleeding Heart was one of the many semi-religious orders instituted

in the Middle Ages in honour of the Virgin Mary, whose "heart was pierced with many sorrows."

"When he was at Holyrood who would have said that the young, sprightly George Douglas would have been content to play the lockman here in Lochleven, with no sayer amusement than that of turning the key on two or three helpless women? A strange office for a Knight of the Bleeding Heart."—*Sir W. Scott: The Abbot*, xxi.

Knight of the Cloak (*The*). Sir Walter Raleigh. So called from his throwing his cloak into a puddle for Queen Elizabeth to step on as she was about to enter her barge. (See *Keutworth*, chap. xv.)

"Your lordship meaneth that Raleigh, the Devonshire youth," said Varney, "the Knight of the Cloak, as they call him at Court."—*Ibid.*, chap. xxi.

Elizabeth, in the same novel, addresses him as Sir Squire of the Soiled Cassock.

Knight of the Couching Leopard (*The*). Sir Kenneth, or rather the Earl of Huntingdon, Prince Royal of Scotland, who followed, *incognito*, Richard I. to the Crusade, and is the chief character of the *Talisman*, a novel by Sir Walter Scott.

Knight of the Order of John-William (*St*). In French: "*Chevalier de l'ordre de Jean Guillaume*," a man hanged. (See JOHN-WILLIAM.)

Knight of the Post. A man in the pillory, or that has been tied to a whipping-post, is jestingly so called.

Knight of the Ruseful Countenance. Don Quixote.

Knight's Fee. A portion of land held by custom, sufficient to maintain a knight to do service as such for the king. William the Conqueror created 60,000 such fees when he came to England. All who had £20 a year in lands or income were compelled to be knights.

Knight's Ward (*The*). A superior compartment in Newgate for those who paid three pieces by way of "garnish." No longer in existence.

Knights. (See CROSS-LEGGED . . .)

Knights Bachelors. Persons who are simply knights, but belong to no order. (French, *bas-chevaliers*.)

Knights Bannerets. Knights created on the field of battle. The king or general cut off the point of their flag, and made it square, so as to resemble a banner. Hence knights bannerets are called *Knights of the Square Flag*.

Knights Baronets. Inferior barons, an order of hereditary rank, created by

James I. in 1611. The title was sold for money, and the funds went nominally towards the plantation of Ulster. These knights bear the arms of Ulster, viz. a field *argent*, a sinister hand couped at the wrist *gules*. (See HAND.)

Knights Errant. In France, from 768 to 987, the land was encumbered with fortified castles; in England this was not the case till the reign of Stephen. The lords of these castles used to carry off females and commit rapine, so that a class of men sprang up, at least in the pages of romance, who roamed about in full armour to protect the defenceless and aid the oppressed.

"Proxima quaque merit, ad id 'tis the perfect account of a knight errant."—Dryden: *Education of the Knights*.

Knights of Carpentry or Carpet Knights, are not military but civil knights, such as mayors, lawyers, and so on; so called because they receive their knighthood kneeling on a carpet, and not on the battle-field.

Knights of Industry. Sharpers.

Knights of Labour. Members of a trades union organised in 1831, in the United States of America, to regulate the amount of wages to be demanded by workmen, the degree of skill to be exacted from them, and the length of a day's work. This league enjoins when a strike is to be made, and when workmen of the union may resume work.

Knights of Malta or Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem. Some time after the first crusade (1012), some Neapolitan merchants built at Jerusalem a hospital for sick pilgrims and a church which they dedicated to St. John; these they committed to the charge of certain knights, called *Hospitallers of St. John*. In 1310 these Hospitallers took Rhode Island, and changed their title into *Knights of Rhodes*. In 1523 they were expelled from Rhodes by the Turks, and took up their residence in the Isle of Malta.

Knights of St. Crispin. Shoemakers. Crispin Crispian was a shoe maker. (See *Henry V.*, iv. 3.)

Knights of St. Patrick. Instituted in 1783, in honour of the patron saint of Ireland.

Knights of the Bag. Bagmen who travel for mercantile orders.

Knights of the Bath. (See BATH.)

Knights of the Blade. Bullies who

were for ever appealing to their swords to browbeat the timid.

Knights of the Chamber or Chamber Knights, are knights bachelors made in times of peace in the *presence chamber*, and not in the camp. Being military men, they differ from "carpet knights," who are always civilians.

Knights of the Cleaver. Butchers.

Knights of the Garter. (See GARTER.)

Knights of the Green Cloth. Same as CARPET KNIGHTS (q.v.).

Knights of the Handcuffs. Constables, policemen, etc., who carry handcuffs for refractory or suspicious prisoners taken up by them.

Knights of the Hare. An order of twelve knights created by Edward III. in France, upon the following occasion:—A great shouting was raised by the French army, and Edward thought the shout was the onset of battle; but found afterwards it was occasioned by a hare running between the two armies.

Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. An Order of military knights founded by Godfrey of Bouillon, in 1099, to guard the "Holy Sepulchre."

Knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece. Lawyers.

Knights of the Pencil. The betters in races; so called because they always keep a pencil in hand to mark down their bets.

Knights of the Pestle or Knights of the Pestle and Mortar. Apothecaries or druggists, whose chief instrument is the pestle and mortar, used in compounding medicines.

Knights of the Post. Persons who haunted the purlieus of the courts, ready to be hired for a bribe to swear anything; so called from their being always found waiting at the posts which the sheriffs set up outside their doors for posting proclamations on.

"There are knights of the post and booby cheats enough to swear the truth of the broadest contradictions."—South.

"A knight of the post," quoth he, "for so I am termed; a fellow that will swear you anything for twelve pence."—Nash: *Pierce Penniless* (1802.)

Knights of the Rainbow. Flunkies; so called from their gorgeous liveries.

"The servants who attended them contradicted the inferences to be drawn from the garb of their masters; and, according to the custom of the knights of the rainbow, gave many hints that they were not people to serve any but men of first-rate consequence."—Sir W. Scott: *Redgauntlet*, chap. 20.

Knights of the Road. Footpads.
(See KNIGHTS OF THE POST.)

Knights of the Round Table. King Arthur's knights, so called from the large circular table round which they sat. The table was circular to prevent any heart-sore about precedence. The number of these knights is variously given. The popular notion is that they were twelve; several authorities say there were forty; but the *History of Prince Arthur* states that the table was made to accommodate 150. King Leodegrance, who gave Arthur the table on his wedding-day, sent him also 100 knights. Merlin furnished twenty-eight, Arthur himself added two, and twenty "sieges" were left to reward merit (chaps. xlv., xlvi.). These knights went forth into all countries in quest of adventures. The most noted are—

Sir Acolon, Ballamore, Beaumaris, Belcibus, Belcours, Bersant, Bors, Ector, Eric, Evain, Foll, Guheris, Galahad, Galohall, Gareth, Gariel, Gawain or Yvain, Griselet, Kay, Lamerock, Launcelot du Lac, Lionell, Marhaus, Palamide, Paquinet, Pelles, Peredur or Perceval, Sagris, Superabis, Tor, Tristan or Tristan de Leominis, Turquine, Wigalos, Wiganner, etc., etc.

A list of the knights and a description of their armour is given in the *Theatre of Honour* by Andrew Fairne (1622). According to this list, the number was 151; but in *Launcelot of the Lake* (vol. ii. p. 51), they are said to have amounted to 250.

Knights of the Shears. Tailors. The word *shear* is a play on the word *shire* or county.

Knights of the Shell. The Argonauts of St. Nicholas, a military order, instituted in the 14th century by Carlo III., King of Naples. Their insignia was a "collar of shells."

Knights of the Shire. Now called County Members; that is, members of Parliament elected by counties, in contradistinction to Borough members.

Knights of the Spigot. Landlords of hotels, etc.; mine host is a "knight of the spigot."

"When an old song comes across us merry old knights of the spigot it runs away with our discretion."—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. viii.

Knights of the Swan. An order of the House of Cleve.

Knights of the Stick. Compositors. The stick is the printer's "composing stick," which he holds in his left hand while with his right hand he fills it with letters from his "case." It holds just enough type not to fatigue the hand of

the compositor, and when full, the type is transferred to the "galley."

Knights of the Thistle. Said to have been established in 809 by Achaicus, King of the Scots, and revived in 1540 by James V. of Scotland. Queen Anne placed the order on a permanent footing. These knights are sometimes called *Knights of St. Andrew*.

Knights of the Whip. Coachmen.

Knights Guild, now called *Portoken Ward*. King Edgar gave it to thirteen knights on the following conditions:—(1) Each knight was to be victorious in three combats—one above-ground, one underground, and one in the water; and (2) each knight was, on a given day, to run with spears against all comers in East Smithfield. William the Conqueror confirmed the same unto the heirs of these knights. Henry I. gave it to the canons of Holy Trinity, and acquitted it "of all service."

Knipperdollings. A set of German heretics about the time of the Reformation, disciples of a man named Bernard Knipperdolling. (Blount: *Glossographia*, 1681.)

Knock Under (To). Johnson says this expression arose from a custom once common of knocking under the table when any guest wished to acknowledge himself beaten in argument. Another derivation is *knuckle under*—i.e. to knuckle or bend the knuckle or knee in proof of submission. Bellenden Kerr says it is *Te w'ck under*, which he interprets "I am forced to yield."

Knocked into a Cooked Hat. Thoroughly beaten; altered beyond recognition; *hors de combat*. A cocked-hat, folded into a *chapeau bras*, is crushed out of all shape.

Knockers. Goblins who dwell in mines, and point out rich veins of lead and silver. In Cardiganshire the miners attribute the strange noises so frequently heard in mines to these spirits, which are sometimes called cobylyns (German, *kobolds*).

Knot. (Latin *nodus*, French *nœud*, Danish *knude*, Dutch *knot*, Anglo-Saxon *cnotta*, allied to *knit*.)

He has tied a knot with his tongue he cannot untie with his teeth. He has got married. He has tied the marriage knot by saying, "I take thee for my wedded wife," etc., but the knot is not to be untied so easily.

The Gordian knot. (See GORDIAN.)

The marriage knot. (See MARRIAGE.)

The ship went six or seven knots an hour. Miles. The log-line is divided into lengths by knots, each length is the same proportion of a nautical mile as half a minute is of an hour. The log-line being cast over, note is taken of the number of knots run out in half a minute, and this number shows the rate per hour.

The length of a knot is 47.33 feet when used with a 28-second glass, but 50.75 feet when the glass runs 30 seconds.

True lovers' knot. Sir Thomas Browne thinks the knot owes its origin to the *nodus Heracleus*, a snaky complication in the caduceus or rod of Mercury, in which form the woollen girdle of the Greek brides was fastened.

To seek for a knot in a rush. Seeking for something that does not exist. Not a very wise phrase, seeing there are jointed rushes, probably not known when the proverb was first current. The *Juncus acutiflorus*, the *Juncus lampocarpus*, the *Juncus obtusiflorus*, and the *Juncus polycephalus*, are all jointed rushes.

Knot and Bridle (A). A mob-cap.

"Upon her head a small mob-cap she placed,
Of lawn so stiff, with large flowered ribbon
graced,
Yclept a knot and bridle 'in a law.
Of scarlet damask, her bonnet chin below."
Peter Pindar: Portfolio (Dinah).

Knots of May. The children's game. "Here we go gathering nuts of May" is a perversion of "Here we go gathering knots of May," referring to the old custom of gathering knots of flowers on May-day, or, to use the ordinary phrase, "to go a-Maying." Of course, there are no nuts to be gathered in May.

Knotted Stick is Planed (The). The house of Orleans is worsted by that of Burgundy. The house of Orleans bore for its badge a *bâton noueux*, the house of Burgundy a *plane*; hence the French saying, "*Le bâton noueux est plané*."

Knotgrass. Supposed, if taken in an infusion, to stop growth.

"Get you gone, you dwarf;
You minimus, of hindering knotgrass made."
Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, III. 2.

Knout (1 syl.) is a knotted bunch of thongs made off hide. It is a Tartar invention, but was introduced into Russia. (*Knout*, Tartar for knot.)

Know Thyself. The wise saw of Solon, the Athenian lawgiver (B.C. 638-558).

Know the Fitting Moment. The favourite maxim of Pittacos, one of the "seven wise men."

Know Your Own Mind. By Murphy; borrowed from Destouches, the French dramatist.

Know-Nothings. A secret political party of the United States, which arose in 1853, who replied to every question asked about their society, "I know nothing about it." Their object was to accomplish the repeal of the naturalisation laws, and of the law which excluded all but natives from holding office. The party split on the slavery question and died out.

The chief principle of the party was that no one who had not been 21 years in the United States should be permitted to have any part in the government.

Knows which Side his Bread is Buttered (He). He is alive to his own interest. In Latin, "*Scit uti foro*."

Knowledge-box (Your). Your head, the brain being the seat of all human knowledge.

Knox's Croft, in Gifford Gate, Haddington; so called because it was the birthplace of John Knox.

Knuckle-duster. A metal instrument which is fitted to a man's fist, and may be readily used in self-defence by striking a blow. Sometimes these instruments are armed with spikes. It was an American invention, and was used in England in defence against the infamous attacks of Spring-heel Jack. We have the phrase "To dust your jacket for you," meaning to "beat you," as men dust carpets by beating them.

Knuckle Under (To). To kneel for pardon. Knuckle here means the knee, and we still say a "knuckle of veal or mutton," meaning the thin end of the leg near the joint. Dr. Ogilvie tells us there was an old custom of striking the under side of a table with the knuckles when defeated in an argument; and Dr. Johnson, following Bailey, says the same thing.

Knobold. A house-spirit in German superstition; the same as our Robi Goodfellow, and the Scotch *brounie* (q.v.). (See FAIRY HINZELMANN.)

Kochlani. Arabian horses of royal stock, of which genealogies have been preserved for more than 2,000 years. It is said that they are the offspring of Solomon's stud. (*Niebuhr*.)

Koh-i-Nûr [*Mountain of light*]. A large diamond in the possession of the Queen of England. It was found on the banks of the Godavery (Deccan), 1550, and belonged to Shah Jehan and Aurungzebe the Great (Mogul kings). In 1739 it passed into the hands of Nadir Shah, who called it the Koh-i-nûr. It next went to the monarchs of Afghanistan, and when Shah Sujah was depossessed he gave it to Runjeet Singh, of the Punjaub, as the price of his assistance towards the recovery of the throne of Cabul. It next went to Dhuleep Singh, but when the Punjaub was annexed to the British crown in 1819, this noble diamond was surrendered to Great Britain. It is valued at £120,661, some say £140,000.

Its present weight is 104½ carats.

Kohol or Kohl. Russell says, "The Persian women blacken the inside of their eyelids with a powder made of black Kohol."

"And others mix the Kohol's jetty dye
To give that lone, dark languish to the eye"
Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh, part I.

Kohi or the Kollis. The 51st Foot, so called in 1821 from the initial letters of the regimental title, King's Own Light Infantry. Subsequently called the "Second Yorkshire (West Riding)," and now called the "1st Battalion of the South Yorkshire Regiment."

Konx Ompax. The words of dismissal in the Eleusinian Mysteries. A correspondent in *Notes and Queries* says "konx" or "kox" is the Sanscrit *Cansha* (the object of your desire); "ompax" is *om* (amen), *pascha* (all is over). If this is correct, the words would mean, *God bless you, Amen, The ceremonies are concluded.* When a judge gave sentence by dropping his pebble into the urn of mercy or death, he said "*Pascha*" (I have done it). The noise made by the stone in falling was called *pascha* (fate), and so was the dripping noise of the clepsydra, which limited the pleader's quota of time.

Koppa. A Greek numeral = 90. (*See* **EPISEMON**.)

Korân, or, with the article, *Al-Korân* [the Reading]. The religious, social, civil, commercial, military, and legal code of Islam. It is rather remarkable that we call our Bible the *writing* (Scripture), but the Arabs call their Bible the *reading* (Korân). "We are told to believe that portions of this book were communicated to the prophet at Mecca and Medîna by the angel Gabriel, with the sound of bells.

Kor'rigans or *Corrigan*. Nine fays of Brittany, of wonderful powers. They can predict future events, assume any shape they like, move quick as thought from place to place, and cure diseases or wounds. They are not more than two feet high, have long flowing hair, which they are fond of combing, dress only with a white veil, are excellent singers, and their favourite haunt is beside some fountain. They flee at the sound of a bell or benediction. Their breath is most deadly. (*Breton mythology*.)

Koumiss or *Kumiss*. Fermented mare's milk used as a beverage by the Tartar tribes of Central Asia. A slightly alcoholic drink of a similar kind is made with great ceremony in Siberia. It consists of slightly sour cow's milk, sugar, and yeast. (*Russian, kumiss*.)

"Kumiss is still prepared from mare's milk by the Calmucks and Nogays, who, during the process of making it, keep the milk in constant agitation."—*Revelation: Herodotus*, vol. III, book IV, p. 2.

"The ceremony of making it is described at full length by Noël, in the *Dictionnaire de la Fable*, vol. I. 833-834.

Kraal. A South African village, being a collection of huts in a circular form. (*From corral*.)

Kraken. A supposed sea-monster of vast size, said to have been seen off the coast of Norway and on the North American coasts. It was first described (1750) by Pontoppidan. Pliny speaks of a sea-monster in the Straits of Gibraltar, which blocked the entrance of ships.

Kratim. The dog of the Seven Sleepers. More correctly called Katmir or Ketmir (*q.v.*).

Kremlin (*The*). A gigantic pile of buildings in Moscow of every style of architecture: Arabesque palaces, Gothic forts, Greek temples, Italian steeples, Chinese pavilions, and Cyclopean walls. It contains palaces and cathedrals, museums and barracks, arcades and shops, the Russian treasury, government offices, the ancient palace of the patriarch, a throne-room, churches, convents, etc. Built by two Italians, Marco and Pietro Antonio, for Ivan III. in 1485. There had been previously a wooden fortress on the spot. (*Russian krem, a fortress*.)

"Towers of every form, round, square, and with pointed roofs, bell-towers, domes, minarets, spires, sentry-boxes fixed on minarets, steeples of every height, style, and colour: palaces, domes, watch-towers, walls embattlemented and pierced with loop-holes, ramparts, fortifications of every description, clustered by the side of cathedrals; monuments of pride and rapine, voluptuousness, glory, and piety."—*De Castele: Russia*, chap. XXII.

* Every city in Russia has its kremlin (citadel); but that of Moscow is the most important.

Krems White takes its name from Krems in Austria, the city where it is manufactured.

Kreuzer (pron. *kroit-zer*). A small copper coin in Southern Germany, once marked with a cross. (German, *kreuz*, a cross; Latin, *crux*.)

Kriemhild (2 syl.). A beautiful Burgundian lady, daughter of Dancrat and Uta, and sister of Gunther, Gernot, and Gis'elher. She first married Siegfried, King of the Netherlands, and next Etzel, King of the Huns. Hagan, the Dane, slew her first husband, and seized all her treasures; and to revenge these wrongs she invited her brothers and Hagan to visit her in Hungary. In the first part of the *Nibelungenlied*, Kriemhild brings ruin on herself by a tattling tongue:—(1) She tells Brune-hild, Queen of Burgundy, that it is Siegfried who has taken her ring and girdle, which so incenses the queen that she prevails on Hagan to murder the Netherlander; (2) she tells Hagan that the only vulnerable part in Siegfried is between his shoulders, a hint Hagan acts on. In the second part of the great epic she is represented as bent on vengeance, and in executing her purpose, after a most terrible slaughter both of friends and foes, she is killed by Hildebrand. (See BRUNEHILD, HAGAN.)

Krish'na (*the black one*). The eighth avātara or incarnation of Vishnu. Kausa, demon-king of Mathura, having committed great ravages, Brahma complained to Vishnu, and prayed him to relieve the world of its distress; whereupon Vishnu plucked off two hairs, one white and the other black, and promised they should revenge the wrongs of the demon-king. The black hair became Krishna. (*Hindu mythology*.)

Kris Kringle. A sort of St. Nicholas (*q.v.*). On Christmas Eve Kris Kringle, arrayed in a fur cap and strange apparel, goes to the bedroom of all good children, where he finds a stocking or sock hung up in expectation of his visit, in which depository he leaves a present for the young wearer. The word means *Christ-child*, and the eve is called "Kris-Kringle Eve." (See SANTA CLAUS.)

Kri'ta. The first of the four Hindu periods contained in the great Yuga,

when the genius of Truth and Right, in the form of a bull, stood firm on his four feet, and man gained nothing by iniquity. (See KALITYUGA.)

Krupp Gun. (See GUN.)

Krupp Steel. Steel from the works of Herr Krupp, of Essen, in Prussia.

Ku-Klux-Klan (*The*). (1864-1876.) A secret society in the Southern States of America against the negro class, to intimidate, flog, mutilate, or murder those who opposed the laws of the society. In Tennessee one murder a day was committed, and if anyone attempted to bring the murderers to justice he was a marked man, and sure to be mutilated or killed. In fact, the Ku-Klux-Klan was formed on the model of the "Molly Maguires" and "Moonlighters" of Ireland. Between November, 1864, and March, 1865, the number of cases of personal violence was 400. (Greek, *kuklos*, a circle.)

Ku'dos. Praise, glory. (*Greek*)

Ku'fo. Ancient Arabic letters; so called from Kufa, a town in the pashalic of Bagdad, noted for expert copyists of the ancient Arabic MSS.

Kufic Coins. Mahometan coins with Kufic or ancient Arabic characters. The first were struck in the eighteenth year of the Heg'ira (A.D. 638).

Kumara [*youthful*]. The Hindu war-god, the same as Kārttikeya (*q.v.*). One of the most celebrated Hindu poems is the legendary history of this god. R. T. H. Griffith has translated seven cantos of it into English verse.

Kurd. A native of Kurdistan.

Kursaal. Public room at German watering-place for use of visitors.

Kuru. A noted legendary hero of India, the contests of whose descendants form the subject of two Indian epics.

Kyanise (3 syl.). To apply corrosive sublimate to timber in order to prevent the dry-rot; so called from Dr. Kyan, who invented the process in 1832. (See PAYNISING.)

Kyle, *Carrick*, and *Cunningham*. Ayrshire is divided into three parts: Kyle, a strong corn-growing soil; Carrick, a wild hilly portion, only fit for feeding cattle; and Cunningham, a rich dairy land. Hence the saying—

"Kyle for a man, Carrick for a coo [cow],
Cunningham for butter, Galloway for woo'
[wool]."

Kyrie Eleison [*Ki-ri-e E-li-s'n*]. "Lord, have mercy." The first movement of the Catholic mass. Both the music and the words are so called. In the Anglican Church, after each commandment, the response is, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law."

Kyrie Society (*The*). Founded 1878, for decorating the walls of hospitals, school-rooms, mission-rooms, cottages, etc.; for the cultivation of small open spaces, window-gardening, the love of flowers, etc.; and improving the artistic taste of the poorer classes.

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L. This letter represents an ox-goad, and is called in Hebrew *lamed* (an ox-goad).

L for fifty is half *C* (*centum*, a hundred).

L, for a pound sterling, is the Latin *libra*, a pound. With a line drawn above the letter, it stands for 50,000.

L. E. L. Letitia Elizabeth Landon (afterwards Mrs. Maclean), a poetess of the "Lara" and "Corsair" school (1802-1839).

L.L.D. Doctor of Laws—*i.e.* both civil and canon. The double *L* is the plural; thus *MSS.* is the plural of *MS.* (manuscript); pp., pages.

L.L. Whisky. Lord-Lieutenant whisky. Mr. Kinahan being requested to preserve a certain cask of whisky highly approved of by his Excellency the Duke of Richmond, marked it with the initials *L.L.*, and ever after called this particular quality *L.L. whisky*. The Duke of Richmond was Lord-Lieutenant from 1807 to 1813.

L.S. *Locis sigill*, that is, the place for the seal.

L. S. D. Latin, *libra* (a pound); *solidus* (a shilling); and *denarius* (a penny); through the Italian *lire* (2 syl.), *soldi*, *denari*. If farthings are expressed the letter *q* (*quadrans*) is employed. Introduced by the Lombard merchants, from whom also we have *Cr.* (creditor), *Dr.* (debtor), *bankrupt*, *do or ditto*, etc.

La-de-da. A yea-nay sort of a fellow, with no backbone. "*Da*," in French, means both *oui* and *non*, as

Oui-da (ay marry), *Nonni-da* (no forsooth).

"I wish that French brother of his, the Parisian *la-de-da*, was more like him, more of an American."—*A. G. Gunter: Baron Montes*, book iii. 8.

La Garde Meurt ne se Rend pas. The words falsely ascribed to General Cambronne, at the battle of Waterloo; inscribed on his monument at Nantes.

La Joyeuse. The sword of Charlemagne. (*See SWORD*.)

La Muette de Portici. Auber's best opera. Also known as *Massanello*.

La Roche (1 syl.). A Protestant clergyman, whose story is told in *The Mirror*, by Henry Mackenzie.

Lab'adists. A religious sect of the seventeenth century, so called from Jean Labadie, of Bourq in Guyenne. They were Protestant ascetics, who sought reform of morals more than reform of doctrine. They rejected the observance of all holy days, and held certain mystic notions. The sect fell to pieces early in the eighteenth century.

Labarum. The standard borne before the Roman emperors. It consisted of a gilded spear, with an eagle on the top, while from a cross-staff hung a splendid purple streamer, with a gold fringe, adorned with precious stones. Constantine substituted a crown for the eagle, and inscribed in the midst the mysterious monogram. (*See CONSTANTINE'S CROSS*.) Rich (*Antiquities*, p. 361) says "probably from the Gaulish *lab*, to raise; for Constantine was educated in Gaul." The Greek *laba* is a staff. (*See Gibbon: Decline and Fall*, etc. chap. xx.)

Labe (*Queen*). The Circe of the Arabians, who, by her enchantments, transformed men into horses and other brute beasts. She is introduced into the *Arabian Nights' Entertainments*, where Beder, Prince of Persia, marries her, defeats her plots against him, and turns her into a mare. Being restored to her proper shape by her mother, she turns Beder into an owl; but the prince ultimately regains his own proper form.

Labour of Love (*A*). Work undertaken for the love of the thing, without regard to pay.

Labourer is Worthy of his Hire. In Latin: "*Digna canis pabulo*." "The dog must be bad indeed that is not worth a bone." Hence the Moslem law, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn."

Labourers (*The Statute of*). An attempt made in 1349 to fix the rate of wages at which labourers should be compelled to work.

Lab'yrinth. A mass of buildings or garden-walks, so complicated as to puzzle strangers to extricate themselves. Said to be so called from Lab'yrin, an Egyptian monarch of the 12th dynasty. The chief labyrinths are:—

(1) The Egyptian, by Petesu'chis or Tithoes, near the Lake Moeris. It had 3,000 apartments, half of which were underground. (B.C. 1800.) *Pliny*, xxxvi. 13; and *Pomponius Mela*, i. 9.

(2) The Cretan, by Dædalos, for imprisoning the Mi'notaur. The only means of finding a way out of it was by help of a skein of thread. (See *Virgil: Æneid*, v.)

(3) The Cretan conduit, which had 1,000 branches or turnings.

(4) The Lem'nian, by the architects Zmilus, Rholus, and Theodorus. It had 150 columns, so nicely adjusted that a child could turn them. Vestiges of this labyrinth were still in existence in the time of *Pliny*.

(5) The labyrinth of Cn'sium, made by Lars Por'sena, King of Etruria, for his tomb.

(6) The Samian, by Theodorus (B.C. 540). Referred to by *Pliny*; by *Herodotus*, ii. 145; by *Strabo*, x.; and by *Diodorus Siculus*, i.

(7) The labyrinth at Woodstock, by Henry II., for the Fair Rosamond.

(8) Of mazes formed by hedges. The best known is that of Hampton Court.

Lac of Rupees. The nominal value of the Indian rupee is 2s., and a lac means 100,000. At this estimate, a lac of rupees = 200,000s. or £10,000. Its present value varies according to the market value of silver. In 1891 between 13 and 14 pence.

Lace. *I'll lace your jacket for you, beat you.* (French, *laiser*, a lash; German, *laschen*, to strike; our *lash*.)

Laced. *Tea or coffee laced with spirits*, a cup of tea or coffee qualified with brandy or whisky.

"Deacon Bearcliff . . . had his pipe, and his teacup . . . laced with a little spirits."—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Rannering*, chap. xi.

"Dandie . . . partook of a cup of tea with Mrs. Allan, just laced with two teaspoonfuls of cognac."—*Ditto*, chap. iii.

Lacedæmonian Letter (*The*). The Greek *lambda* (*iota*), the smallest of all letters. Laconic brevity. (See **LACONIC**.)

Lacedæmonians (*The*). The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. So called because in 1777 their colonel made a long harangue, under heavy fire, on the Spartan discipline and military system. (See **RED FEATHERS**.)

Lachesis [*Lak'-sis*]. The Fate who spins life's thread, working into the woof the sundry events destined to occur. Clotho held the distaff, and Atropos cut off the thread when life was to be ended. (Greek, *klôtho*, to draw thread from a distaff; *Lachesis* from *laychano*, to assign by lot; and *Atropos* = inflexible.)

Lackadaisical. Affected, pensive, sentimental, artificially tender.

Laconic. Very concise and pithy. A Spartan was called a Lacon from Laconia, the land in which he dwelt. The Spartans were noted for their brusque and sententious speech. When Philip of Macedon wrote to the Spartan magistrates, "If I enter Laconia, I will level Lacedæmon to the ground," the ephors wrote word back the single word, "If." (See above **LACEDÆMONIAN LETTER**.)

"In 1490 O'Neil wrote to O'Donnell: "Send me the tribute, or else—" To which O'Donnell replied: "I owe none, or else —"

Lacus'trine Deposits. Deposits formed at the bottom of fresh-water pools and lakes. (Latin, *lacus*, a lake.)

Lacus'trine Habitations. The remains of human dwellings of great antiquity, constructed on certain lakes in Ireland, Switzerland, etc. They seem to have been villages built on piles in the middle of a lake.

Lad o' Wax. A little boy, a doll of a man. In *Roméo and Juliet* the Nurse calls Paris "a man of wax," meaning a very "proper man." Horace speaks of the "waxen arms of Tel'ephus," meaning well modelled.

Lad'see. Alexander's messenger, noted for his swiftness of foot, mentioned by Catullus, Martial, and others. Lord Rosebery's horse *Lad'see* won the Derby in 1894.

Ladies. (See after **LADY**.)

Lad'on. One of the dogs of Actæon.

Ladon. The dragon which guarded the apples of the Hesperides.

Ladrones. The island of thieves; so called, in 1519, by Magellan.

Lady. A woman of wealth, of station, or of rank. Westegian says, "It was

anciently written Hleafdian [? hlæfdige], contracted first into Hlafly, and then into Lady. *Laf* or *Hlaf* (loaf) means food in general or bread in particular, and *dig-ian* or *dug-an*, to help, serve, or care for; whence lady means the 'bread-server.' The lord (or *loaf-ward*) supplied the food, and the lady saw that it was properly served, for the ladies used to carve and distribute the food to the guests."

Another etymology is *Hlaf-weardas* and *loaf-wardis*, where *is* stands for a female suffix like *-ina* -ine; as *Carolus*, female *Carol-ina*, or *Carol-ine*; *Joseph*, *Joseph-ina* or *Joseph-ine*; *Czar*, *Czar-ina*, etc., etc. •

Ladies retire to the drawing-room after dinner, and leave the gentlemen behind. This custom was brought in by the Norsemen. The Vikings always dismissed all women from their drinking parties. (*S. Bunbury*.) •

Ladybird, Ladyfly, Ladycow, or May-bug. The Bishop Barnaby, called in German, *Unser herrin kuh* (our Lady-fowl), *Marien-kuhn* (Mary-fowl), and *Marien Käfer* (Mary's beetle). "Cushcow Lady," as it is called in Yorkshire, is also the German *Marien-kalb* (Lady-calf), in French, *bête à Dieu*. Thus the cockchafer is called the May-bug, where the German *käfer* is rendered bug; and several of the scarabæi are called bugs, as the rose-bug, etc. (*See Bishop*.)

Lady Bountiful. The benevolent lady of a village. • The character of Lady Bountiful is from the *Beaux' Stratagem*, by Farquhar.

Lady Chapel. The small chapel east of the altar, or behind the screen of the high altar; dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Lady Day. The 25th of March, to commemorate the Annunciation of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary. There is a tradition that Adam was created on this day. Of course, this rests on Jesus being "the Second Adam," or "federal head."

Lady Isabella, the beloved daughter of a noble lord, accompanied her father and mother on a chase one day, when her step-mother requested her to return and tell the master-cook to prepare "the milk-white doe for dinner." Lady Isabella did as she was told, and the master-cook replied, "Thou art the doe that I must dress." The scullion-boy exclaimed, "O save the lady's life, and make thy pies of me;" but the master-cook heeded him not. When the lord

returned he called for his daughter, the fair Isabella, and the scullion-boy said, "If now you will your daughter see, my lord, cut up that pie." When the fond father comprehended the awful tragedy, he adjudged the cruel step-dame to be burnt alive, and the master-cook "in boiling lead to stand;" but the scullion-boy he made his heir. (*Perey: Reliques*, etc., series iii., bk. 2.)

Lady Magistrate. Lady Berkley was made by Queen Mary a justice of the peace for Gloucestershire and appointed to the quorum of Suffolk. Lady Berkley sat on the bench at assizes and sessions, girt with a sword. Tony Lumpkin says of Mr. Hardcastle—

"He'll persuade you that his mother was an alderman and his aunt a justice of the peace." - *Goldsmith: She Stoops to Conquer*.

Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, founded in 1502 by the mother of Henry VII. The year following she founded a preachship. Both in the University of Cambridge.

Lady in the Sacoque. The apparition of this hag forms the story of the *Tapestried Chamber*, by Sir Walter Scott.

An old woman, whose dress was an old-fashioned gown, which ladies call a *sacoque*; that is, a sort of robe completely loose in the body, but gathered into broad plaits up on the neck and shoulders.

Lady of England. Maud, daughter of Henry I. The title of "*Dowager Anglorum*" was conferred upon her by the Council of Winchester, held April 7th, 1141. (*Rymer: Fœdera*, i.)

Lady of Mercy (Our). An order of knighthood in Spain, instituted in 1218 by James I. of Aragon, for the deliverance of Christian captives amongst the Moors. Within the first six years, as many as 400 captives were rescued by these knights.

Lady of Shallott'. A maiden who fell in love with Sir Lancelot of the Lake, and died because her love was not returned. Tennyson has a poem on the subject; and the story of Elaine, "the lily maid of Astolat," in the *Idylls of the King*, is substantially the same. (*See ELAINE*.)

Lady of the Bleeding Heart. Ellen Douglas; so called from the cognisance of the family. (*Sir Walter Scott: Lady of the Lake*, ii. 10.)

Lady of the Broom (The). A housemaid.

"Highly disgusted at a farthing candle,

Left by the Lady of the Broom,

Named Susan . . .

Peter Pinchard: *The Diamond Pen*.

Lady of the Haystack made her appearance in 1776 at Bourton, near Bristol. She was young and beautiful, graceful, and evidently accustomed to good society. She lived for four years in a haystack; but was ultimately kept by Mrs. Hannah More in an asylum, and died suddenly in December, 1801. Mrs. More called her Louisa; but she was probably a Mademoiselle La Frûlen, natural daughter of Francis Joseph I., Emperor of Austria. (See *World of Wonders*, p. 134.)

Lady of the Lake. Vivien, mistress of Merlin, the enchanter, who lived in the midst of an imaginary lake, surrounded by knights and damsels. Tennyson, in the *Idylls of the King*, tells the story of Vivien and Merlin. (See LANCELOT.)

Lady of the Lake. Ellen Douglas, who lived with her father near Loch Katrine. (Sir Walter Scott: *The Lady of the Lake*.)

Lady of the Rock (Our). A miraculous image of the Virgin found by the wayside between Salamanca and Ciudad Rodrigo in 1409.

Ladies' Mile (The). That part of Hyde Park which is most frequented by ladies on horseback or in carriages.

Ladies' Plate (The), in races, is not a race for a prize subscribed for by ladies, but a race run for by women.

"On the Monday succeeding St. Wilfred's Sunday, there were for many years at Roger's Common [a race] called the Lady's Plate, of £15 value, for horses, etc., ridden by women."—*Sporting Magazine*, Vol. XX., New Series, p. 267.

Ladies' Smocks. Garden cress, botanically called *Cardamine*, a diminutive of the Greek *kardamon*, called in Latin *nasturtium*, sometimes called Nose-smart (*Kara-damon*, head-afflicting); so *nasturtium* is *Nasi-tortium* (nose-twisting), called so in consequence of its pungency.

"When ladies' smocks of silver white,
Do paint the meadows with delight."

Called Ladies' smocks because the flowers resemble linen exposed to whiten on the grass—"when maidens bleach their summer smocks." There is, however, a purple tint which mars its perfect whiteness. Another name of the plant is "Cuckoo-flower," because it comes into flower when the cuckoo sings.

Ladies and Gentlemen. Till 1808 public speakers began their addresses with "gentlemen and ladies;" but since then the order has been reversed.

Læding. The strongest chain that had hitherto been made. It was forged by Asa Thor to bind the wolf Fenrir with; but the wolf snapped it as if it had been made of tow. Fenrir was then bound with the chain Dromi, much stronger than Læding, but the beast snapped it instantly with equal ease. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Lælapa. A very powerful dog given by Diana to Procris; Procris gave it to Cephalos. While pursuing a wild boar it was metamorphosed into a stone. (See DOGS, *Actæon's fifty dogs*.)

Laertes (3 syl.). Son of Polo'nus and brother of Ophelia. He kills Hamlet with a poisoned rapier, and dies himself from a wound by the same foil. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*.)

Lætare Sunday. The fourth Sunday in Lent is so called from the first word of the Introit, which is from Isa. lvi. 10: "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her all ye that love her." It is on this day that the pope blesses the Golden Rose.

Lagado. Capital of Balnibarbi, celebrated for its grand academy of projectors, where the scholars spend their time in such useful projects as making pincushions from softened rocks, extracting sunbeams from cucumbers, and converting ice into gunpowder. (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels, Voyage to Laputa*.)

Lager Beer. A light German beer. Lager means a "storehouse," and lager beer means beer stored for ripening before being used.

Laird (Scotch). A landed proprietor.

Lagoon. A shallow lake near river or sea, due to infiltration or overflow of water from the larger body.

Lais. A courtesan or Greek Hetaira. There were two of the name: the elder was the most beautiful woman of Corinth, and lived at the time of the Peloponnesian War. The beauty of the latter excited the jealousy of the Thessalonian women, who pricked her to death with their bodkins. She was contemporary with Phryne (2 syl.), her rival, and sat to Apelles as a model.

Laissez Faire, Laissez Passer. Lord John Russell said: "Colbert, with the intention of fostering the manufactures of France, established regulations limiting the webs woven in looms to a particular size. He also prohibited the introduction of foreign manufactures."

Then the French vine-growers, finding they could no longer get rid of their wine, began to grumble. When Colbert asked a merchant what relief he could give, he received for answer, '*Laissez faire, laissez passer*;' that is to say, Don't interfere with our mode of manufactures, and don't stop the introduction of foreign imports."

The laissez-faire system. The let-alone system.

Lake School (*The*). The school of poetry introduced by the Lake poets Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Southey, who resided in the Lake district of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and sought inspiration in the simplicity of nature. The name was first applied in derision by the *Edinburgh Review* to the class of poets who followed the above-named trio.

N.B. Charles Lamb, Lloyd, and Professor William (Christopher North) are sometimes placed among the "Lakers."

Laked'on or **Laquedem** (*Isaac*). The name given in France, in the fourteenth century, to the Wandering Jew.

Lakin. *By'r Lakin*. An oath, meaning "By our Lady-kin," or Little Lady, where little does not refer to size, but is equivalent to *dear*.

"By'r Lakin, a various [perilous] fear"—*Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream*, iii. 1.

Lakshmi or **Lakshmi**. One of the consorts of Vishnu; she is goddess of beauty, wealth, and pleasure. (*Hindu mythology*.)

Lalla Rookh [*tulip cheek*] is the supposed daughter of Au-rung-ze-be, Emperor of Delhi, betrothed to Al'iris, Sultan of Lesser Buchar'ia. On her journey from Delhi to the valley of Cashmere, she is entertained by a young Persian poet named Fer'amorz, who is supposed to relate the four poetical tales of the romance, and with whom she falls in love. (*Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh*.) (See FERAMORZ.)

Lama, among the Mongols, means the priestly order. Hence the religion of the Mongols and Calmucs is termed Lamaism. The Grand Lamas wear yellow caps, the subordinate Lamas red caps. (See GRAND LAMA.)

Lamaism [*Tibetan, Dharma*, spiritual teacher]. The religion of Tibet and Mongolia, which is Buddhism corrupted by Sivaism and spirit-worship.

Lamb. In Christian art, an emblem of the Redeemer, called the "Lamb of God." It is also the attribute of St.

Agnes, St. Geneviève, St. Catherine, and St. Regina. John the Baptist either carries a lamb or is accompanied by one. It is also introduced symbolically to represent any of the "types" of Christ; as Abraham, Moses, and so on.

Lamb (*The Vegetable*) or *Tartarian lamb*: technically called *Polypodium Barometz*. It is a Chinese fern with a decumbent root, covered with a soft, dense yellow wool. Sir Hans Sloane, who calls it the Tartarian lamb, has given a print of it; and Dr. Hunter has given a print which makes its resemblance to a lamb still more striking. The down is used in India for staunching hæmorrhage.

"Rooted in earth each cloven hoof descend,
And round and round her flexible neck she bends;
Grows the grey coral moss, and heavy thyme,
Or lays with rose tongue the melting rime;
Eyes with mute tenderness her distant dam,
And seems to bleat, a Vegetable Lamb,"
Darwin: Loves of the Plants, 283, etc.

Lamb. *Cold lamb*. A schoolboy's joke. Setting a boy on a cold marble or stone hearth. Horace (*Sat.* i. 5, 22) has "*Polare lumbos*," which may have suggested the pun.

Lamb-pie. A flogging. Lamb is a pun on the Latin verb *lumbo* (to lick), and the word "lick" has been perverted to mean flog (see LICK); or it may be the old Norse *lam* (the hand), meaning hand- or slap-pie. (See LAMMING.)

Lamb's Conduit Street (*London*). Stow says, "One William Lamb, citizen and clothworker, born at Sutton Valence, Kent, did found near unto Oldbourne a faire conduit and standard; from this conduit, water clear as crystal was conveyed in pipes to a conduit on Snow Hill" (26th March, 1577). The conduit was taken down in 1746.

Lamb's Wool. A beverage consisting of the juice of apples roasted over spiced ale. A great day for this drink was the feast of the apple-gathering, called in Irish *la mas ubhal*, pronounced "lammas ool," and corrupted into "lamb's wool."

"The pulpe of the roasted apples, in number foure or five . . . mixed in a wine quart of faire water, laboured together untill it come to be as apples and ale, which we call lambes wool."—*Johnson's Gerard*, p. 140.

Lambert's Day (*St.*), September 17th. St. Laudebert or Lambert, a native of Maestricht, lived in the seventh century.

"Be ready, as your lives shall answer it,
At Coventry, upon St. Lambert's Day,"
Shakespeare: Richard III., i. 1.

Lambro was the father of Huidée. Major Lambro, the prototype, was head of the Russian piratical squadron in 1791. He contrived to escape when the rest were seized by the Algerines on the island of Zia. (*Byron: Don Juan*, iii. 26.)

Lame Duck (*A*), in Stock Exchange parlance, means a member of the Stock Exchange who waddles off on settlement day without settling his account. All such defaulters are black-boarded and struck off the list. Sometimes it is used for one who cannot pay his debts, one who trades without money.

"Pit . . . gambled and lost:
But who must answer for the cost?
Not he, indeed! A duck confounded lame
Not unattended waddling . . ."
Peter Plunder: Froh Impudendum.

Lame King. A Grecian oracle had told Sparta to "Beware of a lame king." Agesilaos was lame, and during his reign Sparta lost her supremacy.

Lame Vicegerent (in *Hudibras*). Richard Cromwell.

Lamerook (*Sir*), of Wales. A knight of the Round Table, son of Sir Pellinore, and brother of Sir Percival. He had an amour with his own aunt, the wife of King Lote. Strange that of all the famous knights of the Round Table, Sir Caradoc and Sir Galahad were the only ones who were continent.

Lamia. A female phantom, whose name was used by the Greeks and Romans as a bugbear to children. She was a Lib'yan queen beloved by Jupiter, but robbed of her offspring by the jealous Juno; and in consequence she vowed vengeance against all children, whom she delighted to entice and murder. (*See FAIRY.*)

"Kents has a poem so called. His Lamia is a serpent who assumed the form of a beautiful woman, was beloved by a young man and got a soul. The tale was drawn from Philostratus."—*De Vita Apollonii*, book iv., introduced by Burton in his *Anatomy of Melancholy*.

Lammas. At latter Lammas—i.e. never. (*See NEVER.*)

Lammas Day (August 1st) means the loaf-mass day. The day of first-fruit offerings, when a loaf was given to the priests in lieu of the first-fruits. (Saxon, *hlam-mæsse*, for *hlaf-mæsse dæg*.)

August 1 Old Style, August 12 New Style.

Lammas-tide. Lammas time, or the season when lammas occurs.

Lammer Beads. Amber beads, once used as charms. (French, *Pambres*; Teutonic, *lamertyn-stein*.)

Lammermoor. (*See EDGAR, LUCIA.*)

Lamming (*A*). A beating. (*See LAMB-PIE.*)

Lammainin, Lamkin, Linkin, or Bold Rakin. A Scottish ogre, represented in the ballad as a bloodthirsty mason; the terror of the Scotch nursery.

Lam'ourette's Kiss. On July 7th, 1792, the Abbé Lamourette induced the different factions of the Legislative Assembly of France to lay aside their differences; so the deputies of the Royalists, Constitutionalists, Girondists, Jacobins, and Orleanists rushed into each other's arms, and the king was sent for to see "how these Christians loved one another;" but the reconciliation was hollow and unsound. The term is now used for a reconciliation of policy without abatement of rancour.

Lamp. To smell of the lamp. To bear the marks of great study, but not enough laboured to conceal the marks of labour. The phrase was first applied to the orations of Demosthenes, written by lamp-light with enormous care.

Lamp of Heaven (*The*). The moon. Milton calls the stars "lamps."

"Why shouldst thou . . .
In thy dark lantern thus close up the stars,
That Nature hung in heaven, and filled their
lamps
With everlasting oil, to give due light
To the misled and lonely traveller?"
Comus, xco-204.

Lamp of Phœbus (*The*). The sun. Phœbus is the mythological personification of the sun.

Lamp of the Law (*The*). Imerius the German was so called, who first lectured on the Pandects of Justinian after their discovery at Amalphi in 1137.

Lamps. The seven lamps of sleep. In the mansion of the Knight of the Black Castle were seven lamps, which could be quenched only with water from an enchanted fountain. So long as these lamps kept burning, everyone within the room fell into a deep sleep, from which nothing could rouse them till the lamps were extinguished. (*See ROSANA.*) (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, ii. 8.)

Sepulchral lamps. The Romans are said to have preserved lamps in some of their sepulchres for centuries. In the papacy of Paul III. one of these lamps was found in the tomb of Tullia (Cicero's daughter), which had been shut up for 1,560 years. At the dissolution of the monasteries a lamp was found which is said to have been burning 1,200 years. Two are preserved in Leyden museum.

Lampad'ion. The received name of a lively, petulant courtesan, in the later Greek comedy.

Lampoon. Sir Walter Scott says, "These personal and scandalous libels, carried to excess in the reign of Charles II., acquired the name of lampoons from the burden sung to them: 'Lampone, lampone, camarada lampone'—Guzzler, guzzler, my fellow guzzler." (French, *lamper*, to guzzle.) Sir Walter obtained his information from Trevoux.

Lampos and Pha'eton. The two steeds of Auro'ra. One of Actæon's dogs was called Lampos.

Lancashire Lads or "**The Lancashire.**" The 47th Foot. Now called the First Battalion of the North Lancashire Regiment.

Lancaster. The camp-town on the river Lune.

Lancaster Gun. A species of rifled cannon with elliptical bore; so called from Mr. Lancaster, its inventor.

Lancasterian (A). One who pursues the system of Joseph Lancaster (1778-1838) in schools. By this system the higher classes taught the lower.

Lancastrian (A). An adherent of the Lancastrian line of kings, as opposed to the Yorkists. One of the Lancastrian kings (Henry IV., V., VI.).

Lance (1 syl.)* in Christian art, is an attribute of St. Matthew and St. Thomas, the apostles; also of St. Longinus, St. George, St. Adalbert, St. Oswin, St. Barbara, St. Michael, St. Domestrius, and several others.

Astolpho had a lance of gold that with enchanted force dismounted everyone it touched. (*Orlando Furioso*, bk. ix.)

A free-lance. One who acts on his own judgment, and not from party motives. The reference is to the Free Companies of the Middle Ages, called in Italy *condottieri*, and in France *Compagnies Grandes*, which were free to act as they liked, and were not servants of the Crown or of any other potentate. It must be confessed, however, that they were willing to sell themselves to any master and any cause, good or bad.

Lance-Corporal and **Lance-Sergeant.** One from the ranks temporarily acting as corporal or sergeant. In the Middle Ages a *lance* meant a soldier.

Lance-Knight. A foot-soldier; a corruption of *lanquenet* or *lancequenet*, a German foot-soldier.

Lance of the Ladies. At the termination of every joust a course was run "*pour les dames*," and called the "Lance of the Ladies."

Lancelot (Sir). "The chief of knights" and "darling of the court." Elaine, the lily of Astolat, fell in love with him, but he returned not her love, and she died. (See ELAINE.) (*Tennyson: Idylls of the King; Elaine.*)

Lancelot or **Launcelot Gobbo.** Shylock's servant, famous for his soliloquy whether or not he should run away from his master. (*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice.*)

Lancelot du Lac. One of the earliest romances of the "Round Table" (1494). Sir Lancelot was the son of King Ban of Benwicke, but was stolen in infancy by Vivienne, called "*La Dame du Lac*," who dwelt "*en la marche de la petite Bretagne*;" she plunged with the babe into the lake, and when her protégé was grown into man's estate, presented him to King Arthur. The lake referred to was a sort of enchanted delusion to conceal her demesnes. Hence the cognomen of *du Lac* given to the knight. Sir Lancelot goes in search of the Grail or holy cup brought to Britain by Joseph of Arimathea, and twice caught sight of it. (See GRAIL.) Though always represented in the Arthurian romances as the model of chivalry, Sir Lancelot was the adulterous lover of Guinevere, wife of King Arthur, his friend. At the close of his life the adulterous knight became a hermit, and died in the odour of sanctity.

Sir Lancelot is meant for a model of fidelity, bravery, frailty in love, and repentance; Sir Galahad of chastity; Sir Gawain of courtesy; Sir Kay of a rude, boastful knight; and Sir Mordred of treachery.

Sir Lancelot du Lac and Tarquin. Sir Lancelot, seeking some adventure, met a lady who requested him to deliver certain Knights of the Round Table from the power of Tarquin. Coming to a river, he saw a copper basin suspended to a tree, and struck at it so hard that the basin broke. This brought out Tarquin, when a furious encounter took place, in which Tarquin was slain, and Sir Lancelot liberated from durance "threescore knights and four, all of the Table Round." (*Percy: Reliques*, etc., bk. ii. series 1.)

Lancelot of the Laik. A Scottish metrical romance, taken from the French roman called *Lancelot du Lac*. Galiot, a neighbouring king, invades Arthur's

territory, and captures the castle of Lady Melynhall among others. Sir Lancelot goes to chastise Galiot, sees Queen Guinevere and falls in love with her. Sir Gawayne is wounded in the war, and Sir Lancelot taken prisoner. In the French romance, Sir Lancelot makes Galiot submit to Arthur, but the Scotch romance terminates with the capture of the knight.

Lancers (The). The dance so called was introduced into Paris in 1836. It is in imitation of a military dance in which men used lances.

Land. See *how the land lies*. See what we have to do; see in what state matters are. See in what state the land is that we have to travel or pass over, or in what direction we must go. Joshua sent spies (ii. 1) "to view the land" before he attempted to pass the Jordan.

"Put your blankets down there, boys, and turn in. You'll see how the land lies to the morning."
—*Baldernood: Robbery under Arms*, ch. xi.

Land-damn. A corruption of *landan* (to rate or reprove severely). According to Dean Millos the word is still used in Gloucestershire.

"You are abused . . . would I knew the villain, I would land-damn him!"—*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale*, ii. 1.

Land-loupers. Persons who fly the country for crime or debt. Louper, loper, loafer, and luffer are varieties of the German *läufer*, a vagrant, a runner.

Land-lubber. An awkward or inexperienced sailor on board ship. (Lubber, the Welsh *llob*, a dunce.)

Land of Beulah (Isa. lxii. 4). In *Pilgrim's Progress* it is that land of heavenly joy where the pilgrims tarry till they are summoned to enter the Celestial City; the Paradise before the resurrection.

Land of Bondage. Egypt was so called by the Jews, who were bondsmen there to the Pharaohs "who knew not Joseph."

Land of Cakes. Scotland, famous for its oatmeal cakes.

Land of Myrrh. Azab or Saba.

Land of Nod (The). To go to the land of Nod is to go to bed. There are many similar puns, and more in French than in English. Of course, the reference is to Gen. iv. 16, "Cain went . . . and dwelt in the land of Nod;" but where the land of Nod is or was nobody knows. In fact, "Nod" means a vagrant or vagabond, and when Cain

was driven out he lived "a vagrant life," with no fixed abode, till he built his "city." (See *NEEDHAM*.)

Land of Promise. Canaan, the land which God promised to give to Abraham for his obedience.

Land of Shadows (*Gone to the*). Fallen asleep. Shadows = dreams, or shadows of realities.

Land of Stars and Stripes (The). The United States of America. The reference is to their national flag.

Land o' the Leal (The). The Scotch Dixey Land (*q.v.*). An hypothetical land of happiness, loyalty, and virtue. Caroline Oliphant, Baroness Nairne, meant *heaven* in her exquisite song so called, and this is now its accepted meaning. (Leal = faithful, and "Land of the Leal" means the Land of the faithful.)

Landau. A four-wheeled carriage, the top of which may be thrown back; invented at Landau, in Germany.

Landey da. (See *RAVEN*.)

Landière (French, 3 syl.). A booth in a fair; so called from *Le Landit*, a famous fair at one time held at St. Denis. *Landit* means a small present such as one receives from a fair.

"Il chambadott, il faisoit le badin;
Onq'on ne vit ung plus parfait landin."
Bourdigné: Légende, c. iii.

"Mercure avec d'arides mains . . .
Met impôt et taxes nouvelles . . .
Sur les landis, sur les garennes . . ."

L. Chambloury: Le Voyage de Mercure, bk. iii., p. 51 (1653).

Landscape (*l*) is a land picture. (Anglo-Saxon *landscipe*, verb *scap-an*, to shape, to give a form or picture of.)

Father of landscape gardening. A. Lenotre (1613-1700).

Lane. No evil thing that walks by night, blue meagre hag, or stubborn un-laid ghost, no goblin, or smart fairy of the mine, has power to cross a lane; once in a lane, the spirit of evil is in a fix. The reason is obvious: a lane is a spur from a main road, and therefore forms with it a sort of T, quite near enough to the shape of a cross to arrest such simple folk of the unseen world as care to trouble the peaceful inmates of the world we live in.

Lane. 'Tis a long lane that has no turning. Every calamity has an ending. The darkest day, stop till to-morrow, will have passed away.

"Hope peeps from a cloud on our squad,
Whose beams have been long in deep mourning."
'Tis a lane, let me tell you, my lad,
Very long that has never a turning."

Peter Pindar: Great Cry and Little Weal, epist. 1.

Lane (*The*) and *The Garden*. A short way of saying "Drury Lane" and "Covent Garden," which are two theatres in London.

Lane, of King's Bromley Manor, Staffordshire, bears in a canton "the Arms of England." This honour was granted to Colonel John Lane, for conducting Charles II. to his father's seat after the battle of Worcester. (*See next paragraph*.)

Jane Lane, daughter of Thomas and sister of Colonel John. To save the King after the battle of Worcester, she rode behind him from Bentley, in Staffordshire, the ancient seat of the Lanes, to the house of her cousin, Mrs. Norton, near Bristol. For this act of loyalty the king granted the family to have the following crest: A strawberry-roan horse saliant (couped at the flank), bridled, bitted, and garnished, supporting between its feet a royal crown proper; motto, *Garde le Roy*.

Lanfu'sa's Son. (*See* FERRAU.)

Lang Syne (*Scotch*, long since). In the olden time, in days gone by.

"There was muckle fighting about the place lang-syne."—*Scott: Guy Rannering*, chap. xi.

The song called *Auld Lang Syne*, usually attributed to Robert Burns, was not composed by him, for he says expressly in a letter to Thomson, "It is the old song of the olden times, which has never been in print. . . . I took it down from an old man's singing." In another letter he says, "Light be the turf on the heaven-inspired poet who composed this glorious fragment." Nothing whatever is known of the author of the words; the composer is wholly unknown.

Langbourn Ward (*London*). So called from the long bourn or rivulet of sweet water which formerly broke out of a spring near Magpye Alley. This bourn gives its name to Shagebourne or Southbourne Lane.

Langstaff (*Lancetot*). The name under which *Salmagundi* was published, the real authors being Washington Irving, William Irving, and J. K. Paulding.

Language. The primeval language. Psammetichos, an Egyptian king, entrusted two new-born infants to a shepherd, with strict charge that they were never to hear any one utter a word. These children were afterwards brought before the king and uttered the word *bekos* (baked bread). The same experiment was tried by Frederick II. of

Sweden, James IV. of Scotland, and one of the Mogul emperors of India.

James IV., in the 15th century, shut up two infant children in the Isle of Inchkeith, with a dumb attendant to wait on them.

The three primitive languages. The Persians say that Arabic, Persian, and Turkish are three primitive languages. The serpent that seduced Eve spoke Arabic, the most suasive language in the world; Adam and Eve spoke Persian, the most poetic of all languages; and the angel Gabriel spoke Turkish, the most menacing of all languages. (*Chardin*.)

"Language given to men to conceal their thoughts," is by Montrond, but is generally fathered on Talleyrand.

Characteristics of European languages:

L'Italien se parle aux dames.

Le Français se parle aux hommes.

L'Anglais se parle aux oiseaux.

L'Allemand se parle aux chevaux.

L'Espagnol se parle à Dieu.

"English, according to the French notion, is both singsong and sibilant.

Charles Quint used to say, "I speak German to my horses, Spanish to my God, French to my friends, and Italian to my mistresses."

Langue d'Oc. The Provençal branch of the Gallo-Romaic idiom; so called from their *oc* (yes).

Langue d'Oïl. Walloon or Germanised Gallo-Romaic; so called from their pronouncing our *yes* as *oïl* (o-e). These Gauls lived north of the Loire; the Provençals dwelt south of that river.

Languish (*Lydia*). A young lady of romantic notions in *The Rivals*, a play by Sheridan.

Lantern. In Christian art, the attribute of St. Gudule and St. Hugh.

The fiast of lanterns. Tradition says that the daughter of a famous mandarin, walking alone by a lake one evening, fell in. The father called together his neighbours, and all went with lanterns to look for her, and happily she was rescued. In commemoration thereof an annual festival was held on the spot, and grow in time to the celebrated "feast of lanterns." (*Present State of China*.)

A la lanterne. Hang him with the lantern or lamp ropes. A cry and custom introduced in the French revolution.

Lantern Jaws. Cheeks so thin that one may see daylight through them, as light shows through the horn of a lantern. In French, "*un visage si maigre que si on mettait une bougie allumée dans*

la bouche, la lumière paraissait au travers des joues."

Lantern-jawed. Having lantern-jaws.

Lantern-Land. The land of literary charlatans, whose inhabitants are graduates in arts, doctors, professors, prelates, and so on. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, v. 33.) (See CITY OF LANTERNS.)

Lanterns. Authors, literary men, and other inmates of Lantern-land (*q.v.*). Rabelais so calls the prelates and divines of the Council of Trent, who wasted the time in great displays of learning, to little profit; hence "lanternise" (*q.v.*).

Lanternise. Spending one's time in learned trifles; darkening counsel by words; mystifying the more by attempting to unravel mysteries; putting truths into a lantern through which, at best, we see but darkly. When monks bring their hoods over their faces "to meditate," they are said by the French to lanternise, because they look like the tops of lanterns; but the result of their meditations is that of a "brown study," or "fog of sleepy thought." (See *above*.)

Laoceon [*La-ok'-o-on*]. A son of Priam, famous for the tragic fate of himself and his two sons, who were crushed to death by serpents. The group representing these three in their death agony, now in the Vatican, was discovered in 1506, on the Esquiline Hill (Rome). It is a single block of marble, and was the work of Agesander of Rhodes and two other sculptors. Thomson has described the group in his *Liberty*, pt. iv. (*Virgil: Æneid*, ii. 40 etc., 212 etc.)

"The miserable sire,
Wrapp'd with his sons in Fate's severest grasp."

Laodamia. The wife of Protesilaos, who was slain before Troy. She begged to be allowed to converse with her dead husband for only three hours, and her request was granted; when the respite was over, she accompanied the dead hero to the shades of death. Wordsworth has a poem on the subject.

Laodicean. One indifferent to religion, caring little or nothing about the matter, like the Christians of that church, mentioned in the Book of Revelation (chapter iii. 14-18).

Lapet (Mons.). The beau-ideal of poltroonery. He would think the world out of joint if no one gave him a tweak of the nose or lug of the ear. (*Beau-mont and Fletcher: Nice Valor, or the Passionate Madman*.)

Mons. Lapet was the author of a hook on the punctuation of duelling.

Lap'ithæ. A people of Thessaly, noted for their defeat of the Centaurs. The subject of this contest was represented on the Parthénon, the Theseum at Athens, the Temple of Apollo at Bassæ, and on numberless vases. Raphael painted a picture of the same subject. (*Classic mythology*.)

Lapping Water. When Gideon's army was too numerous, the men were taken to a stream to drink, and 300 of them lapped water with their tongue; all the rest supped it up (*Judg. vii. 4-7*). All carnivorous animals lap water like dogs, all herbivorous animals suck it up like horses. The presumption is that the lappers of water partook of the carnivorous character, and were more fit for military exploits. No doubt those who fell on their knees to drink exposed themselves to danger far more than those who stood on their feet and lapped water from their hands.

Laprel. The rabbit, in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*. (French, *lapin*, rabbit.)

Lapsus Lingue (Latin). A slip of the tongue, a mistake in uttering a word, an imprudent word inadvertently spoken.

We have also adopted the Latin phrases *lapsus calami* (a slip of the pen), and *lapsus memoriæ* (a slip of the memory).

Laputa. The flying island inhabited by scientific quacks, and visited by Gulliver in his "travels." These dreamy philosophers were so absorbed in their speculations that they employed attendants called "flappers," to flap them on the mouth and ears with a blown bladder when their attention was to be called off from "high things" to vulgar mundane matters. (*Swift*.)

"Realising in a manner the dreams of Laputa, and endeavoring to extract salsaparilla from cucumbers."—*DeQuincy*.

Lapwing (The). Shakespeare refers to two peculiarities of this bird; (1) to allure persons from its nest, it flies away and cries loudest when farthest from its nest; and (2) the young birds run from their shells with part thereof still sticking to their head.

"Far from her nest the lapwing cries away."
Comedy of Errors, iv. 2.

"This lapwing runs away with the shell on his head."—*Hamlet*, i. 2.

Lar Familiaris (plu. *Lares familiares*). The familiar lar was the spirit of the founder of the house, which never left it, but accompanied his descendants in all their changes. (See *LARES*.)

Lara. The name assumed by Lord Conrad, the Corsair, after the death of Medora. He returned to his native land, and was one day recognised by Sir Ezzelin at the table of Lord Otho. Ezzelin charged him home, and a duel was arranged for the day following; but Ezzelin was never heard of more. In time Lara headed a rebellion, and was shot by Lord Otho, the leader of the other party. (Byron: *Lara*.) (See CONRAD.)

The seven infants of Lara. Gonzales Gustios de Salas de Lara, a Castilian hero of the eleventh century, had seven sons. His brother, Rodri'go Velasquez, married a Moorish lady, and these seven nephews were invited to the feast. A fray took place in which one of the seven slew a Moor, and the bride demanded vengeance. Rodri'go, to please his bride, waylaid his brother Gonzales, and kept him in durance in a dungeon of Cordova, and the seven boys were betrayed into a ravine, where they were cruelly murdered. While in the dungeon, Zaida, daughter of the Moorish king, fell in love with Gonzales, and became the mother of Mudarra, who avenged the death of Lara's seven sons by slaying Rodri'go.

Larboard, now called *port* (q.v.). (Starboard is from Anglo-Saxon *steorubord*, the steer-board, or right side of a ship.) Larboard is the French *à bâbord*, the left-hand side of a ship looking towards the prow; Anglo-Saxon *bæc-bord*.

"She gave a heel, and then a lurch to port.
And going down head foremost—sunk in short."
Byron: *Don Juan* (The Shipwreck).

"To give a heel" is to sway over on one side. Here it means a heel to the starboard side.

Larceny. Petty theft, means really the peculations and thefts of a mercenary. (Greek *latron*, hire [*latris*, a hireling]; Latin *latro*, a mercenary, whence *latrocinium*; French, *larcin*.)

Larder. A place for keeping lard or bacon. This shows that swine were the chief animals salted and preserved in olden times. (Latin, *lardum*, lard.)

The Douglas Larder. The English garrison and all its provisions in Douglas castle massed together by good Lord James Douglas, in 1307.

"He caused all the barrels containing flour, meat, wheat, and malt to be knocked in pieces, and their contents mixed on the floor; then he staved the great hocksheds of wine and ale, and mixed the liquor with the stores; and last of all, he killed the prisoners, and flung the dead bodies among this disgusting heap, which his men called, in derision of the English, 'The Douglas Larder.'"
—Sir Walter Scott: *Tales of a Grandfather*, 12.

Wallace's Larder is very similar. It consisted of the dead bodies of the garrison of Ardrossan, in Ayrshire, cast into the dungeon keep. The castle was surprised by Wallace in the reign of Edward I.

Lares. The Etruscan *lar* (lord or hero). Among the Romans *lares* were either domestic or public. Domestic lares were the souls of virtuous ancestors exalted to the rank of protectors. Public lares were the protectors of roads and streets. Domestic lares were images, like dogs, set behind the "hall" door, or in the *lararium* or shrine. Wicked souls became *lemures* or ghosts that made night hideous. *Pena'tes* were the natural powers personified, and their office was to bring wealth and plenty, rather than to protect and avert danger. (See FAIRY.)

Large. To sail *large* is to sail on a large wind—i.e. with the wind not straight astern, but what sailors call "abaft the beam."

Set at *large*, i.e. at liberty. It is a French phrase; *prendre le large* is to stand out at sea, or occupy the main ocean, so as to be free to move. Similarly, to be set at *large* is to be placed free in the wide world.

Larigot. *Boire à tire larigot.* To tope, to bouse. *Larigot* is a corruption of "*l'arigot*" (a limb), and *boire à tire l'arigot* means simply "to drink with all your might," as *jouer de l'arigot* means "to play your best"—i.e. "with all your power." It is absurd to derive the word *larigot* from "*la Rigaud*," according to Noel Taillepied, who says (*Rouen*, xlv.): "Au xiii. siècle, l'archevêque Eudes Rigaud fit présent à la ville de Rouen d'une cloche à laquelle resta son nom. Cette cloche était d'une grandeur et d'une grosseur, telles que ceux qui la mettaient en mouvement ne manquaient pas de boire abondamment pour reprendre des forces. De là l'habitude de comparer ceux qui buvaient beaucoup aux sonneurs chargés de *tirer la Rigaud*," i.e. the bell so called.

Lark. A spree; a corruption of the Anglo-Saxon *lác* (play, fun). (See SKYLARK.)

Larks. *When the sky falls we shall catch larks.* A way of stating to a person that his scheme or proposal is absurd or ridiculous.

French: "Si le ciel tombait, il y aurait bien des alouettes."

Latin: "Quid, si cœli ad illos, qui alunt, quid sit nunc cœlii ruit?"

Terence: *Heautontimorumenos*, iv. 2; verse 41

Larry Dugan's Eye-water. Blacking; so called from Larry Dugan, a noted shoeblack of Dublin, whose face was always smudged with his blacking.

Lars. The overking of the ancient Etruscans, like the Welsh "pendragon." A satrap, or under-king, was a *lucumo*. Thus the king of Prussia is the German *lars*, and the king of Bavaria is a *lucumo*.

There be thirty chosen prophets,
The wisest of the land,
Who always by Lars Por'sena,
Both morn and evening stand."
Macaulay: Lays of Ancient Rome,
(Horatius, ix.)

Larvæ. Mischievous spectres. The larva or ghost of Caligula was often seen (according to Suetonius) in his palace.

Lascar. A native East Indian sailor in the British service. The natives of the East Indies call camp-followers *lascars*. (Hindu, *lash-kar*, a soldier.)

Last. (Anglo-Saxon *lást*, a footstep, a shoemaker's last.) *The cobbler should stick to his last* ("No sutor ultra crepidam"). Apelles having executed a famous painting, exposed it to public view, when a cobbler found fault because the painter had made too few latches to the gosholoes. Apelles amended the fault, and set out his picture again. Next day the cobbler complained of the legs, when Apelles retorted, "Keep to the shop, friend, but do not attempt to criticise what you do not understand." (See *Wigs*.)

Last Man (*The*). Charles I. was so called by the Parliamentarians, meaning that he would be the last king of Great Britain. His son, Charles II., was called *The Son of the Last Man*.

Last Man. A weirdly grotesque poem by Thomas Hood.

"So there he hung, and there I stood,
The last man left alive."

Last Words. (See DYING SAYINGS.)

Last of the Fathers. St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux. (1091-1153.)

Last of the Goths. Roderick, who reigned in Spain from 414 to 711. Southey has an historic tale in blank verse on this subject.

Last of the Greeks. Philopœmen of Arcadia. (p.c. 253-183.)

Last of the Knights. (See KNIGHTS.)

Last of the Mo'icans. The Indian chief, Uncas, is so called by Cooper, in his novel of that title.

Last of the Romans.

Marcus Junius Brutus, one of the murderers of Cæsar. (B.C. 85-42.)

Caius Cassius Longinus, so called by Brutus. (Died B.C. 42.)

Stilicho, the Roman general under Theodosius. (*The Nineteenth Century*, September, 1892.)

Aëtius, a general who defended the Gauls against the Franks and other barbarians, and defeated Attila in the Champs Catalauniques, near Châlons, in 451. So called by Procopius.

François Joseph Terasse Desbillons; so called from the elegance and purity of his Latin. (1751-1789.)

Pope calls Congreve *Ultimus Romanorum*. (1670-1729.) (See *ULTIMUS*.)

Last of the Tribunes (*The*). Cola di Rienzi (1314-1354). Lord Lytton has a novel so called.

Last of the Troubadours. Jacques Jasmin, of Gascony (1798-1864).

Lat (*El*). A female idol made of stone, and said to be inspired with life; the chief object of adoration by the Arabs before their conversion.

Lat, at Somanat in India, was a single stone fifty fathoms high, placed in the midst of a temple supported by fifty-six pillars of massive gold. This idol was broken in pieces by Mahmood Ibn-Sabuktigean, who conquered that part of India. The granite Lat, facing a Jain temple at Mudubidery, near Mangalore, in India, is fifty-two feet high.

"The granite lat of Mudubidery, in India, is fifty-two feet high."

Lateran. The ancient palace of the Laterani, given by the Emperor Constantine to the popes. Lateran, from *lateo*, to hide, and *rana*, a frog. It is said that Nero . . . on one occasion vomited a frog covered with blood, which he believed to be his own progeny, and had it hidden in a vault. The palace which was built on the site of this vault was called the "Lateran," or the palace of the *hidden frog*. (*Buckle: History of Civilisation*.)

The locality in Rome so called contains the Lateran palace, the Piazza, and the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Basilica is the Pope's cathedral church. The palace (once a residence of the popes) is now a museum.

Lath or **Lathe**. A division of a county. Sometimes it was an intermediate division between a hundred and a shire, as the *lathes of Kent* and *vapes of Sussex*, each of which contained three or four "hundreds" apiece. In Ireland the arrangement was different. The

officer over a lath was called a lathreeve. (Anglo-Saxon *lath*, a canton.)

"If all that tithing failed, then all that lath was charged for that tithing; and if the lath failed, then all that hundred was demanded for them (i.e. turbulent fellows), and if the hundred, then the shire.—*Spenser: Ireland*.

Lather. A good lather is half a share. This is the French proverb, "*Barbe bien savonné est à moitié faite*."

Latin. The language spoken by the people of Latium, in Italy. The Latins are called aborigines of Italy. Alba Longa was head of the Latin League, and, as Rome was a colony of Alba Longa, it is plain to see how the Roman tongue was Latin.

"The earliest extant specimen of the Latin language is a fragment of the hymn of the *Fraternitas Arvalis* (351 B.), a priestly brotherhood, which offered, every 10th of May, a public sacrifice for the fertility of the fields."—*Sellar: Roman Fables of the Republic*, chap. ii, p. 31.

Classical Latin. The Latin of the best authors about the time of Augustus, as Livy, Tacitus, and Cicero (prose), Horace, Virgil, and Ovid (poets).

Late Latin. The period which followed the Augustan age. This period contains the Church Fathers.

Low Latin. Medieval Latin, mainly hasty German, French, Italian, Spanish, and so on.

Middle Latin. Latin from the sixth to the sixteenth century A.D., both inclusive. In this Latin, prepositions frequently supply the cases of nouns.

New Latin. That which followed the revival of letters in the sixteenth century.

"Latium. The tale is that this word is from *latus*, to be hid, and was so called because Saturn lay hid there, when he was driven out of heaven by the gods."

The Latin Church. The Western Church, in contradistinction to the Greek or Eastern Church.

The Latin cross. Formed thus: †

• The Greek cross has four equal arms, thus: +

Latin Learning, properly so called, terminated with Boetius, but continued to be used in literary compositions and in the services of the church.

Latinius. King of the Laurentians, a people of Latium. According to Virgil, Latinius opposed Æneas on his first landing, but subsequently formed an alliance with him, and gave him Lavinia in marriage. Turnus, King of the Rutuli, declared that Lavinia had been betrothed to him, and prepared to support his claim by arms. It was agreed to decide the rival claims by single combat, and

Æneas being victor, obtained Lavinia for his wife.

• **Latinius** (in *Jerusalem Delivered*), an Italian, went with his five sons to the Holy War. His eldest son was slain by Solymán; Aramantés, going to his brother's aid, was also slain; then Sabinius; and lastly, Picus and Laurentés, twins. The father now rushed on the soldan, and was slain also. In one hour the father and his five sons were all slain.

Latitudinarians. A sect of divines in the time of Charles II., opposed both to the High Church party and to the Puritans. The term is now applied to those persons who hold very loose views of Divine inspiration and what are called orthodox doctrines.

Latona. Mother of Apollo and Diana. When she knelt by a fountain in Delos (infants in arms) to quench her thirst at a small lake, some Lycian clowns insulted her and were turned into frogs.

"As when those hinds that were transformed to frogs
Rallied at Latona's twin-born progeny,
Which after held the sun and moon in fee."
Milton: Sonnets.

Latria and Dulia. Greek words adopted by the Roman Catholics; the former to express that supreme reverence and adoration which is offered to God alone; and the latter, that secondary reverence and adoration which is offered to saints. (*Latria* is the reverence of a *latris*, or hired servant, who receives wages; *dulia* is the reverence of a *doulos* or slave.)

Lattice or **Chequers.** A public-house sign, the arms of Fitzwarren, the head of which house, in the days of the Henrys, was invested with the power of licensing the establishments of vintners and publicans. Houses licensed notified the same by displaying the Fitzwarren arms. (*The Times*, April 29, 1869.)

The Fitzwarren arms were chequy or and gules, hence public-houses and their signs are still frequently called the "Red Lattices."

"A' calls me e'en now, my lord, through a red lattice."—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV.*, ii. 2.

Laugh in One's Sleeve (*To*). The French is: "*Rire sous cape*," or "*Rire sous son bonnet*." The German is: "*Ins faustschen lachen*." The Latin is: "*In stomacho ridere*." These expressions indicate secret derision; laughing at one, not with one. But such phrases as "*In sinu gaudere*" mean to feel secret joy, to rejoice in one's heart of hearts.

Laugh on the Other Side of Your Mouth. To make a person laugh on the other side of his mouth is to make him cry, or to cause him annoyance. To "laugh on the wrong side of one's face" is to be humiliated, or to lament from annoyance.

"Thou laughest there; by-and-by thou wilt laugh on the wrong side of thy face."—*Carlyle: The Diamond Necklace*, chap. iii.

Laughing Philosopher. Democritus of Abdera, who viewed with supreme contempt the feeble powers of man. (B. C. 460-357.) (See *WEeping PHILOSOPHER*.)

Laughing-stock. A butt for jokes.

Laughter. We are told that Jupiter, after his birth, laughed incessantly for seven days.

Calchas, the Homeric soothsayer, died of laughter. The tale is that a fellow in rags told him he would never drink of the grapes growing in his vineyard, and added, if his words did not come true he would be the soothsayer's slave. When the wine was made, Calchas, at a great feast, sent for the fellow, and laughed so incessantly at the non-fulfilment of the prophecy that he died. (*E. Bulwer Lytton: Tales of Milesius*, iv.)

"(See *ANCELUS* and *DEATH FROM STRANGE CAUSES*.)

Launce. The clownish serving-man of Proteus, famous for his soliloquies to his dog Crab. (*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona*.)

Launcelet. (See *LANCELOT*.)

Launched into Eternity. Hanged.

"He ate several oranges on his passage, inquired if his lordship was ready, and then, as old Rowe used to say, 'was launched into eternity.'—*Gally Williams to Lord Harrington*. (This man was his lordship's servant, hanged for robbery.)

Launfal (Sir). Steward of King Arthur. He so greatly disliked Queen Gwenere, daughter of Ryon, King of Ireland, that he feigned illness and retired to Carlyoun, where he lived in great poverty. Having obtained the loan of a horse, he rode into a forest, and while he rested himself on the grass two damsels came to him, who invited him to rest in their lady's bower hard by. Sir Launfal accepted the invitation, and fell in love with the lady, whose name was Tryamour. Tryamour gave the knight an unfailling purse, and when he left told him if he ever wished to see her all he had to do was to retire into a private room, and she would instantly be with him. Sir Launfal now returned to court, and excited much attention by

his great wealth; but having told Gwenere, who solicited his love, that she was not worthy to kiss the feet of his lady-love, the queen accused him to Arthur of insulting her person. Thereupon Arthur told him, unless he made good his word by producing this paragon of women, he should be burned alive. On the day appointed, Tryamour arrived; Launfal was set at liberty and accompanied his mistress to the isle of Ole'ron, and no man ever saw him more. (*Thomas Chester: Sir Launfal, a metrical romance of Henry VI.'s time*.)

Laura, the name immortalised by Petrarch, was either the wife of Hugues de Sade, of Avignon, or a fictitious name used by him on which to hang incidents of his life and love. If the former, her maiden name was Laura de Noves.

Laura. Beppo's wife. (See *BEppo*.)

Lauras. (Greek, *laurei*.) An aggregation of separate cells under the control of a superior. In monasteries the monks live under one roof; in lauras they live each in his own cell apart; but on certain occasions they assemble and meet together, sometimes for a meal, and sometimes for a religious service.

Laureate. Poets so called from an ancient custom in our universities of presenting a laurel wreath to graduates in rhetoric and poetry. Young aspirants were wreathed with laurels in berry (*orné de baies de laurier*). Authors are still so "crowned" in France. The poets laureate of the two last centuries have been—

Ben Jonson, 1615, appointed by King James.
Sir William Davenant, 1637.
John Dryden, 1670.
Thomas Shadwell, 1689.
Samuel Tate, 1692.
Nicholas Rowe, 1713.
Laurence Eshden, 1718.
Colley Cibber, 1720.
William Whitehead, 1737.
Thomas Warton, 1753.
Henry James Pye, 1790.
Robert Southey, 1813.
William Wordsworth, 1844.
Alfred Tennyson, 1850.
Alfred Austin, 1896.

Six or seven of these are almost unknown, and their productions are seldom read.

Laurel. The Greeks gave a wreath of laurels to the victor in the Pythian games, but the victor in the Olympic games had a wreath of wild olives, the victor in the Nemean games a wreath of green parsley, and the victor in the Isthmian games a wreath of dry parsley or green pine-leaves. (See *CROWN*.)

Laurel. The ancients believed that laurel communicated the spirit of prophecy and poetry. Hence the custom

of crowning the pythoness and poets, and of putting laurel leaves under one's pillow to acquire inspiration. Another superstition was that the bay laurel was antagonistic to the stroke of lightning; but Sir Thomas Browne, in his *Vulgar Errors*, tells us that Vicomecoatus proves from personal knowledge that this is by no means true.

Laurel, in modern times, is a symbol of victory and peace. St. Gudule, in Christian art, carries a laurel crown.

Laurence (*Friar*). * The Franciscan friar who undertakes to marry Romeo and Juliet. To save Juliet from a second marriage he gives her a sleeping draught, and she is carried to the family vault as dead. Romeo finds her there, and believing her sleep to be the sleep of death, kills himself. On waking, Juliet discovers Romeo dead at her side, and kills herself also. (*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet.*) (See **LAWRENCE**.)

Lavaine, *Sir* (2 syl.). Brother of Elaine, and son of the lord of Astolat. He accompanied Sir Lancelot when he went, *incognito*, to tilt for the ninth diamond. Lavaine is described as young, brave, and a true knight. (*Tennyson: Idylls of the King; Elaine.*)

Lavalette (*Marquis de*), a French statesman who was condemned to death for sending secret despatches to Napoleon, was set at liberty by his wife, who took his place in the prison.

Lord Nithsdale escaped in a similar way from the Tower of London. His wife disguised him as her maid, and with her he passed the sentries and made good his escape.

Lavender. From the Spanish *lavan-dera* (a laundress), the plant used by laundresses for scenting linen. The botanical name is *Lavandula*, from the Latin *lavo*, to wash. It is a token of affection.

"He from his lawn him lavender hath sent,
Showing his love, and doth requital crave;
Him rosemary his sweetheart, whose intent
Is that he should her in remembrance have."
Drayton: Eclogue, iv.

Laid up in lavender—i.e. taken great care of, laid away, as women put things away in lavender to keep off moths. Persons who are in hiding are said to be in lavender. The French have the phrase "*Elever dans du coton*," referring to the custom of wrapping up things precious in cotton wool.

"Je veux que tu sois chez moi, comme dans du coton."—*La Mousquette*, l. 2.

In lavender. In pawn. In Latin, *pignori opponere*.

"The poor gentleman pales so doleful for the lavender it is laid up in, that if it lies long at the broker's house he accosts to buy his apparel twice."
—*Greene: Imp. Har. Mus.*, v. 403.

Lavinia. Daughter of Latinus, betrothed to Turnus, King of the Rutuli. When Æneas landed in Italy, Latinus made an alliance with the Trojan hero, and promised to give him Lavinia to wife. This brought on a war between Turnus and Æneas, which was decided by single combat, in which Æneas was victor. (*Virgil: Æneid.*)

Lavinia. The daughter of Titus Andronicus, bride of Bassianus, brother of the Emperor of Rome. Being grossly abused by Chiron and Demetrius, sons of Tamora, Queen of the Goths, the savage wantons cut off her hands and pluck out her tongue, that she may not reveal their names. Lavinia, guiding a stick with her stumps, makes her tale known to her father and brothers; whereupon Titus murders the two Moorish princes and serves their heads in a pasty to their mother, whom he afterwards slays, together with the Emperor Saturninus her husband. (*Titus Andronicus*, a play published with those of Shakespeare.)

* In the play the word is accented Andronicus not Andron'icus.

Lavinia, Italy; so called from Lavinia, daughter of Latinus and wife of Æneas. Æneas built a town which he called Lavinium, capital of Latium.

"From the rich Lavinian shore
Your market came to store."

A well-known Glee.

Lavinia and Palemon. A free poetical version of Ruth and Boaz, by Thomson in his *Autumn*.

Lavolt or **Lavolta**. (French, *la volte*.) A lively dance, in which was a good deal of jumping or capering, whence its name. Troilus says, "I cannot slug, nor heel the high lavolt" (iv. 4). It is thus described:—

"A lofty jumping or a leaping round,
Where arm in arm two dancers are entwined,
And whirl themselves with strict embraces
Mentis bound,
And still their feet an snapest do sound."
Sir John Duns.

Law. To give one law. A sporting term, meaning the chance of saving oneself. Thus a hare or a stag is allowed "law"—i.e. a certain start before any hound is permitted to attack it; and a tradesman allowed law is one to whom time is given to "find his legs."

Quips of the law, called "devices of Cépola," from Bartholemew Cépola,

whose law-quirks, teaching how to elude the most express law, and to perpetuate lawsuits *ad infinitum*, have been frequently reprinted—once in octavo, in black letter, by John Petit, in 1503.

The Man of Lawes Tale, by Chaucer. This story is found in Gower, who probably took it from the French chronicle of Nicholas Trivet. A similar story forms the plot of *En'are*, a romance printed in Ritson's collection. The treason of the knight who murders Hermengilde resembles an incident in the French *Roman de la Violette*, the English metrical romance of *Le bon Florent* of Rome (in Ritson), and a tale in the *Gesta Romanorum*, c. 69 (Madden's edition). (See CONSTANCE.)

Law Latin. (See DOG LATIN.)

Law's Bubble. The famous Mississippi scheme, devised by John Law, for paying off the national debt of France (1716-1720). By this "French South-Sea Bubble" the nation was almost ruined. It was called Mississippi because the company was granted the "exclusive trade of Louisiana on the banks of the Mississippi."

Laws of the Medes and Persians. Unalterable laws.

"Now, O king, . . . sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not."—Daniel vi. 8.

The Laws of Howell Dha, who reigned in South Wales in the tenth century, printed with a Latin translation by Wotton, in his *Leges Walliee* (1841).

Lawing. (Scots.) A tavern reckoning.

Lawsuits. Miles d'Illiers, Bishop of Chartres (1459-1493), was so litigious, that when Louis XI. gave him a pension to clear off old scores, and told him in future to live in peace and goodwill with his neighbours, the bishop earnestly entreated the king to leave him some three or four to keep his mind in good exercise. Similarly Panurge entreated Pantagruel not to pay off all his debts, but to leave some centimes at least, that he might not feel altogether a stranger to his own self. (*Robekis: Pantagruel*, iii. 5.) (See LILBURN.)

Lawn. Fine, thin cambric bleached on a lawn, instead of the ordinary bleaching grounds. It is used for the sleeves of bishops, and sometimes for ladies' handkerchiefs.

Lawn-market (The). To go up the *Lawn-market*, in Scotch parlance, means to go to be hanged.

"Up the *Lawn-market*, down the West Bow,
Up the lang ladder, down the short law."
Schoolboy Rhyne (Scotland).

"They [the stolen clothes] may serve him to gang up the *Lawn-market* in, the scoundrel!"—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering*, chap. xxx.

Lawrence (St.). Patron saint of curriers, because his skin was broiled on a gridiron. In the pontificate of Sextus I. he was charged with the care of the poor, the orphans, and the widows. In the persecution of *Vale'rian*, being summoned to deliver up the treasures of the church, he produced the poor, etc., under his charge, and said to the prætor, "These are the church's treasures." In Christian art he is generally represented as holding a gridiron in his hand. He is the subject of one of the principal hymns of Prudentius. (See LAURENCE.)

St. Lawrence's tears or *The fiery tears of St. Lawrence*. Meteoric or shooting stars, which generally make a great display on the anniversary of this saint (August 10th).

The great periods of shooting stars are between the 9th and 14th of August, from the 12th to the 14th of November, and from 6th to 12th December.

Tom Lawrence, alias "Tyburn Tom" or "Tuck." A highwayman. (*Sir Walter Scott: Heart of Mid-Lothian*.)

Lawyer's Bags. Some red, some blue. In the Common Law, red bags are reserved for Q.C.s and Sergeants; but a stuff-gownman may carry one "if presented with it by a silk." Only red bags may be taken into Common Law Courts, blue must be carried no farther than the robing-room. In Chancery Courts the etiquette is not so strict.

Lay Brothers. Men not in orders received into the convents and bound by vows. (Greek, *laïc*, people.)

Lay Figurés. Wooden figures with free joints, used by artists chiefly for the study of drapery. This is a metaphorical use of lay. As divines divide the world into two parties, the ecclesiastics and the laity, so artists divide their models into two classes, the living and the lay.

Lay Out (To). (a) To disburse: *Il dépense de grandes sommes d'argent.*

(b) To display goods: *Mettre des marchandises en montre.* To place in convenient order what is required for wear: *Préparer ses beaux habits.*

(c) To prepare a corpse for the coffin,

by placing the limbs in order, and dressing the body in its grave-clothes.

Lay about One (*To*). To strike on all sides.

"He'll lay about him to-day."—*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, i. 2.

Lay by the Heels (*To*). To render powerless. The allusion is to the stocks, in which vagrants and other petty offenders were confined by the ankles, locked in what was called the stocks, common, at one time, to well-nigh every village in the land.

Lay-off the Last Minstrel. (For plot see MARGARET.)

Lay to One's Charge (*To*). To attribute an offence to a person.

"And he [Stephen] kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord lay not this sin to their charge."—*Acts* vii. 60. The phrase occurs again in the Bible, e.g. *Deut.* xxi. 2; *Rom.* viii. 33, etc.

Layamon, who wrote a translation in Saxon of the *Brut* of Wace, in the twelfth century, is called *The English Ennius*. (See ENNIUS.)

Layers-over for Meddlers. Nothing that concerns you. A reproof to inquisitive children who want to know what a person is doing or making, when the person so engaged does not think proper to inform them. A "layer-over" is a whip or slap. And a "layer-over for meddlers" is a whip or chastise for those who meddle with what does not concern them.

Lazar House or **Lazaretto**. A house for poor persons affected with contagious diseases. So called from the beggar Lazarus (*q.v.*).

Lazarists. A body of missionaries founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1624, and so termed from the priory of St. Lazare, at Paris, which was their headquarters from 1632 to 1792.

Lazarillo de Tormés (1553). A comic romance, something in the *Gil Blas* style, the object being to satirise all classes of society. Lazarillo, a light, jovial, audacious man-servant, sees his masters in their undress, and exposes their foibles. This work was written by Diego Hurtado de Mendoza, general and statesman of Spain, author of *War against the Moors*.

Lazaro'ne (3 syl.); Italian *Lazzaro*, plu. *Lazzarini*. The mob. Originally applied to all those people of Naples who lived in the streets, not having any habitation of their own. So called from the hospital of St. Lazarus, which

served as a refuge for the destitute of that city. Every year they elected a chief, called the *Capo Lazzaro*. Masaniello, in 1647, with these vagabonds accomplished the revolution of Naples. In 1798 Michele Sforza, at the head of the Lazzaroni, successfully resisted Etienne Championnet, the French general.

Lazarus. Any poor beggar; so called from the Lazarus of the parable, who was laid daily at the rich man's gate (*St. Luke* xvi.).

Lazzy.

Lazzy as David Lawrence's dog. Here Lawrence is a corruption of Larrence, an imaginary being supposed by Scottish peasantry to preside over the lazy and indolent. Laziness is called "Larrence." (See and compare DAVY JONES.)

Lazzy as Joe, the marine, who laid down his musket to sneeze. (Sailor's proverb.)

Lazzy as Ludlam's dog, which leaved his head against the wall to bark. This Ludlam was the famous sorceress of Surrey, who lived in a cave near Farnham, called "Ludlam's Cave." She kept a dog, noted for its laziness, so that when the rustics came to consult the witch, it would hardly condescend to give notice of their approach, even with the ghost of a bark. (*Itay's Proverbs*.)

Lazy Lawrence of Lubberland. The hero of a popular tale. He served the schoolmaster, the squire's cook, the farmer, and his own wife, which was accounted high treason in Lubberland. One of Miss Edgeworth's tales, in the *Parents' Assistant*, is called *Lazy Lawrence*.

Lazy Lobkin (*A*). A loby (says Halliwell) is "the last person in a race." (*Somersetshire*). (Welsh *llob*, a dolt, our "lubber.")

"A lazy lobkin, like an idle loutie."

Barton: Olds Macdappes, etc. (1802).

Lazy Man's Load. One too heavy to be carried; so called because lazy people, to save themselves the trouble of coming a second time, are apt to overload themselves.

Lazylard (*Gone to*). Given up to indolence and idleness.

Lazzaroni. (See LAZZARONE.)

L'état c'est Moi (*I am the State*). The saying and belief of Louis XIV. On this principle he acted with tolerable consistency.

Le Roi le Veut (*French*, The king wills it.) The form of royal assent made

by the clerk of parliament to bills submitted to the Crown. The dissent is expressed by *Le roi s'aviseira* (the king will give it his consideration).

Le'a. One of the "daughters of men," beloved by one of the "sons of God." The angel who loved her ranked with the least of the spirits of light, whose post around the throne was in the uttermost circle. Sent to earth on a message, he saw Lea bathing and fell in love with her; but Lea was so heavenly-minded that her only wish was to "dwell in purity, and serve God in singleness of heart." Her angel lover, in the madness of his passion, told Lea the spell-word that gave him admittance into heaven. The moment Lea uttered that word her body became spiritual, rose through the air, and vanished from his sight. On the other hand, the angel lost his ethereal nature, and became altogether earthy, like a child of clay." (*Monse: Loves of the Angels*, story 1.)

Lea'ba na Feine [*Beds of the Feine*]. The name of several large piles of stones in Ireland. The ancient Irish warriors were called *Fe'-i-ne*, which some mistake for Phœni (Carthaginians), but which means *hunters*.

Leach, Leachcraft. A leach is one skilled in medicine, and "leach-craft" is the profession of a medical man. (Anglo-Saxon, *lece*, one who relieves pain, *læcceræft*.)

"And straightway sent, with careful diligence, To fetch a leach, the which had great insight In that disease."

Spenser: Faerie Queene, book i. canto x. line 23.

Lead (pronounced *led*), the metal, was, by the ancient alchemists, called Saturn. (Anglo-Saxon, *læad*.)

To strike lead. To make a good hit.

"That, after the failure of the king, he should 'strike lead' in his own house seemed . . . an inevitable law." — *Bret Harte: Fool of Five Fives*.

Lead (pronounced *leed*). (Anglo-Saxon *læd-an*.)

To lead apes in hell. (See *APES*.)

To lead by the nose. (See *under NOSE*.)

To lead one a pretty dance. (See *under DANCE*.)

Leaden Hall (*Showers of*). That of artillery in the battlefield.

Leaden Hall (pronounced *led'en*), so named from the ancient manor of Sir Hugh Neville, whose mansion or hall was roofed with lead, a notable thing in his days. "Leadenhall Street" and "Leadenhall Market," London, are on the site of Sir Hugh's manor.

Leader (*A*) or a *leading article*. A newspaper article in large type, by the editor or one of the editorial staff. So called because it takes the lead or chief place in the summary of current topics, or because it is meant to lead public opinion.

"The first fiddle of an orchestra and the first cornet-a-piston of a military band is called the *leader*."

Leading Case (*A*). A lawsuit to settle others of a similar kind.

Leading Note in music. The sharp seventh of the diatonic scale, which *leads* to the octave, only half a tone higher.

Leading Question. A question so worded as to suggest an answer. "Was he dressed in a black coat?" leads to the answer "Yes." In cross-examining a witness, leading questions are permitted, because the chief object of a cross-examination is to obtain contradictions.

Leading Strings. To be in *leading-strings* is to be under the control of another. *Leading-strings* are those strings used for holding up infants just learning to walk.

Leaf. Before the invention of paper one of the substances employed for writing was the leaves of certain plants. In the British Museum are some writings on leaves from the Malabar coast, and several copies of the Bible written on palm-leaves. The reverse and obverse pages of a book are still called *leaves*; and the double page of a ledger is termed a "folio," from *folium* (a leaf).

Leaf. (Anglo-Saxon *læf*)

To take a leaf out of [my] book. To imitate me; to do as I do. The allusion is to literary plagiarisms.

To turn over a new leaf. To amend one's ways. The French equivalent is: "*Je lui ferai chanter une autre chanson.*" But in English, "To make a person sing another tune," means to make him eat his words, or change his note for one he will not like so well.

League.

The Grey League [*lia grischa*], 15th century. So called from the grey homespun dress adopted by the leaguers.

The Holy League. Several leagues are so denominated. The three following are the most important: 1611, by Pope Julius II.; Ferdinand the Catholic, Henry VIII., the Venetians, and the Swiss against Louis XII.; and that of 1676, founded at Péronne for the maintenance

of the Catholic faith and the exclusion of Protestant princes from the throne of France. This league was organised by the Guises to keep Henri IV. from the throne.

Leak Out (*To*). To come clandestinely to public knowledge. As a liquid leaks out of an unsound vessel, so the secret oozes out unawares.

Leal. Loyal, trusty, law-abiding. Norman-French, *loyale*, modern French, *loyale*; Latin, *legālis*.)

Land of the leal. (See LAND . . .)

Leander (3 syl.) A young man of Abydos, who swam nightly across the Hellespont to visit his lady-love, Hero, a priestess of Sestos. One night he was drowned in his attempt, and Hero leaped into the Hellespont also. This story is told in one of the poems of Musæus, entitled *Hero and Leander*. (See Marlowe's poem.) (See HERO.)

Lord Byron and Lieutenant Ekenhead repeated the experiment of Leander and accomplished it in 1 hour 10 minutes. The distance, allowing for drifting, would be about four miles. A young man of St. Croix, in 1817, swam over the Sound from Cronenburgh, in 2 hours 40 minutes, the distance being six miles.

Leaning Tower. The one at Pisa, in Italy, is 178 feet in height, and leans about 14 feet. At Caerphilly, in Glamorganshire, there is a tower which leans eleven feet in eighty.

"The Leaning Tower of Pisa continues to stand because the vertical line drawn through its centre of gravity passes within its base." — *Gannet's Physics*.

Leap Year. Every year divisible by four. Such years occur every fourth year. In ordinary years the day of the month which falls on Monday this year, will fall on Tuesday next year, and Wednesday the year after; but the fourth year will leap over Thursday to Friday. This is because a day is added to February, which, of course, affects every subsequent day of the year. (See BISSEXTILE.)

The ladies propose, and, if not accepted, claim a silk gown. St. Patrick, having "driven the frogs out of the bogs," was walking along the shores of Lough Neagh, when he was accosted by St. Bridget in tears, and was told that a mutiny had broken out in the nunnery over which she presided, the ladies claiming the right of "popping the question." St. Patrick said he would concede them the right every seventh year, when St. Bridget threw her arms round his neck,

and exclaimed, "Arrah, Puthrick, jewel, I daurn't go back to the girls wid such a proposal. Make it one year in four." St. Patrick replied, "Bridget, acushla, squeeze me that way agin, an' I'll give ye leap-year, the longest of the lot." St. Bridget, upon this, popped the question to St. Patrick himself, who, of course, could not marry; so he patched up the difficulty as best he could with a kiss and a silk gown.

The story told above is of no historic value, for an Act of the Scottish Parliament, passed in the year 1228, has been unearthed which runs thus:—

"Ordonit that during ye reign of her most blessed maieite, Marzaret, ilk maiden, ladye of faith high and lowe estait, shall have libertie to speak ye man she likes. Gif he refuses to tak hir to be his wyf, he shal be mulct in the sum of ane hundredty pundes, or less, as his estait may be, except and alwaies gif he can make it appere that he is betrothit to another woman, then he schal be free."

N.B. The year 1228 was, of course, a leap-year.

Leap in the Dark (*A*). Thomas Hobbes is reported to have said on his death-bed, "Now am I about to take my last voyage—a great leap in the dark." Rabelais, in his last moments, said, "I am going to the Great Perhaps." Lord Derby, in 1868, applied the words, "We are about to take a leap in the dark," to the Reform Bill.

Lear (*King*). A legendary king of Britain, who in his old age divided his kingdom between Goneril and Regan, two of his daughters, who professed great love for him. These two daughters drove the old man mad by their unnatural conduct. (*Shakespeare: King Lear*.)

Percy, in his *Reliques of Ancient English Poetry* has a ballad about King Lear and his Three Daughters (series i. book 2).

Camden tells a similar story of Ina, King of the West Saxons (see *Remains*, p. 306, edition 1674). The story of King Lear is given by Geoffrey of Monmouth in his *Chronicles*, whence Holinshed transcribed it. Spenser has introduced the same story into his *Fairie Queene*, book ii. canto 10.

Learn (1 syl.). *Live and learn*.

Cato, the censor, was an old man when he taught himself Greek.

Michael Angelo, at seventy years of age, said, "I am still learning."

John Kemble wrote out Hamlet thirty times, and said, on quitting the stage, "I am now beginning to understand my art."

Mrs. Siddons, after she left the stage, was found studying Lady Macbeth, and said, "I am amazed to discover some new points in the character which I never found out while acting it."

Milton, in his blindness, when past fifty, sat down to complete his *Paradise Lost*.

Scott, at fifty-five, took up his pen to redeem an enormous liability.

Richardson was above fifty when he published his first novel, *Pamela*.

Benjamin West was sixty-four when he commenced his series of paintings, one of which is *Christ Healing the Sick*.

Learn by Heart (*To*). The heart is the seat of understanding; thus the Scripture speaks of men "wise in heart;" and "slow of heart" means dull of understanding. To learn by heart is to learn and understand; to learn by *rote* is to learn so as to be able to repeat; to learn by memory is to commit to memory without reference to understanding what is so learnt. However, we employ the phrase commonly as a synonym for committing to memory.

Learned (2 syl.). Coloman, king of Hungary, was called *The Learned* (1095-1114). (See **BEAUCLEERC**.)

The Learned Blacksmith. Elihu Burritt, the linguist, who was at one time a blacksmith (1811-1879).

The Learned Painter. Charles Lebrun, so called from the great accuracy of his costumes (1619-1690).

The Learned Tailor. Henry Wild, of Norwich, who mastered, while he worked at his trade, the Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Chaldaic, Syriac, Persian, and Arabic languages (1681-1734).

Least Said the soonest Mended (*The*) or **The Less Said** . . . Explanations and apologies are quite useless, and only make bad worse.

Leather. *Nothing like leather*. My interest is the best uostrum. A town, in danger of a siege, called together a council of the chief inhabitants to know what defence they recommended. A mason suggested a strong wall, a ship-builder advised "wooden walls," and when others had spoken, a currier arose and said, "There's nothing like leather."

In Botallack, Cornwall, a standing toast is *Tin and Tlehard*, the staples of the town.

"Another version is, "Nothing like leather to administer a thrashing."

Leather or Prunella. *It is all leather or prunella*. Nothing of any

moment, all rubbish. Prunella is a woollen stuff, used for the uppers of ladies' boots and shoes. (See **SAIZ**.)

"Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow;
The rest is all but leather or prunella."
Pope: Essay on Man.

Leathering. *To give one a leathering* is to beat him with a leather belt, such as policemen wear, and boys used to wear. (The Welsh *lathen* is a rod.)

Leatherstocking (*Natty*). The nickname of Natty Bumppo (*q.v.*), in Cooper's novel, called *The Pioneers*. A half-savage and half-Christian hero of American wild life.

Leave in the Lurch (*To*). (See **LEFT IN THE LURCH**.)

Leave out in the Cold (*To*). To slight, to take little or no interest in a person; to pass by unnoticed. The allusion is to a person calling at a house with a friend and the friend not being asked to come in.

Leave some for Manners. In Ecclesiasticus it is written:

"Leave off first for manners' sake; and be not unstable, lest thou offend."—*Chap. xxxi. 17.*

Leaves without Figs. Show of promise without fulfilment. Words without deeds. Keeping the promise to the ear and breaking it to the sense. Of course, the allusion is to the barren fig-tree referred to in Luke xiii.

Led Captain (*A*). An obsequious person, who dances attendance on the master and mistress of a house, for which service he has a knife and fork at the dinner table. He is led like a dog, and always graced with the title of captain.

Le'da and the Swan. This has been a favourite subject with artists. In the Orleans gallery is the *chef-d'œuvre* of Paul Veronese. Correggio and Michael Angelo have both left paintings of the same subject.

Ledger (*A*). A book "laid up" in the counting-house, and containing the debits and credits of the merchant or tradesman, arranged under "heads." (Dutch *legen*, to lay; whence *legger*.)

Ledger-lines, in music, are lines which lie above or below the staff. (Dutch, *legger*, to lie.)

Lée. *Under the lee of the land*. Under the shelter of the cliffs which break the force of the winds. (Anglo-Saxon, *hleo*, a shelter.)

Under the lee of a ship. On the side

opposite to the wind, so that the ship shelters or wards it off.

To lay a ship by the lee, or, in modern nautical phraseology, to heave-to, is to arrange the sails of a ship so that they may lie flat against the masts and shrouds, that the wind may strike the vessel broadside so that she will make little or no headway.

Lee Hatch. *Take care of the lee hatch.* Take care, helmsman, that the ship goes not to the leeward of her course—i.e. the part towards which the wind blows.

Lee Shore is the shore under the lee of a ship, or that towards which the wind blows. (See **LEE**.)

Lee-side and *Weather-side*. (See **LEeward**.)

Lee Tide, or **Leeward Tide**, is a tide running in the same direction as the wind blows. A tide in the opposite direction is called a *tide under the lee*.

Leeds (a Stock Exchange term). Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Ordinary Stock. It is the Leeds line.

The Austrian Leeds. Brünn, in Moravia, noted for its woollen cloth. So it was called in the palmy days of Austria.

Leek. *Wearing the leek on St. David's day.* Mr. Brady says St. David caused the Britons under King Cadwallader to distinguish themselves by a leek in their caps. They conquered the Saxons, and recall their victory by adopting the leek on every anniversary (March 1st). (*Clavis Calendaria*.) Wearing the leek is obsolete. (Anglo-Saxon *leac*.)

Shakespeare makes out that the Welsh wore leeks at the battle of Poitiers, for Fluellen says:—

"If your majesties is remembered of it, the Welshmen did good service in a garden where leeks did grow, wearing leeks in their Monmouth caps, which, your majesty know, to this hour is an honourable badge of the service; and I do believe your majesty takes no scorn to wear the leek upon St. David's Day."—*Henry V.*, iv. 7.

To eat the leek. To be compelled to eat your own words, or retract what you have said. Fluellen (in Shakespeare's *Henry V.*) is taunted by Pistol for wearing a leek in his hat. "Hence," says Pistol, "I am qualmish at the smell of leek." Fluellen replies, "I poseech you . . . at my desire . . . to eat this leek." The ancient answers, "Not for Cadwallader and all his goats." Then the peppery Welshman beats him, nor desists till Pistol has swallowed the entire abhorrence.

Lees. *There are lees to every wine.* The best things have some defect. A French proverb.

"Doubt is the lees of thought."

Baker: Doubt, etc., i. 11.

Settling on the lees. Making the best of a bad job; settling down on what is left, after having squandered the main part of one's fortune.

Leet (*A*). A manor-court for petty offences; the day on which such a court was held. (Anglo-Saxon, *lethe*, a law-court superior to the wapentake.)

"Who has a breast so pure,

But some nucleon apprehensions

Keep leets and law-days in and season sit

With meditations lawful?"

Shakespeare: Othello, iii. 3.

Leeward and *Windward*. **Leeward** is toward the lee, or that part towards which the wind blows; *windward* is in the opposite direction, viz. in the teeth of the wind. "Leeward," pronounced *lee'-erd*. (See **LEE**.)

Lefevre. The poor lieutenant whose story is so touchingly told in Sterne's *Tristram Shandy* book vi. chap. 6).

Left, unlucky; *Right* lucky. The augur among the Romans having taken his stand on the Capitoline Hill, and marked out with his wand the space of the heavens to be the field of observation, divided the space into two from top to bottom. If the birds appeared on the left side of the division, the augury was unlucky, but if the birds appeared on the right side the augury was pronounced to be favourable.

"Hail, gentle bird, turn thy wings and fly on my right hand!" But the bird flew on the left side. Then the cat grew very heavy, for he knew the omen to be unlucky."—*Reginald the Fox*, iii.

The Left, in the Legislative Assembly of France, meant the Girondists; it was famous for its orators. In the House of Commons the Opposition occupies the left-hand side of the Speaker. In the Austrian Assembly the democratic party is called *The Left*.

Over the left. A way of expressing disbelief, incredulity, or a negative. The allusion is to morganatic marriages (*q.v.*). When a woman so married claimed to be a wedded wife, she was told that such was the case "over the left." (See *below*.)

Sinister (the left hand), meaning not straightforward, dishonest, is far older than morganatic marriages. The ancient Greek augurs considered all signs seen by them over the left shoulder to be unlucky, and foreboding evil to come. Plutarch, following Plato and

Aristotle, gives as the reason, that the west (or left side of the augur) was towards the setting or departing sun.

Left-handed Compliment (*A*). A compliment which insinuates a reproach. (*See below*.)

Left-handed Marriage. A moragatic marriage (*q.v.*). In these marriages the husband gives his left hand to the bride, instead of the right, when he says, "I take thee for my wedded wife." George William, Duke of Zell, married Eleonora d'Emiers in this way, and the lady took the name and title of Lady of Harburg; her daughter was Sophia Dorothea, the wife of George I.

Left-handed Oath (*A*). An oath not intended to be binding. (*See above*.)

Left in the Lurch. Left to face a great perplexity. In cribbage a lurch is when a player has scored only thirty holes, while his opponent has made sixty-one, and thus won a double.

Leg (*A*), that is, a blackleg (*q.v.*).

To make a leg, is to make a bow.

"The puerissant smiled at their simplicity, and making many legs, took their reward."
The King and Miller of Mansfield

Leg-ball. A runaway. To give leg-ball, to cut and run.

Leg-bye (*A*), in cricket, is a run scored from a ball which has glanced off any part of a batsman's person except his hand.

Leg of Mutton School (*The*). So Eckhart called those authors who lauded their patrons in prose or verse, under the hope of gaining a commission, a living, or, at the very least, a dinner for their pains.

Legs. On his legs. Mr. So-and-So is on his legs, has risen to make a speech.

On its last legs. Moribund; obsolete; ready to fall out of cognisance.

To set on his legs. So to provide for one that he is able to earn his living without further help.

To stand on one's own legs. To be independent; to be earning one's own living. Of course, the allusion is to being nursed, and standing "alone."
(*See BORROW.*)

Legal Tender (*A*). The circulating medium of a nation, according to a standard fixed by the government of that nation. It may be in metal, in paper, or anything else that the government may choose to sanction. In England, at present (1895), the standard is

a gold sovereign, guaranteed of a fixed purity. In some countries it is silver, and in some countries the two precious metals are made to bear a relative value, say twenty silver shillings (or their equivalents) shall equal in commercial value a gold sovereign. In Germany, before 1872, a very base silver was a legal tender, and in Ireland James II. made a farthing the legal tender represented by an English shilling, so that 5d. was really a legal tender for a sovereign. Of course, export and import trade would not be possible under such conditions.

Legem Pone. Money paid down on the nail; ready money. The first of the psalms appointed to be read on the twenty-fifth morning of the month is entitled *Legem pone*, and March 25th is the great pay-day; in this way the phrase "*Legem pone*" became associated with cash down.

"In this there is nothing to be abated; all their speech is *legem pone*." — *Minshall: Esayes in Prison*, p. 26.

"They were all in our service for the *legem pone*,"
Ozell: Robins.

Legend means simply "something to be read" as part of the divine service. The narratives of the lives of saints and martyrs were so termed from their being read, especially at matins, and after dinner in the refectories. Exaggeration and a love for the wonderful so predominated in these readings, that the word came to signify the untrue, or rather, an event based on tradition.

"A myth is a pure and absolute imagination; a legend has a basis of fact, but amplifies, bridges, or modifies that basis at pleasure." — *Barltunson: Historic Evidences*, lecture i. p. 231, note 2.

Legend of a Coin is that which is written round the face of a coin. Thus, on a shilling, the legend is round the head of the reigning sovereign; as, "VICTORIA DEI GRATIA BRITT: REGINA E: D:" (or "BRITANNIAR: REG: F: D:"). The words "ONE SHILLING" on the other side of the coin, written across it, we denominate the "inscription."

Legenda Aurea, by Jacques de Voragine. A collection of monkish legends in Latin. (1230-1298.)

The Golden Legend, of Longfellow, is a semi-dramatic poem taken from an old German tale by Hartmann von der Aue, called *Poor Henry*. (Twelfth century.)

Leger. *St. Leger Stakes* (Doncaster); so called from Colonel Anthony St. Leger, who founded them in 1776. The

colonel was governor of St. Lucia, and cousin of the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger (the lady Freemason).

The St. Leger Stakes are for both colts and mares. Those which have run in the Derby or Oaks are eligible.

Leger-de-Main. Sleight of hand; conjuring which depends chiefly on lightness of hand, or dexterity.

Legion. "My name is Legion: for we are many" (St. Mark v. 9). A proverbial expression somewhat similar to hydra-headed: Thus, speaking of the houseless poor we should say, "Their name is Legion;" so also we should say of the diseases arising from want of cleanliness, the evils of ignorance, and so on.

The Thundering Legion. The Roman legion that discomfited the Marcomanni in 179 is so called, because (as the legend informs us) a thunderstorm was sent in answer to the prayers of certain Christians; this storm relieved the thirst of the legion. In like manner a hail-storm was sent to the aid of Joshua, at the time when he commanded the sun to stay its course, and assisted the Israelites to their victory. (*Dion Cassius*, lxxi. 8. (See Joshua x. 10-12).)

Legion of Honour. An order of merit instituted by the First Consul in 1802, for either military or civil merit. In 1843 there were 49,417 members, but in 1851 one new member was elected for every two extinct ones, so that the honour was no longer a mere farce.

Napoleon III. added a lower order of this Legion, called the Médaille Militaire, the ribbon of which was yellow, not red. The old Legion consisted of Grand Cross, Grand Officers, Commanders, Officers, and Chevaliers, and the ribbon of the order was red.

"The Legion of Honour gives pensions to its military members," and free education to some four hundred of the daughters, sisters, and nieces of its members."

Legislator or Solon of Parnassus. Boileau was so called by Voltaire, because of his *Art of Poetry*, a production unequalled in the whole range of didactic poetry. (1636-1711.)

Leglin-girth. To cast a leglin-girth. To have "a screw loose;" to have made a *faux pas*; to have one's reputation blown upon. A leglin-girth is the lowest hoop of a leglin or milk-pail. (See Sir Walter Scott: *Fortunes of Nigel*, chap. xxii.)

Legree. A slave-dealer in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Mrs. Beecher Stowe.

Leibnitz-ism or Leibnizian-ism. The doctrines taught by G. W. von Leibnitz, the German philosopher (1646-1716). The opposite of Spinoza-ism. Spinoza taught that whatever is, is God manifested by phenomena. The light and warmth of the sun, the refreshing breeze, space, and every visible object, is only deity in detail. That God, in fact, is one and all.

Leibnitz, on the other hand, taught that phenomena are separate from deity, as body is from soul; but although separate, that there is between them a pre-established harmony. The electricity which runs along a telegraph wire is not the message, but it gives birth to the message by pre-established harmony. So all things obey God's will, not because they are identical, but on account of this pre-established harmony.

Leicester (pron. *Les'ter*) is the camp-town on the river Leire, which is now called the Soar.

Leicester Square (London). So called from a family mansion of the Sydneys, Earls of Leicester, which stood on the north-east side.

"The Earl of Leicester (father of Algernon Sidney the patriot) . . . built for himself a stately house at the north-east corner of a square plot of 'Lamma' Land,' belonging to the parish of St. Martin's, which plot henceforth became known to Londoners as Leicester Fields. A square gradually grew up on the spot, and was completed in 1671."—*Cassell's Magazine*, London *Leisure*, x.

Leigh (*Aurora*) (pron. *Lee*). The heroine of Mrs. Browning's poem so called, designed to show the noble aim of true art.

Lellah [*Li-lah*]. A beautiful young slave, the concubine of Hassan, Caliph of the Ottoman Empire. She falls in love with the Giaour, flees from the seraglio, is overtaken by an emir, and cast into the sea. (*Byron: The Giaour*.)

Lely (*Sir Peter*), the painter, was the son of Vander Vaas or Vaes, of Westphalia, whose house had a lily for its sign. Both father and son went by the nickname of Le-llys (the Lily), a sobriquet which Peter afterwards adopted as his cognomen.

Le'man (*Lake*). Geneva; called in Latin *Lemannus*.

"Take Lemman woe me with its crystal face,"
Lord Byron: *Child Harold*, iii. 46.

Lemnian Deed (*A*). One of unusual barbarity and cruelty. The phrase arose from two horrible massacres perpetrated by the Lemnians: the first was the murder of all the men and male children

on the island by the women; and the other was the murder by the men of all the children born in the island of Athenian parents.

Lemnian Earth. A species of earth of a yellowish-grey colour, found in the island of Lemnos, said to cure the bites of serpents and other wounds. It was called *terra sigillata*, because it was sealed by the priest before being vended. Philoctetes was left at Lemnos when wounded in the foot by Hercules.

Lemnian Women (*The*). A somewhat similar story is told of these women to that of the Danaïdes (*q.v.*). When they found that their husbands liked the Thracian women better than themselves, they agreed together to murder every man in the island. Hypsipyle saved her father, and was sold to some pirates as a slave.

Lemnos. The island where Vulcan fell when Jupiter flung him out of heaven. Probably it was at one time volcanic, though not so now.

Lemon Soles, which abound on the south coast of England and about Marseilles. Lemon is a corruption of the French *limande*, a dab or flat-fish. The "flounder-sole." There are several varieties. (Latin *lima*, mud.)

Lemster Ore. Fine wool, of which Leominster carpets are made.

"A bank of moss,
Spongy and swelling, and far more
Soft, than the finest Lemster ore"
Harriek: Oberon's Palace.

Lemures (3 syl.). The spirits of the dead. Good lemures were called Lares, but bad ones Larvæ, spectres who wandered about at night-time to terrify the living. (*Ovid: Fasti*, v.)

"The lars and lemures meet with midnight print."
Milton: Ode on the Nativity

Lend a Hand. (See HAND.)

Length (*A*). Forty-two lines. This is a theatrical term; an actor says he has one, two, or more lengths in his part, and, if written out for him, the scribe is paid by the length.

Length-month. (See LENT.)

Lens (Latin, a lentil or bean). Glasses used in mathematical instruments are so called because the double convex one, which may be termed the perfect lens, is of a bean shape.

Lenson. As much akin as Lenson hill to Pilsen pin; i.e. not at all. Lenson hill and Pilsen pin are two high hills in

Dorsetshire, called by sailors the Cow and Calf. Out at sea they look like one elevation, though in reality several hills separate them.

Lent (Anglo-Saxon, *lencten*). *Lencten-tid* (spring-tide) was the Saxon name for March, because in this month there is a manifest lengthening of the days. As the chief part of the great fast falls in March, this period of fast received the name of the *Lencten-fæsten*, or Lent. It is from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

"The Fast of thirty-six days was introduced in the fourth century. Felix III. added four more days in 487, to make it correspond with our Lord's fast in the wilderness.

Galeazzo's Lent. A form of torture devised by Galeazzo Visconti, calculated to prolong the unfortunate victim's life for forty days.

Lent Lily (*The*). The daffodil, which blooms in Lent.

Lenten. Frugal, stinted, as food in Lent. Shakespeare has "lenten entertainment" (*Hamlet*, ii. 2): "a Lenten answer" (*Twelfth Night*, i. 5); "a lenten pye" (*Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4).

"And with a lenten salad cooled her blood"
Shylock: Merchant of Venice, iii. 2.

Leodogrance, of Camiliard, the father of Guinevere, wife of King Arthur.

Le'on (in *Orlando Furioso*), son of Constantine, the Greek emperor, is promised Bradamant in marriage by her parents, Amon and Beairice; but Bradamant loves Rogero. By-and-by a friendship springs up between Leon and Rogero, and when the prince learns that Bradamant and Rogero are betrothed to each other, he nobly withdraws his suit, and Rogero marries Bradamant.

Leonard. A real scholar, forced for daily bread to keep a common school. (*Crabbe: Borough*, letter xxiv.)

St. Leonard is usually represented in a deacon's dress, and holding chains or broken fetters in his hand, in allusion to his untiring zeal in releasing prisoners. Contemporary with Clovis.

Leonidas of Modern Greece. Marco Bozzaris, who with 1,200 men put to rout 4,000 Turco-Albanians, at Kerpenisi, but was killed in the attack (1823). He was buried at Missolonghi.

Le'online Contract. A one-sided agreement; so called in allusion to the fable of *The Lion and his Fellow-Hunters*. (See GLAUCUS.)

Leonine Verses, properly speaking, are either hexameter verses, or alternate hexameter and pentameter verses, rhyming at the middle and end of each respective line. These fancies were common in the 12th century, and were so called from Leoninus, a canon of the Church of St. Victor, in Paris, the inventor. In English verse, any metre which rhymes middle and end is called a Leonine verse. One of the most noted specimens celebrates the tale of a Jew, who fell into a pit on Saturday and refused to be helped out because it was his Sabbath. His comrade, being a Christian, refused to aid him the day following, because it was Sunday:—

"Tende manus, Salomon, ego te de stercore tollam.
Sabbata nostra colo, de stercore surgere nolo.
Sabbata nostra quidem Salomoff celebrabis
ibidem."

Hexameters and pentameters.

'Help for you out of this mire; here, give me your hand, Hezekiah."

"No! 'tis the Sabbath, a time labour's accounted a crime.

If on the morrow you've leisure, your aid I'll accept with much pleasure."

"That will be my Sabbath, so, here I will leave you and go."
E. C. B.

Leonnoys, Leonnesse, or Lyonnesse. A mythical country, contiguous to Cornwall.

Leono'ra, wife of Fernando Florestan, a state prisoner in Seville. (*Beethoven: Fidelio, an opera.*) (See **FERNANDO**.)

Leonora. A princess who fell in love with Manrico, the supposed son of Azucena the gipsy. The Conte di Luna was in love with her, and, happening to get Manrico and his reputed mother into his power, condemned them to death. Leonora interceded for Manrico, and promised the count if he would spare his life to "give herself to him." The count consented, and went to the prison to fulfil his promise, when Leonora fell dead from the effect of poison which she had sucked from a ring. Manrico, perceiving this, died also. (*Verdi: Il Trovatore, an opera.*)

Leonora de Guzman. The mistress or "favourite" of Alfonso XI. of Castile. Ferdinando, not knowing who she was, fell in love with her; and Alfonso, to save himself from excommunication and reward Ferdinando for services, gave them in marriage to each other. No sooner was this done than the bridegroom, hearing who his bride was, indignantly rejected her, and became a monk. Leonora entered the same monastery as a novice, made herself known

to Ferdinando, obtained his forgiveness, and died. (*Donizetti: La Favorita, an opera.*)

Leontes (3 syl.), King of Sicilia, invited his friend Polixenes, King of Bohemia, to pay him a visit, and being seized with jealousy, ordered Camillo to poison him. Camillo told Polixenes of the king's jealousy, and fled with him to Bohemia. The flight of Polixenes increased the anger of Leontes against Hermione, his virtuous queen, whom he sent to prison, where she was confined of a daughter (Perdita), and it was reported that she had died in giving birth to the child. Perdita, by order of the jealous king, was put away that she might be no more heard of as his; but, being abandoned in Bohemia, she was discovered by a shepherd, who brought her up as his own child. In time, Florizel, the son and heir of Polixenes, under the assumed name of Doricles, fell in love with Perdita; but Polixenes, hearing of this attachment, sternly forbade the match. The two lovers, under the charge of Camillo, fled to Sicily, where the mystery was cleared up, Leontes and Hermione re-united, and all "went merry as a marriage bell." (*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale.*)

Leopard, in Christian art, is employed to represent that beast spoken of in the Apocalypse with seven heads and ten horns; six of the horns bear a nimbus, but the seventh, being "wounded to death" lost its power, and consequently has no nimbus.

Leopard, in heraldry, represents those brave and generous warriors who have performed some bold enterprise with force, courage, promptitude, and activity.

Leopards. So the French designate the English, because their heralds describe our device as a *lion leopardé*. Bertrand du Guesclin, the famous Breton, declared that men "*devoyent bien honorer la noble Fleur-de-lis, plus qu'ils ne faisaient le filon Liépard.*"

Lepracaun. The fairy shoemaker. (Irish *leith-bhragan*, from *leith-brog*, one-shoe maker, so called because he is always seen working at a single shoe.)

"Do you not catch the tiny clamour,
Busy click of an elfin hammer.

Voices of the Lepracaun singing shrill."

As he merrily plies his trade?"

W. B. Yeats: *Fairy and Folk Tales*, p. 62.

Lerna. A Lerna of ill (mal'orum Lerna). A very great evil. Lake Lerna

is where Hercules destroyed the hydra which did incalculable evil to Argos.

"Spain was a Lerna of ill to all Europe while it aspired to universal monarchy."—*P. Motteux: Preface to Rabelais.*

Les Anguilles de Melun. Crying out before you are hurt. When the *Mystery of St. Bartholomew* was performed at Melun, one Languille took the character of the saint, but when the executioner came to "flay him alive," got nervous and began to shriek in earnest. The audience were in hysterics at the fun, and shouted out, *Languille crie avant qu'on l'écorche,* and "*Les anguilles de Melun*" passed into a French proverb.

Lesbian Poets (The). Terpan'dor, Alca'us, Ari'on, and the poetess Sappho, all of Lesbos.

Lesbian Rule (The). A *post facto* law. Making an act the precedent for a rule of conduct, instead of squaring conduct according to law.

Lesé Majesty. (See LEZE MAJESTY.)

Lesbian Diet. Great abstinence; so called from Lessius, a physician who prescribed very stringent rules for diet. (See BANTING.)

Les'trigons. A race of giants who lived in Sicily. Ulysses sent two of his men to request that he and his crew might land, but the king of the place ate one for dinner and the other fled. The Les'trigons assembled on the coast and threw stones against Ulysses and his crew. Ulysses fled with all speed, but lost many of his men. There is considerable resemblance between this tale and that of Polyphemus, who ate one of Ulysses' companions, and on the flight of the rest assembled with other giants on the shore, and throw stones at the retreating crew, whereby several were killed.

Let, to permit, is the Anglo-Saxon *let-an*, to suffer or permit; but *let* (to hinder) is the verb *lett-an*. It is a pity we have dropped the second *t* in the latter word.

"Oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, but was [have been] let hitherto."—Romans i. 18.

Let Drive (To). To attack; to full foul of. A Gallicism. "*Se laisser aller à . . .*"—i.e. to go without restraint.

"Thou knowest my old ward; here I [Falstaff] lay, and thus I bore my point. Four rogues in buckram let drive at me. . . . These four came all a-front, and mainly thrust at me."—*Shakespeare: 1-Henry IV., li. 4.*

Let us Eat and Drink; for to-morrow we shall Die (Isaiah xxii. 13).

The Egyptians in their banquets exhibited a skeleton to the guests, to remind them of the brevity of human life, saying as they did so, "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die."

Leth's (2 syl.), in Greek mythology, is one of the rivers of Hades, which the souls of all the dead are obliged to taste, that they may forget everything said and done in the earth on which they lived. (Greek *lêtho, lathêo, lanthano*, to cause persons not to know.)

Leth'e'an Dew. Dreamy forgetfulness; a brown study. Lethê, in mythology, is the river of forgetfulness. Sometimes incorrectly called *Le'thean*.

"The soul with tender luxury you [Muses] fill,
And o'er the senses Lethæan dews distill."
Falconer: The Shipwreck, iii. 4.

Letter-Gae. The precentor is called by Allen Ramsay "The Letter-gae of haly rhyme." "Holy rhyme" means hymns or chants.

"There were no sae many hairs on the warlock's face as there's on Letter-gae's at this moment."
—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering, chap. xi.*

Letter-lock. A lock that cannot be opened unless certain chosen letters are arranged in a certain order.

"A strange lock that opens with A M E N."
Beaumont and Fletcher: Noble Gentlemen.

Letter of Credit. A letter written by a merchant or banker to another, requesting him to credit the bearer with certain sums of money. (*Circular Notes* are letters of credit carried by gentlemen when they travel.)

Letter of Licence (L). An instrument in writing made by a creditor, allowing a debtor longer time for the payment of his debt.

Letter of Marque. A commission authorising a privateer to make reprisals on a hostile nation till satisfaction for injury has been duly made. Here "*marque*" means march, or *marca*, a border-land (whence our "*marquis*," the lords appointed to prevent border-incursions). A letter of *marque* or *mart* was permission given for reprisals after a border-incursion. Called *lres marchium*.

Letter of Orders (L). A certificate that the person named in the letter has been admitted into holy orders.

Letter of Pythagoras (The). The Greek upsilon, ψ .

"They placed themselves in the order and figure of ψ , the letter of Pythagoras, as cranes do in their flight."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel, iv. 33.*

Letter of Safe Conduct. A writ under the Great Seal, guaranteeing safety to and fro to the person named in the passport.

Letter of Uriah (2 Sam. xi, 14). A treacherous letter of friendship, but in reality a death-warrant. (See **BELLEROPHON**.)

"However, sir, here is a guarantee. Look at its contents: I do not again carry the letters of Uriah."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xvi.

Letters. Their proportionate use is as follows:—

E .. 1,000	H .. 540	F .. 236	K .. 89
T .. 770	R .. 628	W .. 190	J .. 55
A .. 728	D .. 362	Y .. 181	Q .. 50
I .. 704	L .. 360	P .. 168	X .. 46
S .. 680	U .. 238	G .. 168	Z .. 22
O .. 672	C .. 230	B .. 158	
N .. 670	M .. 272	V .. 123	

Consonants, 5,977. Vowels, 3,400.

As initial letters the order is very different, the proportion being:—

S .. 1,194	M .. 489	W .. 272	Q .. 52
C .. 937	F .. 368	G .. 206	N .. 47
P .. 804	I .. 377	U .. 228	Y .. 23
A .. 574	E .. 340	O .. 206	Z .. 18
T .. 571	H .. 308	V .. 172	X .. 4
D .. 505	L .. 298	N .. 153	
R .. 408		J .. 60	

E is the most common letter (except in initials), and r, s, t, d, are the most common final letters.

I and a are the only single letters which make words. Perhaps o, as a sign of the vocative case, should be added. Of two letters, an, at, and in are the most common, and of three letters the and and. (See **LONG WORDS**.)

Letters. Philo affirms that letters were invented by Abraham.

Many attribute the invention to Bada-manth, the Assyrian.

Blair says they were invented by Memnon, the Egyptian, B.C. 1822.

The same authority says that Menes invented hieroglyphics, and wrote in them a history of Egypt, B.C. 2122.

Josephus asserts that he had seen inscriptions by Seth, son of Adam.

Lucan says:—

"Phœni'cæ primi, famæ si creditur, anni
Mansuram rutilibus vocem signa're fluviis."
Pharsalia, iii. 291.

Sir Richard Phillips says—"Thoth, the Egyptian who invented current writing, lived between B.C. 2806 and 3000."

Many maintain that Jehovah taught men written characters when He inscribed on stone the ten commandments. Of course, all these assertions have a similar value to mythology and fable.

Cadmos, the Phœnician, introduced sixteen of the Greek letters.

Simon'idēs introduced γ, ω, ξ; and Epicarmos introduced θ, χ. At least, so says Aristotle. (See **LACEDÆMONIAN LETTER**, and **LETTER OF PYTHAGORAS**.)

Father of Letters (*Père des Lettres*). François I. of France (1494, 1515-1547).

Lorenzo de' Medici, the *Magnificent* (1418-1492).

A man of letters. A man of learning, of erudition.

Letters expletive, and marks on letters.

In French there are two letters expletive—l and z. The former, called 'l' ophélysique,' is placed before on if the preceding word ends with a vowel, as *si-l-on*. The latter is called 'z euphonistique,' and is used in interrogative sentences between the third person singular of verbs ending with a vowel, and a pronoun beginning with a vowel, as *elle-t-elle? a-t-elle?*

The chief accents are the grave (`), acute (´) and circumflex (^).

Two dots over the letter t of two vowels (called *diacritics*), signify that each vowel is to be sounded, as *At-tis* (1 syl.).

A hyphen between two or more nouns or syllables denotes that they form a compound word, as *mother-in-law*. The hyphen in French is called a "trait d'union," as *tracé*.

In French, the mark () under the letter c is called a *cedilla*, and signifies that the c (which would otherwise be z) is to be pronounced like s, as *ca (cass)*, and *garçon (garrison)*.

A small comma (,) over an a, o, or u, in Scandinavian languages, is called an *umlaut*, and a vowel so marked is called an *umlaut* (3 syl.).

(¨ or ¨) over the vowel o in German, is called a *zweipunct* (2 syl.), and gives the vowel the sound of a French *eu*, as *peu*, etc.; but over the vowel u it gives it the sound of the French *u* in *dû*.

Letters Missive. An order from the Lord Chancellor to a peer to put in an appearance to a bill filed in chancery.

Letters Overt. The same as letters patent (*q.v.*).

Letters Patent. So denominated because they are written upon open sheets of parchment, with the seal of the sovereign or party by whom they were issued pendant at the bottom. Close letters are folded up and sealed on the outside. (*Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy*.)

Letters at the Foot of a Page.

Printers affix a letter to the first page of each sheet; these letters are called *signatures*. They begin with B, and sometimes, but not always, omit J. V, W, A is reserved for the title and preface. After Z, the alphabet is used double—thus, A A or 2 A—and then trebled, quadrupled, etc., as necessity demands. Sometimes figures, 1, 2, 3, etc., are used instead of letters. (See **SHEET**.)

Letters of Administration. The legal instrument granted by the Probate Court to a person appointed administrator to one who has died intestate.

Letters of Bellerophon. (See **BELLEROPHON**.)

Letters of Horning. (See **under HORN, HORNS**.)

Letters of Junius. (See **JUNIUS**.)

Letters of the Sepulchre. The laws made by Godfrey and the Patriarchs

of the court of Jerusalem. There were two codes, one respecting the privileges of the nobles, and the other respecting the rights and duties of the burghers. They were kept in a coffer laid up in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Lettre de Cachet (French). An arbitrary warrant of imprisonment; a letter folded and sealed with the king's cachet or little seal. These were secret instructions to the person addressed to proceed against someone named in the letter. The lieutenant-general of police kept an unlimited number of these instruments, and anyone, for a consideration, could obtain one, either to conceal a criminal or to incarcerate someone obnoxious. This power was abolished in the Revolution.

Lettre de Jérusalem. A letter written to extort money. (See *Vidocq: Les Voleurs*, i. 240-253.)

Leuca'dia or Leucas. The promontory from which desponding lovers threw themselves into the sea. Sappho threw herself from this rock when she found her love for Phaon was in vain.

¹ Thence injured lovers, leaping from above,
Their flames extinguish'd, and forget to love.
Pope: Sappho to Phaon

Leucippus (Greek, *Leukippos*). Founder of the Atomistic School of Greek philosophy (about B.C. 428).

Leucothœa [*White Goddess*]. So Ino was called after she became a sea-nymph. Her son Palæmon, called by the Romans Portunus, or Portumnus, was the protecting genius of harbours.

¹ By Leucothœa's lovely hands,
And her son who rules the strands.
Milton: Comus, sec. 7.

Leuh. The register of the Recording Angel, in which he enters all the acts of the member of the human race. (According to the Koran.)

Levant and Couchant. Applied to cattle which have strayed into another's field, and have been there long enough to lie down and sleep. The owner of the field can demand compensation for such intrusion. (Latin, "*levantes et cubantes*," rising up and going to bed.)

Levant and Ponent Winds. The east wind is the Levant, and the west wind the Ponent. The former is from *levé*, to rise (sunrise), and the latter from *poner*, to set (sunset).

"Forth rush the Levant and the Ponent winds."
Milton: Paradise Lost, x. 704.

Levant, the region, strictly speaking, means the eastern shore of the Mediterranean; but is often applied to the whole East.

Levant. *He has levanted*—i.e. made off, decamped. A *levanter* is one who makes a bet, and runs away without paying his bet if he loses. (Spanish "*levantar el campo, la casa*," to break up the camp or house; our *leave*.)

In the *Slang Dictionary*, p. 214, we are told that "it was formerly the custom, when a person was in pecuniary difficulties, to give out that he was gone to the Levant." Hence, when one lost a bet and could not or would not pay, he was said to have "levanted"—i.e. gone to the Levant. Of no historic value.

Levé. *Levé en masse* (French). A patriotic rising of a whole nation to defend their country from invasion.

The Queen's Levée. It was customary for the queens of France to receive at the hour of their levée—i.e. while making their toilet—the visits of certain noblemen. This custom was afterwards demanded as a right by the court physicians, messengers from the king, the queen's secretary, and some few other gentlemen, so that ten or more persons were often in the dressing-room while the queen was making her toilet and sipping her coffee. The word is now used to express that concourse of gentlemen who wait on the queen on mornings appointed. No ladies except those attached to the court are present on these occasions.

“Kings and some nobles have their levées sometimes of an evening.

¹ "When I was very young (said Lord Eldon to Mrs. Forster) Lord Mansfield used to hold levées on Sunday evenings."—*Times*. Lord Eldon, vol. i. chap. v. p. 68.

Level Best. *To do one's level best.* To exert oneself to the utmost. *Au gré de nos pouvoirs.* In 1877 Mr. Hale published a book entitled *His Level Best*.

Level Down. To bring society, taxes, wages, etc., to an equality by reducing all to the lowest standard.

Level Up (*To*). To raise the lower strata of society, or standard of wages, etc., to the level of the higher.

Levellers. (April, 1649.) A body of men that first appeared in Surrey, and went about pulling down park palings and levelling hedges, especially those on crown lands. Colonel Lilburne was lodged in prison for favouring the Levellers. (See LILBURNE.)

Levellers. Radicals in the time of Charles I. and the Commonwealth, who wanted all men to be placed on a level with respect to their eligibility to office.

Levellers (*in Irish History*), 1740. Agrarian agitators, afterwards called Whiteboys (q.v.). Their first offences were levelling the hedges of enclosed commons; but their programme developed into a demand for the general redress of all agrarian grievances.

Lever de Rideau. A light and short dramatic sketch placed on the stage while the manager is preparing to introduce his drama for the night, or "draw up the curtain" on the real business.

"An attempt to pack a romantic tragedy into the space filled by an ordinary *lever de rideau*."—*Nineteenth Century*, Dec., 1892, p. 1064.

Leveret. A young hare. The Duke d'Eprenon always swooned at the sight of a *leveret*, though he was not affected if he saw a hare. (*See Fox*.)

Leviathan. The crocodile, or some extinct sea monster, described in the Book of Job (chap. xii.). It sometimes in Scripture designates Pharaoh, King of Egypt, as in Psa. lxxiv. 14, Isa. xxvii. 1, and Ezek. xxix. 3, etc., where the word is translated "dragon."

The Leviathan of Literature. Dr. Johnson (1709-1784).

Levites (2 syl.). In Dryden's *Absalom and Achitophel*, means the Dissenting clergy who were expelled by the Act of Conformity.

Levitical. Belonging to the Levites or priestly tribe of Levi; pertaining to the Jewish priesthood, as the *Levitical law*, *Levitical rites*.

Lewd (Anglo-Saxon, *leode*) simply means folk in general, verb *lead-an*. The present meaning refers to the celibacy of the clergy.

"All that a lewd man hath need to know for hole of sow."—*Carleton Society's Publications*.

Lewis (*Monk*). (*See Monk*.)

Lewis Baboon. Louis XIV. of France is so called in Arbuthnot's *History of John Bull*. Of course, there is a play upon the word Bourbon.

Lewkner's Lane. Now called "Charles Street," Drury Lane, London, always noted for ladies of the pavement.

"The nymphs of chaste Diana's train,
The same with those of Lewkner's Lane."
Burton: Hudibras, part iii. canto 1.

Lex non Scripta. The common law, as distinguished from the statute or written law. Common law does not derive its force from being recorded, and though its several provisions have been compiled and printed, the compilations are not statutes, but simply remembrancers.

Lex Talionis (Latin). Tit for tat; the law of retaliation.

Leyden Jar or **Phial**. A glass vessel partly coated, inside and out, with lead-foil, and used in electrical experiments to receive accumulated electricity; invented by Vanleight, of Leyden.

Lèse Majesty. High treason; i.e. "*Crimen læsæ Majestatis*."

Li-Flambe. The banner of Clovis miraculously displayed to him in the skies. (*See TOADS*.)

Lia-fail (of Ireland). The *Fatalis Marmor* or Stone of Destiny. On this stone the ancient Irish kings sat at their coronation, and according to tradition, wherever that stone might be the people there would be dominant. It was removed to Scone; and Edward removed it from Scone Abbey to London. It is kept in Westminster Abbey under the royal throne, on which the English sovereigns sit at their coronation. (*See CORONATION CHAIR, Scone*.)

Liak'ura (3 syl.). Parnassus.

"But where is he that hath beheld
The peak of Liakura unveiled."

Byron: The Giaour.

Liar (*The*). Al Aswad, who set himself up as a prophet against Mahomet. He was called *the Weathercock* because he changed his creed so often, *the Impostor*, and *the Liar*.

Moseilma, another contemporary, who affirmed that the "belly is the seat of the soul." He wrote to Mahomet, and began his letter: "From Moseilma, prophet of Allah, to Mahomet, prophet of Allah," and received for answer a letter beginning thus: "From Mahomet the prophet of God, to Moseilma the Liar." (Anglo-Saxon, *leag-an*, to tell a falsehood; but to be recumbent is *lieg-an* or *fig-an*.)

Prince of Liars. Ferdinand Mendez Pinto, a Portuguese traveller, whose narrative is so much after Munchausen's style, that Cervantes dubbed him "Prince of Liars." The *Teller* called him a man "of infinite adventure and unbounded imagination."

Libel means a *little book* (Latin, *libellus*). A lampoon, a satire, or any defamatory writings. Originally it meant a plaintiff's statement of his case, which usually "defames" the defendant.

The greater the truth, the greater the libel. The dictum of William Murray, Earl of Mansfield (1704-1793).

"Dost not know that old Mansfield, who writes like the Bible,
Says: 'The more 'tis a truth, sir, the more 'tis a libel?'"
Burns.

Li'ber Albus contains the laws and customs of the city of London, compiled in 1419, by John Carpenter, town clerk.

Li'ber Niger or *The Black Book of the Exchequer*, compiled by Gervase of Tilbury, in the reign of Henry II. It is a roll of the military tenants.

Liberal Arts. Book-learning (Latin, *liber*) ; viz., Grammar, Rhetoric, Philosophy, Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music.

Liberal Unionists or *Tory Democrats*. Those Conservatives or Tories who have a strong bias towards democratic measures.

Liberal Unionists. Those Whigs and Radicals who united, in 1886, with Lord Salisbury and the Conservative party to oppose Home Rule for Ireland. Mr. Gladstone had brought in a Bill to give the Irish Home Rule. Lord Hartington was chief of the Whigs, and Mr. Chamberlain chief of the Radicals, who seceded from Mr. Gladstone's party.

Lib'erals. A political term first employed in 1815, when Lord Byron and his friends set on foot the periodical called *The Liberal*, to represent their views in politics, religion, and literature. The word, however, did not come into general use till about 1831, when the Reform Bill, in Lord Grey's Ministry, gave it prominence.

"Influenced in a great degree by the philosophy and the politics of the Continent, they [the Whigs] endeavoured to substitute cosmopolitan for national principles, and they baptised the new scheme of politics with the plausible name of 'Liberalism.'"—*Disraeli*, June 24, 1873.

Lib'erator (*The*). The Peruvians so call Simon Bolivar, who established the independence of Peru. (1785-1831.) Daniel O'Connell was so called, because he tried to sever Ireland from England. (1775-1847.)

Lib'erator of the world. So Dr. Franklin has been called. (1706-1790.)

Liberia. An independent republic of western Africa settled by free negroes.

Lib'ertines. A sect of heretics in Holland, led by Quinton a factor, and Copin. They maintained that nothing is sinful but to those who think it sinful, and that perfect innocence is to live without doubt.

* By a "libertine" is now generally meant a profligate, or one who puts no restraint on his personal indulgence.

"A libertine, in earlier use, was a speculative free-thinker in matters of religion and in the theory of morals . . . but [it has come] to signify a profligate."—*French On the Study of Words*, lecture iii. p. 90.

Liberty means "to do what one likes." (Latin, *liber*, free.)

Civil Liberty. The liberty of a subject to conduct his own affairs as he thinks proper, provided he neither infringes on the equal liberty of others, nor offends against the good morals or laws under which he is living.

Moral Liberty. Such freedom as is essential to render a person responsible for what he does, or what he omits to do.

National Liberty. The liberty of a nation to make its own laws, and elect its own executive.

Natural Liberty. Unrestricted freedom to exercise all natural functions in their proper places.

Personal Liberty. Liberty to go out of one's house or nation, and to return again without restraint, except deprived thereof by way of punishment.

Political Liberty. The right to participate in political elections and civil offices; and to have a voice in the administration of the laws under which you live as a citizen and subject.

Religious Liberty. Freedom in religious opinions, and in both private and public worship, provided such freedom in no wise interferes with the equal liberty of others.

Cap of Liberty. The Goddess of Liberty, in the Aventine Mount, was represented as holding in her hand a cap, the symbol of freedom. In France, the Jacobins wore a red cap. In England, a blue cap with a white border is the symbol of liberty, and Britannia is sometimes represented as holding such a cap on the point of her spear. (See CAP OF LIBERTY.)

Liberty. *The Goddess of Liberty.* On December 10th, 1793, Mlle. Malliard, an actress, was selected to personify the "Goddess of Liberty." Being brought to Notre Dame, Paris, she was seated on the altar, and lighted a large candle to signify that Liberty was the "light of the world." (See *Louis Blanc : History*, ii. 365-367.)

* The statue of Liberty, placed over the entrance of the Palais Royal, was modelled from Mme. Tallien.

The Goddess of Reason. (Aug. 10, 1793.) The Goddess of Reason was enthroned by the French Convention at the suggestion of Chaumette; and the cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris was desecrated for the purpose. The wife of Momoro the printer was the best of these goddesses. The procession was attended by the municipal officers and national guards, while troops of ballet girls carried torches of truth. Incredible as it may seem, Gobet (the Archbishop of Paris), and nearly all the clergy stripped themselves of their canonicals, and, wearing red nightgowns, joined in this blasphemous mockery. So did Julien of Toulouse, a Calvinistic minister.

"Mrs. Momoro, it is admitted, made one of the best goddesses of Reason, though her teeth were a little defective."—*Carlyle : French Revolution*, vol. iii. book v. 4.

Libitina. The goddess who, at Rome, presided over funerals.

"Omnis moriar; nullaque pars mei vitabit Libitina."

Libra [*the balance*]. One of the twelve signs of the Zodiac (September 22 to October 22), when day and night being weighed would be found equal.

Lib'rary. One of the most approved materials for writing on, before the invention of paper, was the thin rind between the solid wood and the outside bark of certain trees. This substance is in Latin called *liber*, which came in time to signify also a "book." Hence our *library*, the place for books; *librarian*, the keeper of books; and the French *livre*, a book.

Some interesting facts concerning books and libraries will be found in Diarrell's *Curiousities of Literature*.

A circulating library. A library from which the books may be borrowed and taken by readers to their homes under certain restrictions.

A living or walking library. Longinus, the philosopher and rhetorician, was so called. (213-273.)

Public Libraries.

¶ **Ancient.** The first public library known was founded at Athens (B.C. 540) by Clistrates. That of Alexandria, founded (B.C. 47) by the Ptolemies, contained 400,000 books. It was burnt by order of the Calif Omar, A.D. 641.

The first public library of Rome was founded by Asinius Pollio; the second, called the Palatine, by Augustus.

The royal library of the Fatimites of Egypt contained 100,000 manuscripts, splendidly bound. (*Gibbon*.)

The library of the Omniades of Spain contained 600,000 volumes, 44 of which were catalogues. (*Gibbon*.)

There were seventy public libraries in the kingdom of Andalusia. (*Gibbon*.)

When the monastery of Croydon was burnt, in 1091, its library consisted of 900 volumes, 300 of which were very large. (*Ingulphus*.)

¶ **Modern.** The British Museum library contains above 32 miles of book-shelves, 1,250,000 volumes, and 89,000 MSS. Some 40,000 additions are made yearly.

The Bibliothèque Nationale of Paris, founded by Louis XIV., is the largest library in the world. It contains above 1,400,000 volumes, 500,000 pamphlets, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, 150,000 coins and medals, 1,400,000 engravings, contained in 10,000 volumes, and 100,000 portraits.

The Imperiale, France, contains about 600,000 books, 500,000 pamphlets, and 85,000 manuscripts.

The Munich Library contains about 600,000 books and 10,000 manuscripts.

The Vienna, about 500,000 books and 20,000 manuscripts.

The Vatican, about 200,000 books and 40,000 manuscripts.

The Imperial Library of Russia, about 650,000 books and 21,000 manuscripts.

The Copenhagen Library, about 500,000 books and 15,000 manuscripts.

Lib'ya. Africa, or all the north of Africa between Egypt and the Atlantic Ocean. It was the Greek name for Africa in general. The Romans used the word sometimes as synonymous with Africa, and sometimes for the fringe containing Carthage.

Licentiate (4 syl.) One who has a licence to practise some art or faculty, as a *licentiate of medicine*.

Lich. A dead body. (Anglo-Saxon, *lic*; German, *leiche*.)

Lich-field, in Staffordshire. *The field of the dead*, i.e. of the martyred Christians.

Lich-fowls. Birds that feed on carrion, as night-ravens, etc.

Lich-gate. The shed or covered place at the entrance of churchyards, intended to afford shelter to the coffin and mourners, while they wait for the clergyman to conduct the *cortege* into the church.

Lich-owl. The screech-owl, superstitiously supposed to foretell death.

Lich-wake or **Lyke-wake.** The funeral feast or the waking of a corpse, i.e. watching it all night.

Lich-way. The path by which a funeral is conveyed to church, which not unfrequently deviates from the ordinary road. It was long supposed that wherever a dead body passed became a public thoroughfare.

Lichten. Belonging to the lich-ground or cemetery. In Chichester, just outside the city walls on the east, are what the common people call the lightnen or litten schools, a corruption of lichten schools, so termed because they stand on a part of the ancient Saxon lich-acre. The spelling usually adopted for these schools is "litten."

Lick, as I licked him. I flogged or beat him. (Welsh, *lluch*, a slap, verb *lluchian*; Anglo-Saxon, *slie-an*, to strike, or slick.)

Lick into Shape (4). According to tradition the culms of bears are cast shapeless, and remain so till the dam has licked them into proper form.

"So watchful Bruin forms, with plastic care,
Each growing lump, and brings it to a bear."
Pope: *Dunciad*, l. 101.

Lick the Dust (To). To fall in battle.

"His enemies shall lick the dust."—Psalm lxxv. 9.

Licks the Butter. *The very dogs refused to lick the butter from his forehead.* Before the dead body of a Parsee is removed from the house, the forehead is smeared with clarified butter or ghee, and the dogs of the house are admitted. If the dog or dogs lick the butter, it is a good omen; if not, it signifies perdition.

Licksplittle (A). A servile toady.

"It's heart too great, though fortune little.
To lick a rascal statesman's spittle." *So oft.*

Lictors. *Binders* (Latin, *ligo*, to bind or tie). These Roman officers were so called because they bound the hands and feet of criminals before they executed the sentence of the law. (*Aulus Gellius*.)

"The lictors at that word, tall yeomen all and strong,
Each with his axe and sheaf of twigs, went down into the throng." *Macaulay: Virginia.*

Lid. Anglo-Saxon, *hlid*; Dutch and Danish, *lid*. "Close" is the Latin supine *clusum*.

Lidskialfa [*the terror of nations*]. The throne of Alfader, whence he can view the whole universe. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Lie. (Anglo-Saxon, *lyge*, a falsehood.)

Father of lies. Satan (John viii. 44).

The greatest lie. The four P's (a Palmer, a Pardoner, a Poficiary, and a Pedlar) disputed as to which could tell the greatest lie. The Palmer said he had never seen a woman out of patience; whereupon the other three P's threw up the sponge, saying such a falsehood could not possibly be outdone. (*Heywood: The Four P's.*)

White lies. (See WHITE.)

Lie Circumstantial (The) or *The lie with circumstance.* Sir, if you said so, it was a lie. As Touchstone says, this insult is voidable by this means—"If you said so, I said it was a lie," but the word "if" makes the insult hypothetical. This is the lie direct in the second degree or once removed. (See COUNTERCHECK.)

Lie Direct (The). Sir, that's a lie. You are a liar. This is a direct offence no gentleman can take.

"One day as I was walking, with my customary swagger,

Says a fellow to me, 'Pistol, you're a coward,
thou'ch a bragger.'
Now, this was an indignity no gentleman could take sir.

So I told him that and plump, 'You lie—(under a mistake, sir).'"

Lie Quarrelsome (The). To tell one flat and plump "You lie." Touchstone calls this "the countercheck quarrelsome."

"If again (the fifth time) it was not well cut, he would say *I lied*: this is called the countercheck quarrelsome."—*Shakespeare: As You Like It*, v. 4.

Lie hath no Feet (A). Because it cannot stand alone. In fact, a lie wants twenty others to support it, and even then is in constant danger of tripping.

Lie. (Anglo-Saxon, *legan*, to 'bile or rest; but *lie*, to deceive, is the Anglo-Saxon verb *leagan*.)

"Lee heavy on him, earth, for he
Laid many a heavy load on thee."

This is part of Dr. Evans's epitaph on Sir John Vanbrugh, the comic poet, herald, and architect. The "heavy loads" referred to were Blenheim, Greenwich Hospital (which he finished), Castle Howard in Yorkshire, and other massive buildings. (1666-1726.)

Lie Low (To). To conceal oneself or one's intentions.

"All this while Bree Rabbit lay low."—*Uncle Remus*.

Lie Over (To). To be deferred; as, this question must lie over till next sessions.

Lie-to (To). To stop the progress of a vessel at sea by reducing the sails and counterbracing the yards; to cease from doing something. A nautical phrase.

"We now ran plump into a fog, and were obliged to lie-to."—*Lord Dufferin*.

Lie Up (To). To refrain from work; to rest.

Lie at the Catch (To). Thus Talkative says to Faithful, "You lie at the catch, I perceive." To which Faithful replies, "No, not I; I am only for setting things right." "To lie at the catch," or lie on the catch, is to lie in wait or to lay a trap to catch one.

Lie in State (To). "*Être couché sur un lit de parade*." A dead body displayed to the general public.

Lie on Hand (To). To remain unsold. "*Rester depuis longtemps en main*."

Lie to One's Work (To). To work energetically.

Lie with One's Fathers (To). To be buried in one's native place. "*Reposer avec ses pères*."

"I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt."—*Genesis xlviii. 20.*

Liebenstein and Sternfels. Two ruined castles of the Rhine. According to tradition, Leoline, the orphan, was

the sole surviving child of the lord of Liebenstein; and two brothers, named Warbeck and Otho, were the surviving children of the lord of Sternfels. Both the brothers fell in love with Leoline; but, as Leoline gave the preference to Otho, Warbeck joined the Crusades. A Templar in time persuaded Otho to do the same; but, the war being over, Otho stayed at Constantinople, where he fell in love with a Greek, whom he brought home for his bride. Leoline retired to the adjacent convent of Bornhofen. Warbeck defied his brother to single combat for this insult to his betrothed; but Leoline with the nuns interposed to prevent the fight. The Greek wife, in time, eloped with one of the inmates of Sternfels, and Otho died childless. A band of robbers broke into the convent; but Warbeck armed in its defence. He repelled the robbers, but received his death-wound, and died in the lap of Leoline; thus passed away the last lord of Liebenstein. (*Traditions of the Rhine*.)

Liege. The word means one bound, a bondsman (Latin, *ligo*, to bind); hence, vassals were called *liege-men*—i.e. men bound to serve their lord. The lord was called the *liege-lord*, being bound to protect the vassals.

"Unarmed and lareheaded, on his knees, and with his hands placed between those of his lord, he [the military tenant] repeated these words: 'Hear, my lord, I have become your liegeman of life and limb, and earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear to you to live and die.'—*Langard: History of England*, vol. II. chap. I. p. 27.

Lien. A bond. (Latin, *liga'men*). Legally, a bond on goods for a debt; a right to retain goods in a creditor's hands till he has satisfied a legal claim for debt.

Liesse (2 syl.). *Abbé de Liesse* or *Abbas Letitia*. The French term for the "Boy Bishop," or "Abbot of Unreason." (See *ARBOT*.)

Lieutenant (pronounce *lef-ten'-unt*), is the Latin *locum-tenens*, through the French. A *Lieutenant-Colonel* is the Colonel's deputy. The *Lord-Lieutenant* of Ireland is a viceroy who represents the crown in that country.

Life. (Anglo-Saxon, *lif*.)

Drawn from life. Drawn or described from some existing person or object.

For life. As long as life continues.

For the life of me. True as I am alive. Even if my life depended on it. A strong asseveration.

"How could I, for the life of me, see how the creation of the world had anything to do with what I was talking about."—*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield*.

Is life worth living? Schopenhauer decides in the negative. In the "funeral service" we are taught to thank God for delivering the deceased "out of the miseries of this sinful life." On the other hand, we are told that Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, not by way of punishment, but quite the contrary.

"On days like this, one feels that Schopenhauer is wrong after all, and that life is something really worth living for."—*Grant Allen: The Creed of Charnaud*.

Large as life. Of the same size as the object represented.

On my life. I will answer for it by my life; as, "*Il le fera j'en réponds sur ma vie*."

To bear a charmed life. To escape accidents in a marvellous manner.

To know life. In French, "*Savoir vivre*"—that is, "*Savoir ce que c'est que de vivre*." "Not to know life," is the contrary—"Ne savoir pas ce que c'est que de vivre."

To the life. In exact imitation. "Done to the life." "*Faire le portrait de quelqu'un au naturel*" (or) "*d'après nature*."

Life-boat (*l*). A boat rendered especially buoyant for the purpose of saving those who are in peril of their life at sea.

Life-buoy (*l*). A float to sustain two or more persons in danger of being drowned at sea.

Life-Guards. Two senior regiments of the mounted body-guard, comprising 878 men, all six feet high; hence, a fine, tall, manly fellow is called "an *regular Life-guard*man."

Life Policy (*l*). An assurance to be paid after the death of the person.

Life Preserver (*l*). A buoyant jacket, belt, or other appliance, to support the human body in water; also a loaded staff or knuckle-duster for self-defence.

Lift. *To have one at a lift* is to have one in your power. "When a wrestler has his antagonist in his hands and lifts him from the ground, he has him "at a lift," or in his power.

"'Sirra,' says he, 'I have you at a lift.

Now you are come unto your latest shift."

Percy: Reliques; Guy and Amarant.

Lift not up your Horn on High. (Psalm lxxv. 6.) Do not behave scornfully, maliciously, or arrogantly. (See *under HORN*.)

Lift up the Heel against Me (*l*). To kick me (physically or morally); to

to eat with contumely or contempt: to oppose, to become an enemy. As an unruly horse kicks the master who trusts and feeds him.

"Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted his heel against me."—*Psalm xli. 9.*

Lift up the Voice (To). To shout or cry aloud; to utter a cry of joy or of sorrow.

"Saul lifted up his voice and wept."—*1 Sam. xiv. 16.*

Lifted up. Put to death; to raise on a cross or gibbet.

"When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He."—*John viii. 28.*

Lifter. A thief. We still call one who plunders shops a "shop-lifter."

"Is he so young a man, and so old a lifter?"
Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida, i. 2.

Lifting (The). In Scotland means lifting the coffin on the shoulders of the bearers. Certain ceremonies preceded the funeral.

"When at the funeral of an ordinary husbandman one o'clock was named as the hour for 'lifting' the party began to assemble two hours previously."—*Saladin: Amosic Journal, Jan. 11, 1861, p. 27.*

At the first service were offered meat and ale; at the second, shortbread and whisky; at the third, seed-cake and wine; at the fourth, currant-bun and rum; at the last, sugar-biscuits and brandy.

Lifting, or Lifting the Little Finger. Tippling. In holding a beaker or glass, most persons stick out or lift up the little finger. "Lifting" is a contracted form of the full phrase.

Ligan. (Goods thrown overboard, but tied to a cork or buoy in order to be found again. (Latin *ligare*, to tie or bind.)

Flotsam. The débris of a wreck which floats on the surface of the sea, and is often washed ashore. (Latin *flotare*, to float.)

Jetsam or jetsam. Goods thrown overboard in a storm to lighten the vessel. (Latin *jacere*, to cast forth, through the French *jeter*.)

Light. Life. Othello says, "Put out the light and then put out the light." In May, 1886, Abraham Harper, a market-gardener, of Oxford, hit his wife in the face, and threatened to "put her light out," for which he was fined 5s. and costs. (*Truth, May 20th, 1886.*)

Light. Graces, holiness. Called "the candle of the Lord," the "lamp of

God," as, "The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord." (*Prov. ix. 27.*)

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works."—*Matt. v. 16.*

To stand in one's own light. To act in such a way as to hinder advancement.

"He stands in his own light through nervous fear."—*The Leisure Hour, 1866.*

Light Comedian (A), in theatrical parlance, is one who performs in what is called legitimate comedy, but is very different to the "low comedian," who is a farceur. Orlando, in *As You Like It*, might be taken by a "light comedian," but not by a "low comedian." Tony Lumpkin and Paul Pry are parts for a "low comedian," but not for a "light comedian."

Light Horsemen. Those who live by plunder by night. Those who live by plunder in the daytime are Heavy Horsemen. These horsemen take what they can crib aboard ship, such as coffee-beans, which they call *pease*; sugar, which they call *sand*; rum, which they call *vinegar*, and so on. The broker who buys these stolen goods and asks no questions is called a *fence*. (See *Captain Marryat: Poor Jack*, chap. xviii.)

Light Troops, i.e. light cavalry, meaning Lancers and Hussars, who are neither such large men as the "Heavies," nor yet so tall. (See **LIGHT-ARMED ARTILLERY**.)

Light-armed Artillery. The Royal Horse Artillery. The heavy artillery are the garrison artillery.

Light as a Feather. (See **SIMILES**.)

Light-fingered Gentry (The). Pick-pockets and shop-lifters.

Light Gains make a heavy Purse. Small profits and a quick return, is the best way of gaining wealth. French, "*Le petit gain remplit la bourse*;" Italian, "*I guadagni mediocri riempiono la borsa*."

Light of One's Countenance (The). The bright smile of approbation and love.

"Lift up the light of Thy countenance on us."—*Psalms iv. 6.*

Light of the Age. Maimon'idés or Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, of Cordova (1135-1204).

Light of the Harem. The Sultana Nourmahal, afterwards called *Nour-jehan* (Light of the World). She was the bride of Selim. (*Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh.*)

Lighthouse. The most celebrated of antiquity was the one erected by Ptolemy Soter in the island of Pharos, opposite Alexandria. Josephus says it could be seen at the distance of 42 miles. It was one of the "seven wonders" of the ancient world.

Of modern lighthouses the most famous are the Eddystone, 14 miles S.W. of Plymouth Sound; the Tour de Corduan, at the entrance of the Gironde, in France; and the Bell Rock, which is opposite the Frith of Tay.

The largest lighthouses are:—(1) The lighthouse at Hell Gate in New York, 250 feet high, with 9 electric lamps of 6,000 candle-power each. (2) The Bartholdi Statue of Liberty, in New York harbour, 220 feet high. (3) One in Genoa, Italy, 210 feet in height. (4) Cape Hatteras Light, which is 189 feet high. (5) Eddystone Lighthouse is 85 feet high, and lights a radius of 17 miles.

Lightning [*Barca*]. Hamilcar of Carthage was called "Barca," both on account of the rapidity of his march and also for the severity of his attacks. (B.C. 247-228.)

Chain lightning. Two or more flashes of lightning repeated without intermission.

Forked lightning. Zig-zag lightning.
Globular lightning. A meteoric ball (of fire), which sometimes falls on the earth and flies off with an explosion.

Lightning Conductor. A metal rod raised above a building with one end in the earth, to carry off the lightning and prevent its injuring the building.

It must be pointed at the top extremely to ensure a quiet discharge.

Lightning Preservers. The most approved classical preservatives against lightning were the eagle, the sea-calf, and the laurel. Jupiter chose the first, Augustus Cæsar the second, and Tiberius the third. (*Columella*, x.; *Sueton*, in *Vit. Aug.*, xc.; ditto in *Vit. Tib.*, lxi.) (See HOUSE-LEEK.)

Bodies scathed and persons struck dead by lightning were said to be incorruptible; and anyone so distinguished was held by the ancients in great honour. (J. C. Bullenger: *De Terre Motu*, etc., v. 11.)

Lightning Proof. A building protected by lightning conductors (one or more).

Lightning Rod (*d*). (See LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR.)

Ligu'rians. A congregation of missionary priests called also Redemptorists, founded in 1732, by St. Alphonsus

Ligu'ri. Their object is the religious instruction of the people, and the reform of public morality.

Ligurian Arts. Deception, trickery.

Ligurian Republic (*The*). Venetia, Genoa, and a part of Sardinia, tied up in one bundle by Napoleon I. in 1797, and bound with a constitution similar to that of the French "Directory," so called from Ligu'ria, pretty well commensurate with those districts. It no longer exists.

Ligurian Sage (*The*). Anlus Persine Flaccus, born at Volaterræ, in Etruria, according to ancient authors; and at Luna Portus, in Liguria, according to some modern authorities. (A.D. 31-62.) (See *Satires*, vi. 6.)

Lilburn Shawl. The name of a place in Wensleydale, Yorkshire. Shawl is *shaw*, a hill; *shaw'l* = shaw-hill.

Lilburne. If no one else were alive, John would quarrel with Lilburne. John Lilburne was a contentious Leveller in the Commonwealth; so rancorous against rank that he could never satisfy himself that any two persons were exactly on the same level. (See LAWSUITS.)

"Is John departed? and is Lilburne gone?
Farewell to both - to Lilburne and to John.
Yet, being gone, take this advice from me:
Let them not both in one grave buried be.
Here lay ye John, lay Lilburne there; but
For if they both should meet, they would fall out."
Epigrammatic Epitaph.

Lil'ianu was wooed by a phantom that lived in her father's pines. At nightfall the phantom whispered love, and won the fair Lilianu, who followed his green waving plume through the forest, and was never seen again. (*American-Indian tradition*.)

Lilis or **Lilith** (*Rabbinical mythology*). The Talmudists say that Adam had a wife before Eve, whose name was Lilis. Refusing to submit to Adam, she left Paradise for a region of the air. She still haunts the night as a spectre, and is especially hostile to new-born infants. Some superstitious Jews still put in the chamber occupied by their wife four coins, with labels on which the names of Adam and Eve are inscribed, with the words, "Avaunt thee, Lilith!" Goethe has introduced her in his *Faust*. (See LAMIA.)

"It was Lilith, the wife of Adam . . .
Not a drop of her blood was human,
But she was made like a soft sweet woman."
D. G. Rossetti: *Eden Bower*.

The fable of Lilis or Lilith was invented to reconcile Gen. i. with Gen. ii. Genesis i. represents the simultaneous

creation of man and woman out of the earth; but Genesis ii. represents that Adam was alone, and Eve was made out of a rib, and was given to Adam as a helpmeet for him.

Lilli-Barléro or **Lilli-Bulle'ro** and **Bullen-a-lah**. Said to have been the words of distinction used by the Irish Papists in their massacres of the Protestants in 1641. A song with the refrain of "Lilli-barléro, bullen-a-la!" was written by Lord Wharton, which had a more powerful effect than the philippics of either Demosthenes or Cicero, and contributed not a little to the great revolution of 1688. Burnet says, "It made an impression on the [king's] army that cannot be imagined. . . . The whole army, and at last the people, both in city and country, were singing it perpetually . . . never had so slight a thing so great an effect." The song is in Percy's *Reliques of Ancient English Poetry*, series ii. bk. 3. (See *Sterne: Tristram Shandy*, chap. ii.)

"Lilli bulléro, lilli bulléro bullen a la,
Lero lero, lilli bulléro, lero lero bullen a la,
Lero lero, lilli bulléro, lero lero bullen a la."

Mr. Chappell attributes the air to Henry Purcell.

Lilliput. The country of pigmies called "Lilliputians," to whom Gulliver was a giant. (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels*.)

Lily (The). There is a tradition that the lily sprang from the repentant tears of Eve as she went forth from Paradise.

Lily in Christian art is an emblem of chastity, innocence, and purity. In pictures of the Annunciation, Gabriel is sometimes represented as carrying a lily-branch, while a vase containing a lily stands before the Virgin, who is kneeling in prayer. St. Joseph holds a lily-branch in his hand, to show that his wife Mary was always the virgin.

Lily. (Emblem of France.) Tasso, in his *Jerusalem Delivered*, terms the French *Gigli d'oro* (golden lilies). It is said the people were commonly called *Lilwarts*, and the kingdom *Lilum* in the time of Philippe le Bel, Charles VIII., and Louis XII. They were so called from the *fleur-de-lys*, the emblem of France.

"I saw my country's lily torn."
Bloomfield. (A Frenchman is speaking.)

"The burghers of Ghent were bound by solemn oath not to make war upon the lilies."—*Millington: Heraldry*, i.

Lily of France. The device of Clovis was three black toads, but an aged hermit of Joye-en-valle saw a miraculous light stream one night into his cell, and

an angel appeared to him holding a shield of wonderful beauty; its colour was azure, and on it were emblazoned three gold lilies that shone like stars, which the hermit was commanded to give to Queen Clotilde. Scarcely had the angel vanished when Clotilde entered, and, receiving the celestial shield, gave it to her royal husband, whose arms were everywhere victorious. (See *Les Petits Hollandais*, vol. vi. p. 426.)

"Un hermitte apporta a la ditte roynne un drap d'azur a Trois Fleurs de Lis d'or, que l'ange luy auoit donnee et le deliura la ditte roynne a son mary le roy Clovis pour le porter comme ses armes en lieu qu'il les portoit d'or a trois cranz de sable."—*Chiffart*.

"The kings of France were called "Lords of the Silver Lilies."

"Florence is called "The City of Lilies."

Lily of the Valley. The *Convallaria majalis* (the May valley plant); one of the species is Solomon's seal. It is by no means the case that the *Convallaria* grow only in valleys, although they prefer shady places.

This is not the lily (Matt. vi. 28) which is said to excel "Solomon in all his glory." The *Lilium candidum* is the flower alluded to by our Lord; a tall majestic plant, common in Palestine, and known by us as the Garden Lily. It is bell-shaped, with white petals and golden yellow stamens. *Jahn Archaeologia Biblica*, p. 155, tells us that "at festivals the rich and powerful robed themselves in white cotton, which was considered the most splendid dress."

Lily Maid of Astolat. (See ELAINE.)

Lim Hay. *Lick it up like Lim hay*. Lim, on the Mersey, is famous for its excellent hay.

Limb. *To tear limb from Warburton*. Lymn cum Warburton forms one rectory in Cheshire. The play is on limb and Lymn.

Limb of the Law (&). A lawyer, or a clerk articulated to a lawyer. The hands are limbs of the body, and the lawyer's clerks are his hands to copy out what the head of the office directs.

Limberham. A tame, foolish keeper. The character is in Dryden's comedy of *Limberham, or the Kind Keeper*, and is supposed to satirise the Duke of Lauderdale.

Limbo. A waste-basket; a place where things are stowed, too good to destroy but not good enough to use. In School theology unbaptised infants and good heathens go to Limbo. (Latin, *limbus*, the edge.) They cannot go to heaven, because they are not baptised, and they cannot go to the place of torment, because they have not committed

sin at all, or because their good preponderates. (See *Milton: Paradise Lost*, bk. iii.) (See *ARAF.*)

In limbo. Go to limbo—that is, prison.

Limbus, preceded by *in* or *to* becomes *limbo*—as, in limbo, to limbo. Occasionally, *limbo* stands for *limbus*.

Limbus Fatuorum. The Limbus of Fools, or Fool's Paradise. As fools are not responsible for their works, they are not punished in Purgatory, but cannot be received into Heaven; so they go to a place called the Paradise of Fools.

"Then might you see
Cows, hoods, and habits, with their wearers
toss'd
And fluttered into rags; then relics, beads,
Indulgences, dispensers, pardons, bulls,
The sport of winds. All these, up-turled aloft,
Into a Limbo large and broad, since called
The Paradise of Fools."

Milton: Paradise Lost, book iii, 489-495.

* One cannot wonder that Milton's great poem was placed by the Catholics in the Index of books forbidden.

Limbus Patrum. The half-way house between earth and heaven, where the patriarchs and prophets, after death, await the coming of Messiah. According to the Roman Catholic notion, this is the "hell," or hades, into which Jesus Christ descended after He gave up the ghost on the cross. Limbo, and sometimes Limbo patrum, is used for "quod," jail, confinement.

"I have some of them in limbo patrum, and there they are like to dance these three days."—*Shakespeare: Henry VIII.*, v. 4.

Limbus Puero-rum. The Child's Paradise, for children who die before they are responsible for their actions.

Limbus of the Moon. *In the limbo of the moon.* Ariosto (in his *Orlando Furioso*, xxiv. 70) says, in the moon are treasured up such stores as these: Time misspent in play, all vain efforts, all vows never paid, all intentions which lead to nothing, the vanity of titles, flattery, the promises of princes, death-bed alms, and other like vanities.

"There heroes' wits are kept in ponderous vases,
And hearts' in snuff-boxes and tweezer-cases;
There broken vows and death-bed alms are
found,
And lovers' hearts with ends of ribbon bound;
The courtier's promises and sick man's prayers,
The smiles of harlots, and the tears of heirs."

Pope: Rape of the Lock, 115-120.

Lime Street, London. The place where, in former times, lime was sold in public market. It gives its name to one of the wards of London.

Limited Liability. The liability of a shareholder in a company only for a

fixed amount, generally the amount of the shares he has subscribed for. The Limited Liability Act was passed 1855.

Limner. A drawer, a painter, an artist. A contraction of *illuminator*, or rather *luminer* (one who illuminates manuscripts).

"The limner, or Illuminer . . . throws us back on a time when the illumination of MSS. was a leading occupation of the painter."—*Trench: On the Study of Words*, lecture IV, p. 171.

Limp. Formed of the initial letters of Louis (XIV.), James, Mary, Prince (of Wales). A Jacobite toast in the time of William III. (See *NOTABICA.*)

Lina. The Goddess Flax.

"Inventress of the wool fair Lina flings
The flying shuttle through the dancing strings."—*Darwin: Loves of the Plants*, canto ii.

Lincoln. A contraction of *London-columa*. *Lindum* was an old British town, called *Llyn-dune* (the fen-town). If we had not known the Latin name, we should have given the etymology *Llyn-collyne* (the fen-hill, or hill near the pool, as the old city was on a hill).

The devil looks over Lincoln. (See *DEVIL.*)

Lincoln College (Oxford). Founded by Richard Fleming in 1427, and completed by Rotherham, Bishop of Lincoln, in 1479.

Lincoln Green. Lincoln, at one time, was noted for its green. Coventry for its blue, and Yorkshire for its grey. (See *KENDAL GREEN.*)

"And girls in Lincoln green,"

Drayton: Polygraphon, xxv.

Falstaff speaks of Kendal (Green (Westmoreland)), 1 *Hen. IV.*, ii. 4.)

"Here be a sort of mused knaves come in,
Clothed all in Kendal green."

Plays of Robert Hood.

Lincoln's Inn. One of the fashionable theatres in the reign of Charles II.

Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, built an inn (mansion) here in the 14th century. The ground belonged to the Black Friars, but was granted by Edward I. to Lacy. Later, one of the bishops of Chichester, in the reign of Henry VII., granted leases here to certain students of law.

Lincolnshire Bagpipes. The croaking of frogs in the Lincolnshire fens. We have Cambridgeshire nightingales, meaning frogs; fen nightingales, the Læge nightingale. In a somewhat similar way asses are called "Arcadian nightingales."

"Melancholy as . . . the drone of a Lincolnshire bagpipe."—*Shakespeare: 1 Hen. IV.*, i. 2.

Lindabrides. A heroine in *The Mirror of Knighthood*, whose name at one time was a synonym for a kept mistress, in which sense it was used by Scott, *Kenilworth* and *Woodstock*.

Linden Tree (A). Baucis was converted into a linden tree. Philemon and Baucis were poor cottagers of Phrygia, who entertained Jupiter so hospitably that he promised to grant them whatever request they made. They asked that both might die together, and it was so. At death Philemon became an oak and Baucis a linden tree. Their branches intertwined at the top.

Lindor. A poetic swain of the Corydon type, a lover *en bergère*.

"Do not, for my own sake, bring down Corydon and Lindor upon us,"—*Sir Walter Scott*.

Line. Trade, business.

What line are you in? What trade or profession are you of? "In the book line"—i.e. the book trade. This is a Scripture phrase. "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage." The allusion is to drawing a line to mark out the lot of each tribe, hence line became the synonym of lot, and lot means position or destiny; and hence a calling, trade, or profession. Commercial travellers use the word frequently to signify the sort of goods which they have to dispose of; as, one travels "in the hardware line," another "in the drapery line," or "grocery line," etc.

Line (The). The equator. (See CROSSING THE LINE.)

The deep-sea line. A long line marked at every five fathoms, for sounding the depth of the sea.

The line. All regiments of infantry except the foot-guards, the rifle brigade, the marines, the militia, and the volunteers.


Line a Day (A). ("Nulla dies sine linea.") Apelles the artist said he never passed a day without doing at least one line, and to this steady industry he owed his great success.

Line of Battle. The order of troops drawn up so as to present a battle-front. There are three lines—the van, the main body, and the rear. A fleet drawn up in *line of battle* is so arranged that the ships are ahead and astern of each other at stated distances.

All along the line, in every particular. The reference is to line of soldiers.

"The accuracy of the statement is contested all along the line by persons on the spot."—*W. E. Gladstone* (Newspaper report).

To break the enemy's line is to derange their order of battle, and so put them to confusion.

Line of Beauty, according to Hogarth, is a curve thus . Mengs was of the same opinion, but thought it should be more serpentine. Of course, these fancies are not tenable, for the line which may be beautiful for one object would be hideous in another. What would Hogarth have said to a nose or mouth which followed his line of beauty?

Line of Communication, or rather **Lines of Communication,** are trenches made to continue and preserve a safe correspondence between two forts, or two approaches to a besieged city, or between two parts of the same army, in order that they may co-operate with each other.

Line of Demarcation. The line which divides the territories of different proprietors. The space between two opposite doctrines, opinions, rules of conduct, etc.

Line of Direction. The line in which a body moves, a force acts, or motion is communicated. In order that a body may stand without falling, a line let down from the centre of gravity must fall within the base on which the object stands. Thus the leaning tower of Pisa does not fall, because this rule is preserved.

Line of Life (The). In French, *La ligne de vie*. So also, line of duty, *La ligne du devoir*, etc. In palmistry, the crease in the left hand beginning above the web of the thumb, and running towards or up to the wrist is so called.

The nearer it approaches the wrist the longer will be the life, according to palm-forecasters. If long and deeply marked, it indicates long life with very little trouble; if crossed or cut with other marks, it indicates sickness.

Line of March. The ground from point to point over which an army moves.

Line of Operation (The) in war. The line between the base of operation (*q.r.*) and the object aimed at. Thus, if a fleet is the base and the siege of a city is the object aimed at, the line of operation is that drawn from the fleet to the city. If a well-fortified spot is the base and a battle the object, the line of operation is that which lies between the fortified spot and the battle-field.

Line upon Line. Admonition or instruction repeated little by little (a line at a time). Apelles said "*Nulla dies*

sine lineâ." A drawing is line upon line, an edifice is brick upon brick or stone upon stone.

"Line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little."—Isaiah xxviii. 10.

Lines. *The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.* The part allotted to me and measured off by a measuring line. (Psalms xvi. 6.)

Hard lines. Harsh restrictions. Here lines means an allotment measured out.

To read between the lines. To discern the secret meaning. • One method of cryptography is to write in alternate lines; if read line by line, the meaning of the writer is reversed or wholly misunderstood. Thus lines 2, 4, 6 of the following cryptogram would convey the warning to Lord Montague of the Gunpowder Plot.

- (3) "My lord, having just returned from Paris,
stay away from the house to-night
and give me the pleasure of your company."
(4) for God and man have concurred to punish
those who pay not regard to their health,
and
(6) the wickedness of the time
adds greatly to its wear and tear."

Linen Goods. In 1721 a statute was passed imposing a penalty of £5 upon the *weaver*, and £20 upon the seller of, a piece of calico. Fifteen years later this statute was so far modified that calicoes manufactured in Great Britain were allowed, "provided the warp thereof was entirely of linen yarn." In 1774 a statute was passed allowing printed cotton goods to be used on the payment of threepence a yard duty; in 1806 the duty was raised to threepence halfpenny. This was done to prevent the use of calicoes from interfering with the demand for linen and woollen stuffs. The law for burying in woollen was of a similar character. The following extracts from a London news-letter, dated August 2nd, 1768, are curious. [*Note—chintz is simply printed calico.*]

"Yesterday three tradesmen & wives of this city were convicted before the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor for wearing chintz gowns on Sunday last, and each of them was fined £5. These make eighty who have been convicted of the above offence within twelve months past. . . . There were several ladies in St. James's Park on the same day with chintz gowns on, but the persons who gave information of the above three were not able to discover their names or places of abode. . . . Yesterday a wagon loaded with £2,000 worth of chintz was seized at Dartford in Kent by some custom-house officers. Two post-chaises loaded with the same commodity got off with their goods by swiftness of driving."

Lingo. Talk, language. A corruption of *lingua*.

Lingua Franca. A species of corrupt Italian spoken on the coasts of the Mediterranean. The Franks' language mixed with the Italian.

Lining of the Pocket. Money.

"My money is spent; 'tis all I be content
With pockets deprived of their lining?"
The Lady's Decoy, or Man Milder's Defence, 1736, p. 4.

When the great court tailor wished to obtain the patronage of Beau Brummel, he made him a present of a dress-coat lined with bank-notes. Brummel wrote a letter of thanks, stating that he quite approved of the coat, and he especially admired the lining.

Linnaean System. A system devised by Linnaeus of Sweden, who arranged his three kingdoms of animals, vegetables, and minerals into classes, orders, genera, species, and varieties, according to certain characteristics.

Linne (*The Heir of*). The Lord of Linne was a great spendthrift, "who wasted his substance in riotous living." Having spent all, he sold his estates to John o' the Scales, his steward, reserving to himself only a "poor and lonesome lodge in a lonely glen." When he had squandered away the money received for his estates, and found that no one would lend or give him more, he retired to the lodge in the glen, where he found a rope with a running noose dangling over his head. He put the rope round his neck and sprang aloft, when lo! the ceiling burst in twain, and he fell to the ground. When he came to himself he espied two chests of beaten gold, and a third full of white money, and over them was written, "Once more, my son, I set thee clear; amend thy life, or a rope at last must end it." The heir of Linne now returned to his old hall, where he asked his quondam steward for the loan of forty pence; this was refused him. One of the guests proffered the loan, and told John o' the Scales he ought to have lent it, as he had bought the estate cheap enough. "Cheap call you it?" exclaimed John; "why, he shall have it back for 100 marks less." "Done," said the heir of Linne, and counted out the money. He thus recovered his estates, and made the kind guest his forester. (*Percy: Reliques*, series ii. book 2.)

Linsey-woolsey Million (*The*). The great unwashed. The artisan class, supposed to dress in linsey-woolsey. "Broucloth" being for the gentry.

"Truth needs not, John, the eloquence of words;
Not more than a deceitful suit of clothes."
Requires of broad gold lace the expensive gear,
That makes the linsey-woolsey million stare."
Peter Plinck: Silvanus Urban.

Linspe (French, 2 syl.) means a prince in slang or familiar usage. It

comes from the inspector or monitor of the cathedral choir called the *Spi* or the *Inspé* (inspector), because he had to superintend the rest of the boys.

Lion (as an agnomen).

ALP ARSLAN [*the Valiant Lion*], son of Toghrul Beg, the Perso-Turkish monarch. (Reigned 1063-1072.)

ALI was called *The Lion of God* for his religious zeal and great courage. His mother called him at birth Al Haïdara, *the Rugged Lion*. (A.D. 602, 655-661.)

ALI PASHA, called *The Lion of Janina*, overthrown in 1822 by Ibrahim Pasha. (1741, 1788-1822.)

ARIOCH (fifth of the dynasty of Ninu, the Assyrian), called Arioeh Ellas'ar—i.e. Arioeh Melech al Asser, *the Lion King of Assyria*. (B.C. 1927-1897.)

DAMELOWIEZ, Prince of Halicz, who founded Lemberg (*Lion City*) in 1259.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, called *The Lion of the North*. (1594, 1611-1632.)

HAMZA, called *The Lion of God and of His Prophet*. So Gabriel told Mahomet his uncle was curegistered in heaven.

HENRY, Duke of Bavaria and Saxony, was called *The Lion* for his daring courage. (1129-1195.)

LOUIS VIII. of France was called *The Lion* because he was born under the sign Leo. (1187, 1223-1226.)

RICHARD I. *Cœur de Lion* (*Lion's heart*), so called for his bravery. (1157, 1189-1199.)

WILLIAM of Scotland, so called because he chose a red lion rampant for his cognisance. (Reigned 1165-1214.)

¶ *The Order of the Lion*. A German Order of civil merit, founded in 1815.

Lion (as an emblem). A lion is emblem of the tribe of Judah; Christ is called "the lion of the tribe of Judah."

"Judah is a lion's whelp: . . . he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?"—Genesis xlix. 9.

A lion emblematic of St. Jérôme. The tale is, that while Jérôme was lecturing one day, a lion entered the schoolroom, and lifted up one of its paws. All the disciples fled; but Jérôme, seeing that the paw was wounded, drew out of it a thorn and dressed the wound. The lion, out of gratitude, showed a wish to stay with its benefactor. Hence Jérôme is typified as a lion, or as accompanied by a lion. (*Kenesman: Lives of the Saints*, p. 784.)

Androchus and the Lion. This is a replica of the tale of ANDROCLUS. Androchus was a Roman slave, condemned to encounter a lion in the amphitheatre; but when the beast was

let loose it crouched at the feet of the slave and began licking them. The circumstance naturally excited the curiosity of the consul; and the slave, being brought before him, told him the following tale: "I was compelled by cruel treatment to run away from your service while in Africa, and one day I took refuge in a cave from the heat of the sun. While I was in the cave a lion entered, limping, and evidently in great pain. Seeing me, he held up his paw, from which I extracted a large thorn. We lived together in the cave for some time, the lion catering for both of us. At length I left the cave, was apprehended, brought to Rome, and condemned to encounter a lion in the amphitheatre. My enemy was my old friend, and he recognised me instantly." (*A. Gellius: Noctes*, v. 15.)

St. Gerasimus and the Lion. A very similar tale is told of ST. GERASIMUS (A.D. 475). One day, being on the banks of the Jordan, he saw a lion coming to him, limping on three feet. When it reached the saint, it held up to him the right paw, from which Gerasimus extracted a large thorn. The grateful beast attached itself to the saint, and followed him about as a dog. (*Vies des Pères des Déserts d'Orient*.)

Sir George Davis and the Lion. Sir George Davis was English consul at Florence at the beginning of the 19th century. One day he went to see the lions of the great Duke of Tuscany. There was one which the keepers could not tame: but no sooner did Sir George appear than it manifested every symptom of joy. Sir George entered its cage, when the lion leaped on his shoulder, licked his face, wagged its tail, and fawned on him like a dog. Sir George told the great duke that he had brought up the creature; but as it grew older it became dangerous, and he sold it to a Barbary captive. The duke said that he had bought it of the very same man, and the mystery was solved.

Half a score of such tales are told by the Bollandistes in the *Acta Sanctorum*.

The lion an emblem of the resurrection. According to tradition, the lion's whelp is born dead, and remains so for three days, when the father breathes on it and it receives life. Another tradition is that the lion is the only animal of the cat tribe born with its eyes open, and it is said that it sleeps with its eyes open. This is not strictly correct, but undoubtedly it sleeps watchfully and lightly.

Mark the *Evangelist* is symbolised by

a *lion*, because he begins his gospel with the scenes of John the Baptist and Jesus in the Wilderness. Matthew is symbolised by a *man*, because he begins his gospel with the humanity of Jesus, as a descendant of David. Luke is symbolised as a *calf*, because he begins his gospel with the priest sacrificing in the temple. John is symbolised by an *eagle*, because he soars high, and begins his gospel with the divinity of the Logos. The four symbols are those of Ezekiel's cherubim.

The American lion. "The puma.

A Colchid lion. A sheep.

Lion (grateful for kindness) :—

ANDROC'LUS. (See under LION as an emblem.)

SIR IWAIN DE GALLES was attended by a lion, which, in gratitude to the knight, who had delivered it from a serpent with which it had been engaged in deadly combat, ever after became his faithful servant, approaching the knight with tears, and rising on his hind-feet like a dog.

SIR GEOFFREY DE LATOUR was aided by a lion against the Saracens; but the faithful brute was drowned in attempting to follow the vessel in which the knight had embarked on his departure from the Holy Land.

ST. GERASIMUS. (See under LION as an emblem.)

ST. JEROME. (See under LION as an emblem.)

Lion, in HERALDRY.

(1) *Couchant*. Lying down: head erect, and tail beneath him. Emblematic of sovereignty.

(2) *Guard or Coné*. With tail hanging between his legs.

(3) *Dormant*. Asleep, with head resting on his fore-paws.

(4) *Passant*. Walking, three feet on the ground; in profile. Emblematic of resolution.

(5) *Passant Guardant*. Three feet on the ground; full face. The "*Lion of England*." Resolution and Prudence.

(6) *Passant Regardant*. Three feet on the ground; side face turned backwards.

(7) *Rampant*. Erect on his hind legs; in profile. Emblematic of magnanimity.

(8) *Rampant Guardant*. Erect on his hind legs; full face. Emblematic of prudence.

(9) *Rampant Regardant*. Erect on his hind legs; side face looking behind. Emblematic of circumspection.

(10) *Regardant*. Looking behind him; emblematic of circumspection.

(11) *Saliant*. In the act of springing forward on its prey. Emblematic of valour.

(12) *Sejant*. Sitting, rising to prepare for action; face in profile, tail erect. Emblematic of counsel.

(13) *Sejant Affronté* (as in the crest of Scotland).

(14) *Stalant*. Standing with four legs on the ground.

(15) *Lion of St. Mark*. A winged lion sejant, holding an open book with the inscription "*Pax tibi Marce, Evangelista Mens*." A sword-point rises above the book on the dexter side, and the whole is encircled by an aureole.

(16) *Lion of Venice*. The same as the lion of St. Mark.

Then there are black, red, and white lions, with many leonine monsters.

A lion at the feet of knights and martyrs, in effigy, signifies that they died for their magnanimity.

The lions in the arms of England. They are three lions passant guardant, i.e. walking and showing the full face. The first lion was that of Rollo, Duke of Normandy, and the second represented the country of Maine, which was added to Normandy. These were the two lions borne by William the Conqueror and his descendants. Henry II. added a third lion to represent the Duchy of Aquitaine, which came to him through his wife Eleanor. The French heralds call the lion passant a *leopard*; accordingly Napoleon said to his soldiers, "Let us drive these leopards (the English) into the sea."

"In heraldry any lion not rampant is called a *lion leopardé*."

The lion in the arms of Scotland is derived from the arms of the ancient Earls of Northumberland and Huntingdon, from whom some of the Scotch monarchs were descended. The *treasure* is referred to the reign of King Achacius, who made a league with Charlemagne, who did augment his arms with a double trace formed with "Floure-de-lyces, signifying thereby that the lion henceforth should be defended by the ayde of Frenchemen." (*Holmshed's Chronicle*.)

Sir Walter Scott says the lion rampant in the arms of Scotland was first assumed by William of Scotland, and has been continued ever since.

"William, King of Scotland, having chosen for his armorial bearing a Red Lion rampant, acquired the name of William the Lion; and this rampant lion still constitutes the arms of Scotland; and the president of the heraldic court . . . is called Lord Lion King-at-Arms."—*Tales of a Grandfather*, iv.

A marble lion was set up in honour of Leonidas, who fell at Thermopylae, and a Belgian lion stands on the field of Waterloo.

¶ *Lions in classic mythology.* CYBELE (3 syl.) is represented as riding in a chariot drawn by two tame lions.

PRACRITI, the goddess of nature among the Hindus, is represented in a similar manner.

HIPPOMENES and ATALANTA (fond lovers) were metamorphosed into lions by Cybele.

HERCULES is said to have worn over his shoulders the hide of the Nemean lion, which he slew with his club. TERNOT is also represented as arrayed in a lion's hide.

The Nemean lion, slain by Hercules. The first of his twelve labours. As it could not be wounded by any weapon, Hercules squeezed it to death.

Lion (a public-house sign).

Black lion comes from the Flemings.

"Au noir lion la fleur-de-lys
Prest la terre de Godefray de Pais.

Blue, the badge of the Earl of Mortimer, also of Denmark.

Blue seems frequently to represent silver; thus we have the Blue Boar of Richard III., the Blue Lion of the Earl of Mortimer, the Blue Swan of Henry IV., the Blue Dragon, etc.

Crowned, the badge of Henry VIII.

Golden, the badge of Henry I., and also of Percy, Duke of Northumberland.

Passant gardant (walking and showing a full face), the device of England.

Rampant, the device of Scotland.

Rampant, with the tail between its legs and turned over its back, the badge of Edward IV. as Earl of March.

Red, of Scotland; also the badge of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, who assumed this badge as a token of his claim to the throne of Castile.

Shaggy, the device of Richard I.

Statant gardant (i.e. standing and showing a full face), the device of the Duke of Norfolk.

White, the device of the Dukes of Norfolk; also of the Earl of Surrey, Earl of Mortimer, and the Fitz-Hammonds.

"For who, in field or tory slack,
Saw the blanchie lion e'er fall back? [Duke of Norfolk]."

Sir Walter Scott: *Lay of the Last Minstrel*.

The winged lion. The republic of Venice. Its heraldic device.

White and Red Lions. Prester John, in a letter to Manuel Comnenus, of

Constantinople, 1165, says his land is "the home of white and red lions."

Lion-hunter (*A*). One who hunts up a celebrity to adorn or give prestige to a party. Mrs. Leo Hunter, in *Pickwick*, is a good satire on the name and character of a lion-hunter.

Lion-killer (*The*). Jules Gerard (1817-1861).

Lion Sermon (*The*). Preached in St. Katharine Cree church Leadenhall-street, London, in October, to commemorate "the wonderful escape" of Sir John Gayer, about 250 years ago, from a lion which he met with on being shipwrecked on the coast of Africa. Sir John was Lord Mayor in 1617.

Sir John Gayer bequeathed £20 for the relief of the poor on condition that a commemorative sermon was preached annually at St. Katharine Cree. It is said that Sir John was on his knees in prayer when the lion came up, snuff about him, prowled round and round him, and then stalked off.

Lion-sick. Sick of love, like the lion in the fable. (See *Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, ii. 3.)

Lion Tamer (*The*). Ellen Bright, who exhibited at Wombwell's menagerie, was so called. She was killed by a tiger in 1880, at the age of seventeen.

Lion and Unicorn. The animosity which existed between these beasts, referred to by Spenser in his *Fairie Queene*, is allegorical of the animosity which once existed between England and Scotland.

"Like as a lion, whose imperial towre
A proud rebellious unicorn defies."
Book ii. canto 5.

Lion and Unicorn. Ever since 1603 the royal arms have been supported as now by the English lion and Scottish unicorn; but prior to the accession of James I. the sinister supporter was a family badge. Edward III., with whom supporters began, had a lion and eagle; Henry IV., an antelope and swan; Henry V., a lion and antelope; Edward IV., a lion and bull; Richard III., a lion and boar; Henry VII., a lion and dragon; Elizabeth, Mary, and Henry VIII., a lion and greyhound. The lion is dexter—i.e. to the right hand of the wearer or person behind the shield.

Lion and the True Prince (*The*). *The lion will not touch the true prince* (1 *Henry IV.*, ii. 4). This is a religious superstition; the "true prince," strictly speaking, being the Messiah, who is called "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." Loosely it is applied to any prince of

blood royal, supposed at one time to be hedged around with a sort of divinity.

"Fetch the Numidian lion I brought over;
If she be sprung from royal blood, the lion
Will do her reverence, else he'll tear her."
Beaumont and Fletcher: The Maid's Love.

Lion of God. Ali was so called, because of his zeal and his great courage. (602, 655-661.)

Lion of St. Mark. (See under LION, heraldry.)

Lion of the Reformation (*The*). Spenser says that while Una was seeking St. George, she sat to rest herself, when a lion rushed suddenly out of a thicket, with gaping mouth and lashing tail; but as he drew near he was awe-struck, and, laying aside his fury, kissed her feet and licked her hands: for, as the poet adds, "beauty can master strength, and truth subdue vengeance." (The lion is the emblem of England, which waits upon Truth. When true faith was deserted by all the world, England the lion came to its rescue.) The lion then followed Una as a dog, but when Una met Hypocrisy, Sansloy came upon them and killed the lion. That is, during the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI., England the lion followed the footsteps of Truth, but in the reign of Mary, Hypocrisy came and False-faith killed the lion, i.e. separated England from Truth by fire and sword.

Lion of the Zodiac. One of the signs of the Zodiac (28th of July to the 23rd of August). c

Lion's Claws. Commonly used as ornaments to the legs of furniture, as tables, chairs, etc.; emblematical of strength and stability. The Greeks and Romans employed, for the same purpose, the hoofs of oxen.

"Les soutiens des tables et des trépiés [in Greece and Rome] se terminent souvent en forme de pieds de bœuf, pour exprimer la force et la stabilité."—*Noël: Dictionnaire de la Fable*, vol. i. p. 237, col. 2.

Lion's Head. In fountains the water generally is made to issue from the mouth of a lion. This is a very ancient custom. The Egyptians thus symbolised the inundation of the Nile, which happens when the sun is in Leo. The Greeks and Romans adopted the same device for their fountains.

Lion's Mouth. To place one's head in the lion's mouth. To expose oneself needlessly and foolhardily to danger.

Lion's Provider. A jackal; a foil to another man's wit, a humble friend who plays into your hand to show you to best advantage. The jackal feeds on

the lion's leavings, and is supposed to serve the lion in much the same way as a dog serves a sportsman. The dog lifts up its foot to indicate that game is at hand, and the jackals yell to advertise the lion that they have roused up his prey. (See JACKAL.)

"... the poor jackals are less foul,
As being the brave lion's keen providers,
Than human insects catering for spiders."
Byron: Don Juan, l. c. 27.

Lion's Share. The larger part: all or nearly all. In *Æsop's Fables*, several beasts joined the lion in a hunt; but, when the spoil was divided, the lion claimed one quarter in right of his prerogative, one for his superior courage, one for his dam and cubs, "and as for the fourth, let who will dispute it with me." Awded by his frown, the other beasts yielded and silently withdrew. (See MONTGOMERY.)

Lions (*The*). The lions of a place are sights worth seeing, or the celebrities; so called from the ancient custom of showing strangers, as chief of London sights, the lions at the Tower. The Tower menagerie was abolished in 1831.

Lionise a Person (*To*) is either to show him the lions, or chief objects of attraction; or to make a lion of him, by flitting him and making a fuss about him. To be lionised is to be so treated.

Liosalfar. The light Alfs who dwell in the city Alfheim. They are whiter than the sun. (See DOCK-ATFAR.) (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Lip. (Anglo-Saxon, *lippe*, the lip.)

To curl the lip. To express contempt or disgust with the mouth.

To hang the lip. To drop the under lip in sullenness or contempt. Thus Helen explains why her brother Troilus is not abroad by saying, "He hangs the lip at something." (Act iii. 1.)

"A foolish hanging of the nether lip."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.*, ii. 1.

To shoot out the lip. To show scorn.

"All they that see me laugh me to scorn. They shoot out the lip; they shake the head." *Psalm xxii.* 7.

Lip Homage. Homage rendered by the lips only, that is, either by a kiss like that of Judas, or by words.

Lip Service. Verbal devotion. Honouring with the lips while the heart takes no part nor lot in the matter. (See Matt. xv. 8, Isa. xxix. 13.)

Lips. The calices of our lips (Hosea xiv. 2). The sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

The fruit of the lips. Thanksgivings.

"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name."—Heb. xiii. 15.

Liquor up. Take another dram.

Lir (*King*). Father of Fionnuala. On the death of Fingula, the mother of his daughter, he married the wicked Aoife, who, through spite, transformed the children of Lir into swans, doomed to float on the water till they heard the first nass-bell ring. Thomas Moore has versified this legend.

"Silent, O Moyle, be the roar of thy water,
Break not, ye breezes, your chain of repose,
While murmuring mournfully, Lir's lovely daughter
Tells to the night-stars the tale of her woes."
Irish Melodies, No. ii. 9.

Liris. A proud but lovely daughter of the race of man, beloved by Rubi, first of the angel host. Her passion was the love of knowledge, and she was captivated by all her lover told her of heaven and the works of God. At last she requested Rubi to appear before her in all his glory, and as she fell into his embrace was burnt to ashes by the rays which issued from him. (*Moore: Lyrics of the Angels*, story ii.)

Lisbo's or Lisbon. Lisbon (*q. r.*)

"What beauties dwell Lisbon's first unfold."

Byron: Childe Harold, l. 16.

"And then faded Lisbon, whose emulated wall
Rose by the hand that wrought proud Thom's fall."
Mickle's Lancelot

Lisbon. A corruption of *Ulyssippo* (Ulysses' polis or city). Said by some to have been founded by Lusius, who visited Portugal with Ulysses, whence "Lusitania" (*q. r.*); and by others to have been founded by Ulysses himself. This is Camoens' version. (*See above.*)

Lismaha'go (*Captain*), in Smollett's *Humphry Clinker*. Very conceited, fond of disputation, jealous of honour, and brim-full of national pride. This poor but proud Scotch officer marries Miss Tabitha Bramble. The romance of Captain Lismaha'go among the Indians is worthy of Cervantes.

Lisuarte of Greece. One of the knights whose adventures and exploits are recounted in the latter part of the Spanish version of *Anadís of Gaul*. This part was added by Juan Diaz.

Lit de Justice. Properly the seat occupied by the French king when he attended the deliberations of his *parlement*. The session itself. Any arbitrary edict. As the members of *Parlement* derived their power from the king, when the king himself was present their power

returned to the fountain-head, and the king was arbitrary. What the king then proposed could not be controverted, and, of course, had the force of law. The *lit de justice* was held by Louis XVI. in 1787.

Little. Thomas Moore published a volume of amatory poems in 1808, under the name of *Thomas Little*.

"When first I came my proper name was Little—
now I'm Moore." *Hood: The Wre Man*.

Little. *Little by little.* Gradually; a little at a time.

Many a little makes a mickle. The real Scotch proverb is: "A wheen o' mickles mak's a muckle," where mickle means *little*, and muckle *much*; but the Anglo-Saxon *michel* or *mycel* means "much," so that, if the Scotch proverb is accepted, we must give a forced meaning to the word "mickle."

Little Britain or *Brittany*. Same as Armorica. Also called Benwic.

Little Corporal (*The*). Napoleon Bonaparte. So called after the battle of Lodi, in 1796, from his low stature, youthful age, and amazing courage. He was barely 5 ft. 2 in. in height.

Little Dauphin (*The*). The eldest son of the Great Dauphin—i.e. the Duc de Bourgogne, son of Louis, and grandson of Louis XIV.

Little Ease. The name of a prison cell too small to allow the prisoner to stand upright, or to lie down, or to assume any other position of ease. I have seen such a cell at St. Cyr; and according to *Curiosity*, or *The General Library*, p. 69 (1738), cells of this kind were used "at Guildhall for unruly apprentices."

Little-Endians. The two great empires of Lilliput and Blefuscu waged a destructive war against each other, exhausted their treasures, and decimated their subjects on their different views of interpreting this vital direction contained in the 54th chapter of the *Blum-decal* (*Koran*): "All true believers break their eggs at the convenient end." The godfather of Calin Deffar Plune, the reigning emperor of Lilliput, happened to cut his finger while breaking his egg at the big end, and very royally published a decree commanding all his liege and faithful subjects, on pains and penalties of great severity, to break their eggs in future at the small end. The orthodox Blefuscu'dians deemed it their duty to resent this innovation, and declared a war

of extermination against the heretical Lilliputians. Many hundreds of large treatises were published on both sides, but those of a contrary opinion were put in the *Index expurgatorius* of the opposite empire. (*Gulliver's Travels* *Voyage to Lilliput*, iv.)

"The quarrel between the Little-endians and the Big-endians broke out on Thursday, like the after-fire of a more serious conflagration."—*The Times*.

Little Englanders. Those who uphold the doctrine that English people should concern themselves with England only: they are opposed to colonisation and extension of the Empire.

Little-Go. The examination held in the Cambridge University in the second year of residence. Called also "the previous examination," because it precedes by a year the examination for a degree. In Oxford the corresponding examination is called *The Smalls*. (See *Mons*.)

Little Jack Horner. (See *JACK*.)

Little John. A big stalwart fellow, named John Little (or John Nailor), who encountered Robin Hood, and gave him a sound thrashing, after which he was rechristened, and Robin stood godfather. Little John is introduced by Sir Walter Scott in *The Talisman*.

"This infant was called John Little; 'quoth he,
'Which name shall he chance upon?
'The words we'll transpose, so where'er he goes,
His name shall be called Little John."
Ridson: Robin Hood, xvi.

Little John was executed on Arbor Hill, Dublin.

It will be remembered that Maria in *Twelfth Night*, represented by Shakespeare as a little woman, is by a similar pleasantry called by Viola, "Olivia's giant;" and Sir Toby says to her, "Good night, Penthesilea!"—i.e. Amazon.

Little Masters. A name applied to certain designers, who worked for engravers, etc., in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Called *little* because their designs were on a small scale, fit for copper or wood. The most famous are Jost Amman, for the minuteness of his work; Hans Burgmair, who made drawings in wood illustrative of the triumph of the Emperor Maximilian; Hans Sebald Beham; Albert Altdorfer, and Henrich Aldegraver. Albert Dürer and Lucas van Leyden made the art renowned and popular.

Little Nell. A child of beautiful purity of character, living in the midst of selfishness, worldliness, and crime. (*Dickens: Old Curiosity Shop*.)

Little Ones (The). The small children, and young children generally.

Little Paris. Brussels, the capital of Belgium, and Milan, in Italy, are so called, from their gaiety and resemblance in miniature to the French capital.

Little Pedlington. The village of quackery and cant, humbug, and egotism, wherever that locality is. A satire by John Poole.

Little Red Ridinghood. This nursery tale is, with slight alterations, common to Sweden, Germany, and France. It comes to us from the French, called *Le Petit Chaperon Rouge*, in Charles Perrault's *Contes des Temps*.

Little Gentleman in Velvet (The). The mole. "To the little gentleman in velvet" was a favourite Jacobite toast in the reign of Queen Anne. The reference was to the mole that raised the mole-hill against which the horse of William III. stumbled at Hampton Court. By this accident the king broke his collar-bone, a severe illness ensued, and he died early in 1702.

Little Packs become a Little Pedlar. "Little boats must keep near shore, larger ones may venture more."

"Machwaring is a clever justice
In him, my lord, our only trust is—
Burdett's a rotten meddler;
Volsks shud turn round and see their backs,
And meend (small) old proverb: 'Little packs
Become a little pedlar.'
Peter Fowler: Middlesex Election, letter i

Liturgy originally meant *public work*, such as arranging the dancing and singing on public festivals, the torch-races, the equipping and manning of ships, etc. In the Church of England it means the religious forms prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer. (Greek, *litourgia*.)

Live. *He lived like a knife, and died like a fool.* Said by Bishop Warburton of Henry Rich, first Earl of Holland, the turncoat. He went to the scaffold dressed in white satin, trimmed with silver.

Liver-vein (The). A love rhapsody. The liver was anciently supposed to be the seat of love. When Longaville reads the verses, Biron says, in an aside, "This is the liver-vein, which makes flesh a deity." (*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost*, iv. 3.)

Livered. As, *white-livered*, *lily-livered*. Cowardly. In the auspices taken by the Greeks and Romans before battle, if the liver of the animals

sacrificed was healthy and blood-red, the omen was favourable; but if pale, it augured defeat.

"Thou lily-livered boy!"
Shakespeare: Macbeth v. 3.

Liverpool. Said to be the "liver-pool." The liver is a mythic bird, somewhat like the heron. The arms of the city contain *two livers*.

Liverpud'lian. A native of Liverpool.

Livery. What is delivered. The clothes of a man-servant delivered to him by his master. The stables to which your horse is delivered for keep. During the Merovingian and Carolingian dynasties, splendid dresses were given to all the members of the royal household; barons and knights gave uniforms to their retainers, and even a duke's son, serving as a page, was clothed in the livery of the prince he served. (French, *l'herrier*.)

"What livery is we know well enough; it is the allowance of horse-meats to keep horses at livery, the which word, I guess, is derived of delivering forth their nightly food." *Spenser on Ireland*

Livery. The colours of a livery should be those of the field and principal charge of the armorial shield; hence the Queen's livery is gules (scarlet) or scarlet trimmed with gold. The Irish regiments preserve the charge of their own nation. Thus the Royal Irish Dragoon Guards have scarlet uniform with blue facings, and the Royal Irish Lancers have blue uniform with scarlet facings.

Livery-men. The freemen of the ninety-one guilds of London are so called, because they are entitled to wear the livery of their respective companies.

Livy of France (*The*). Juan de Mariana (1537-1624).

Livy of Portugal (*The*). João de Barros, the best of the Portuguese historians. (1496-1570.)

Liza. An innkeeper's daughter in love with Elvino, a rich farmer: but Elvino loves Amina. Suspicious circumstances make the farmer renounce the hand of Amina and promise marriage to her rival; but Liza is shown to be the paramour of another, and Amina, being proved innocent, is married to the man who loves her. (*Bellini: La Sonnambula*.) Or LISA. (*See ELVINO*.)

Lizard (*The*). Supposed, at one time, to be venomous, and hence a "lizard's leg" was an ingredient of the witch's cauldron in *Macbeth*.

Lizard Islands. Fabulous islands where damsels outcast from the rest of the world are received. (*Torquemada: Garden of Flowers*.)

Lizard Point (Cornwall). A corruption of "Lazars' Point," i.e. the place of retirement for lazars or lepers.

Lloyd's. An association of underwriters, for marine insurances. So called because the society removed in 1716 from Cornhill to a coffee-house in Lombard Street kept by a man named Lloyd.

Lloyd's Books. Two enormous ledger-like volumes, raised on desks at the entrance (right and left) of Lloyd's Rooms. These books give the principal arrivals, and all losses by wrecks, fire, or other accidents at sea. The entries are written in a fine, bold Roman hand, legible to all readers.

Lloyd's List. A London periodical, in which the shipping news received at Lloyd's Rooms is regularly published.

Lloyd's Register. A register of ships, British and foreign, published yearly.

Lloyd's Rooms. The rooms where Lloyd's Books are kept, and the business of the house is carried on. These rooms were, in 1774, removed from Lombard Street to the Royal Exchange, and are under the management of a committee.

Loaf. *Never turn a loaf in the presence of a Menteith.* Sir John Stewart de Menteith was the person who betrayed Sir William Wallace to King Edward. His signal was, when he turned a loaf set on the table, the guests were to rush upon the patriot, and secure him. (*Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, vii.)

Loaf held in the Hand (*It*) is the attribute of St. Philip the Apostle, St. Osyth, St. Joanna, Nicholas, St. Godfrey, and of many other saints noted for their charity to the poor.

Loafers. Tramps, thieves, and the ne'er-do-well. Idle fellows who get their living by expedients; *chevaliers d'industrie*. (German, *läufer*, a runner; Dutch, *looper*.)

"Until the differentiation of the labourer from the loafer takes place, the unemployed question can never be properly dealt with."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1893, p. 835.

Loathly Lady. A lady so hideous that no one would marry her except Sir Gawain; and immediately after the marriage her ugliness—the effect of enchantment—disappeared, and she became a model of beauty. Love beautifies.

Loaves and Fishes. *With an eye to the loaves and fishes; for the sake of . . .* With a view to the material benefits to be derived. The crowd followed Jesus Christ, not for the spiritual doctrines which He taught, but for the loaves and fishes which He distributed amongst them.

"Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled."—John vi. 26.

Lob. A till. Hence *lob-sneak*, one who robs the till; and *lob-sneaking*, robbing tills. (See next article.)

Lob's Pound. A prison, the stocks, or any other place of confinement. (Welsh, *lob*, a dolt). The Irish call it Pook's or Pouk's fold, and Puck is called by Shakespeare "the lob of spirits," and by Milton, "the lubber fiend." Our word *lobby* is where people are confined till admission is granted them into the audience chamber; it is also applied to that enclosed space near farmyards where cattle are confined.

Lobby. *The Bill will cross the lobbies.* Be sent from the House of Commons to the House of Lords.

Loblolly, among seamen, is spoon-victuals, or pap for lobs or dolts. (See LOLLIPOPS.)

Loblolly Boy (A.) A surgeon's mate in the navy. Here lob is the Welsh *lob*, a dolt, and loblolly boy is a dolt not yet out of his spoon-meat or baby-pap.

"Loblolly-boy is a person on board a man-of-war who attends the surgeon and his mates, but knows as much about the business of a seaman as the author of this poem."—*The Patent* (1776).

Lobster Sauce. *Died for want of lobster sauce.* Died of mortification at some trifling disappointment. Died from pique, or wounded vanity. At the grand feast given by the great Condé to Louis XIV., at Chantilly, Vatel was told that the lobsters for the turbot sauce had not arrived, whereupon this chef of the kitchen retired to his private room, and, leaning on his sword, ran it through his body, unable to survive such a dire disgrace as serving up turbot without lobster sauce.

Lobsters and Tarpaulings. Soldiers and sailors. Soldiers are now popularly called lobsters, because they are turned red when enlisted into the service. But the term was originally applied to a troop of horse soldiers in the Great Rebellion, clad in armour which covered them as a shell.

"Sir William Waller received from London (in 1642) a fresh regiment of 600 horse, under the

command of Sir Arthur Haslerig, which were so prodigiously armed that they were called by the king's party 'the regiment of lobsters' because of their bright iron shells with which they were covered, being perfect cuirassiers, and were the first seen, so armed on either side."—*Clarendon: History of the Rebellion*, lii. 91.

Lochiel (2 syl.) of Thomas Campbell is Sir Evan Cameron, lord of Lochiel, surnamed *The Black*, and *The Ulysses of the Highlands*. His grandson Donald was called *The Gentle Lochiel*. Lochiel is the title of the head of the clan Cameron.

"And Cameron, in the shock of steel,
Died like the offspring of Lochiel"
Sir W. Scott: The Field of Waterloo.

Lochinvar, being in love with a lady at Netherby Hall, persuaded her to dance one last dance. She was condemned to marry a "laggard in love and a dastard in war," but her young cavalier swung her into his saddle and made off with her, before the "bridegroom" and his servants could recover from their astonishment. (*Sir Walter Scott: Marion.*)

Lock, Stock, and Barrel. The whole of anything. The lock, stock, and barrel of a gun is the complete instrument.

"The property of the Church of England, lock stock, and barrel, is claimed by the Liberatorists."—*Newspaper paragraph*, 1865.

Lock the Stable Door. *Lock the stable door when the steed is stolen.* To take "precautions" when the mischief is done.

Lockhart. When the good Lord James, on his way to the Holy Land with the heart of King Robert Bruce, was slain in Spain fighting against the Moors, Sir Simon Lockard, of Leep, was commissioned to carry back to Scotland the heart, which was interred in Melrose Abbey. In consequence thereof he changed his name to Lock-heart, and adopted the device of a heart within a fetherlock, with this motto: "*Corde serrata pando*" (Locked hearts I open). Of course, this is romance. Lockhart is Teutonic, "Strong Beguiler."

"For this reason men changed Sir Simon's name from Lockard to Lockheart, and all who are descended from Sir Simon are called Lockhart to this day."—*Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, xi.

Lockit. The jailer in Gay's *Beggar's Opera*.

Lockitt's. A fashionable coffee-house in the reign of Charles II.

Lockman. An executioner; so called because one of his dues was a *lock* (or ladleful) of meal from every caskful

exposed for sale in the market. In the Isle of Man the under-sheriff is so called.

Locksley. So Robin Hood is sometimes called, from the village in which he was born. (See *Ivanhoe*, ch. xiii.)

Locksley Hall. Tennyson has a poem so called. The lord of Locksley Hall fell in love with his cousin Amy, but Amy married a rich clown. The lord of Locksley Hall, indignant at this, declares he will marry a savage; but, on reflection, adds: "Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay."

Locksmith's Daughter. A key.

Loco Parentis (*Latin*). One acting in the place of a parent, as a guardian or schoolmaster.

Locofocos. Lucifer-matches; self-lighting cigars were so called in North America in 1834. (*Latin*, *loco-foci*, in lieu of fire.)

"In 1835 during an excited meeting of the party in Tammany Hall, New York, when the candles had been blown out to increase the confusion, they were lighted with matches then called 'locofocos.' -- *Gilman: The American People*, chap. xxi.

Locofocos. Ultra-Radicals, so called in America because, at a grand meeting in Tammany Hall, New York, in 1835, the chairman left his seat, and the lights were suddenly extinguished, with the hope of breaking up the turbulent assembly; but those who were in favour of extreme measures instantly drew from their pockets their locofocos, and re-lighted the gas. The meeting was continued, and the Radicals had their way. (See *Gilman: The American People*, chap. xxi.)

Locomotive, or Locomotive Engine. A steam-engine employed to move carriages from place to place. (*Latin*, *locus movere*, to move one's place.)

Locomotive Power. Power applied to the transport of goods, in contradistinction to stationary power.

Lochin or Locine (2 syl.). Father of Sabrinus, and eldest son of the mythical Brutus, King of ancient Britain. On the death of his father he became king of Locgria (*q.v.*). (*Geoffrey: Brit. Hist.*, ii. 5.)

"Virgin daughter of Lochine,
Sprung from old Anchises' line."
Milton: Comus, 942-3.

Locum Tenens (*Latin*). One holding the place of another. A substitute, a deputy; one acting temporarily for another; a lieutenant.

Locus Delicti. The place where a crime was committed.

Locus in quo (*Latin*). The place in question, the spot mentioned.

Locus Penitentiae. (*Latin*). "Place for repentance—that is, the licence of drawing back from a bargain, which can be done before any act has been committed to confirm it. In the interview between Esau and his father Isaac, St. Paul says that the former "found no place for repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. xii. 17)—i.e. no means whereby Isaac could break his bargain with Jacob.

Locus penitentiae. Time to withdraw from a bargain (in Scotch law).

Locus Sigilli or **L. S.** The place where the seal is to be set.

Locus Standi (*Latin*). Recognised position, acknowledged right or claim. We say such-and-such a one has no *locus standi* in society.

Locust Bird. A native of Khorasan (Persia), so fond of the water of the Bird Fountain, between Shiraz and Isfahan, that it will follow wherever it is carried.

Locusta. (For food.)

"The business (says Captain Stockton) consider locusts a great luxury, consuming great quantities of fresh and drying abundance for future emergencies." "They are eaten (says Thomas Ragnell) in like manner by the Arabs of the Desert, and by other nomadic tribes in the East."

"Even the wasting locust-swarm,
Which mighty nations dread,
To me no terror brings, nor harm,
I make of them my bread."

African Sketches (1820).

Locusta. This woman has become a byword for one who murders those she professes to nurse, or those whom it is her duty to take care of. She lived in the early part of the Roman empire, poisoned Claudius and Britannicus, and attempted to destroy Nero; but, being found out, she was put to death.

Lode. The vein that leads or guides to ore. A dead lode is one exhausted.

Lode. A ditch that guides or leads water into a river or sewer.

Lodestar. The leading-star by which mariners are guided; the pole-star.

"Your eyes are lodestars."—*Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream*, i. 1.

Lodestone, or Loadstone. The magnet or stone that guides.

Lodona. The Lodden, an affluent of the Thames in Windsor Forest. Pope, in *Windsor Forest*, says it was a nymph, fond of the chase, like Diana. It chanced one day that Pan saw her, and tried to catch her; but Lodona fled from him.

implores Cynthia to save her from her persecutor. No sooner had she spoken than she became "a silver stream which ever keeps its virgin coolness."

Loegria or Lo'gres. England is so called by Geoffrey of Monmouth, from Logrine, eldest son of the mythical King Brute.

"His [Brute's] three sons divide the land by consent; Loegria had the middle part, Loegra . . ."
—Milton: *History of England*, bk. I.

"Thus Cambria to her right, what would herself restore,
And rather than to lose Loegria, looks for more."
Dryden: *Polyolbion*, IV.

"Il est écrit qu'il est une heure
On tout le royaume de Loegres,
Qui jadis fut la terre es ogres,
Sera détruit par cette lance."
Christian de Troyes.

Log. An instrument for measuring the velocity of a ship. It is a flat piece of wood, some six inches in radius, and in the shape of a quadrant. A piece of lead is nailed to the rim to make the log float perpendicularly. To this log a line is fastened, called the log-line (*q.v.*). Other forms are also used.

A king Log. *A roi fainéant.* In allusion to the fable of the frogs asking for a king. Jupiter first threw them down a log of wood, but they grumbled at so spiritless a king. He then sent them a stork, which devoured them eagerly.

Log-board. A couple of boards shutting like a book, in which the "logs" are entered. It may be termed the waste-book, and the *log-book* the journal.

Log-book. The journal in which the "logs" are entered by the chief mate. Besides the logs, this book contains all general transactions pertaining to the ship and its crew, such as the strength and course of the winds, the conduct and misconduct of the men, and, in short, everything worthy of note.

Log-line. The line fastened to the log (*q.v.*), and wound round a reel in the ship's gallery. The whole line (except some five fathoms next the log, called *stray line*) is divided into equal lengths called knots, each of which is marked with a piece of coloured tape or bunting. Suppose the captain wishes to know the rate of his ship; one of the sailors throws the log into the sea, and the reel begins to unwind. The length of line run off in half a minute shows the rate of the ship's motion per hour.

Log-roller (A). One engaged in log-rolling, that is (metaphorically) in furthering another's schemes or fads; persons who laud a friend to promote

the sale of his books, etc. The allusion is to neighbours who assist a new settler to roll away the logs of his "clearing."

"The members [of Congress] . . . make a compact by which each aids the other. This is log-rolling."—Bryce: *Commonwealth*, vol. II. part III. chap. LXVII. page 125 (1890).

Log-rolling. The combination of different interests, on the principle of "Claw me, I'll claw you." Applied to mutual admiration criticism. One friend praises the literary work of another with the implied understanding of receiving from him in return as much as he gives. The mutual admirers are called "log-rollers."

"In the last decade of the nineteenth century, it was used politically to signify if A B will help C D to pass their measures through the House, then C D will return the same favour to A B.

Of course, the term is American. If you help me to make my clearance, I will help you to roll away the logs of yours.

Log-rolling Criticism. The criticism of literary men who combine to praise each other's works in press or otherwise.

Logan or Rocking Stones, for which Cornwall is famous.

Pliny tells us of a rock near Harpax which might be moved with a finger.

Ptolemy says the Cygonian rock might be stirred with a stalk of asphodel.

Half a mile from St. David's is a Logan stone, mounted on divers other stones, which may be shaken with one finger.

At Golear Hill (Yorkshire) is a rocking stone, which has lost its power from being lacked by workmen who wanted to find out the secret of its rocking mystery.

In Tombrokeshire is a rocking stone, rendered immovable by the soldiers of Cromwell, who held it to be an encouragement to superstition.

The stone called Menamber in Sithnaw (Cornwall) was also rendered immovable by the soldiers, under the same notion.

There are very many others.

Loggerheads. *Fall to loggerheads;* to squabbling and fist cuffs.

Logget. A sweetmeat, a toffy cut into small manchets; a little log of toffy. Common enough in Norfolk.

Logistilla (in *Orlando Furioso*). The good fairy, and sister of Alcina the sorceress. She teaches Ruggiero to manage the hippogriff, and gives Astolpho a magic book and horn. The impersonation of reason.

Logres. (See LOEGRIA.)

Lo'gria. England, so called by the old romancers and fabulous historians.

Logria, Locris. Same as Locrin or Loocrine (*q.v.*).

Loina. *Gird up the loins*, brace yourself for vigorous action, or energetic endurance. The Jews wore loose garments, which they girded about their loins when they travelled or worked.

"Gird up the loins of your mind."—1 Peter i. 13.

My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins (1 Kings xii. 10). My lightest tax shall be heavier than the most oppressive tax of my predecessor. The arrogant answer of Rehoboam to the deputation which waited on him to entreat an alleviation of "the yoke" laid on them by Solomon. The reply caused the revolt of all the tribes, except those of Judah and Benjamin.

Loki. The god of strife and spirit of evil. He artfully contrived the death of Balder, when Odin had forbidden everything that springs "from fire, air, earth, and water" to injure him. The mistletoe not being included was made into an arrow, given to the blind Höder, and shot at random; but it struck the beautiful Balder and killed him. This evil being was subsequently chained to a rock with ten chains, and will so continue till the twilight of the gods appears, when he will break his bonds; then will the heavens disappear, the earth be swallowed up by the sea, fire shall consume the elements, and even Odin, with all his kindred deities, shall perish. (See BALDER, KISSING.)

Loki's Three Children were Jörmungand (a monstrous serpent), Fenrir (a wolf), and Hela (half corpse and half queen). His wife was Siguna.

"Loki is the personification of sin. Fenrir personifies the gnawings of a guilty conscience. Both Loki and Fenrir were chained by the Æsir, but not with iron chains. (Scandinavian mythology.)

Lokmān. A fabulous personage, the supposed author of a collection of Arabic fables. Like Æsop, he is said to have been a slave, noted for his ugliness.

Lollards. The early German reformers and the followers of Wickliffe were so called. An ingenious derivation is given by Bailey, who suggests the Latin word *lolium* (darnel), because these reformers were deemed "tares in God's wheat-field."

"Gregory XI., in one of his bulls against Wickliffe, urges the clergy to extirpate this *lolium*."

"The name of Lollards was first given (in 1300) to a charitable society at Antwerp, who killed the sick by singling to them."—*Dr. Blair: Chronology* (under the date 1300).

German *lollen*, to hum.

Lollop. To lounge or idle about.

Lollypops. Sweets made of treacle, butter, and flour; any sweets which are sucked. A "lolly" is a small lump.

Lombard (A). A banker or money-lender, so called because the first bankers were from Lombardy, and set up in Lombard Street (London), in the Middle Ages. The business of lending money on pawns was carried on in England by Italian merchants or bankers as early at least as the reign of Richard I. By the 12 Edward I., a message was confirmed to these traders where Lombard Street now stands; but the trade was first recognised in law by James I. The name Lombard (according to Stow) is a contraction of Longobards. Among the richest of these Longobard merchants was the celebrated Medici family, from whose armorial bearings the insignia of three golden balls has been derived. The Lombard bankers exercised a monopoly in pawnbroking till the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Lombard Fever. Laziness. Pawnbrokers are called Lombard brokers, because they retain the three golden balls of the Lombard money-changers; and lazy folk will pawn anything rather than settle down to steady work.

Lombard Street to a China Orange. Long odds. Lombard Street, London, is the centre of great banking and mercantile transactions. To stake the Bank of England against a common orange is to stake what is of untold value against a mere trifle.

"It is Lombard Street to a China orange," quoth Uncle Jack."—*Bulwer Lytton: The Caxtons*.

Lombardic. The debased Roman style of architecture adopted in Lombardy after the fall of Rome.

London. says Francis Crossley, is *Luan-dun* (Celtic), City of the Moon, and tradition says there was once a temple of Diana (the Moon) where St. Paul's now stands. Greenwich he derives from *Grian-wick* (City of the Sun), also Celtic. It would fill a page to give a list of guesses made at the derivation of the word London. The one given above is

about the beat for fable and mythology. (See AUGUSTA, BABYLON, and LUD'S TOWN.)

London Bridge built on Wool-packs. In the reign of Henry II. the new stone bridge over the Thames was paid for by a tax on wool.

¶ There was a bridge over the Thames in the tenth century. There was a new one of wood in 1014. The stone bridge (1176-1209) was by Peter of Colechurch. New London Bridge, constructed of granite, was begun in 1824, and finished in seven years. It was designed by Sir John Rennie, and cost £1,458,000. In 1894 was opened a new bridge, called the Tower Bridge, to admit of easier traffic.

London Stone. The central milliarium (milestone) of Roman London, similar to that in the Forum of Rome. The British high roads radiated from this stone, and it was from this point they were measured. Near London Stone lived Fitz Alwyne, who was the first mayor of London.

¶ London Stone was removed for security into the wall of St. Swithin's church, facing Cannon Street station, and secured from damage by an iron railing.

There are two inscriptions, one in Latin and one in English. The latter runs thus:—

"London stone. Commonly believed to be a Roman work, long placed about xxxi feet hence towards the south-west, and afterwards built into the wall of this church, was, for more careful protection and transmission to future ages, better secured by the churchwardens in the year of OUR LORD MDCCLXIX."

Long Chalk (A) or Long Chalks. *He beat me by a long chalk or by long chalks.* By a good deal; by many marks. The allusion is to the game of dominoes, where the notation is made by chalk on a table.

Long Dozen (A) is 13. A long hundred is 120.

Long-headed. Clever, sharp-witted. Those who believe in the shape and bumps of the head think that a long head indicates shrewdness.

Long Home. *He has gone to his long home.* He is dead. The "long home" means the grave. The French equivalent is "*Aller dans une maison où l'on demeurera toujours.*"

Long Lane. (See LANE.)

Long Meg of Westminster. A noted virago in the reign of Henry VIII.

Her name has been given to several articles of unusual size. Thus, the large blue-black marble in the south cloister of Westminster Abbey, over the grave of *Gervasius de Blots*, is called "Long Meg of Westminster." Fuller says the term is applied to things "of hop-pole height, wanting breadth proportionable thereunto," and refers to a great gun in the Tower so called, taken to Westminster in troublous times.

The large gun in Edinburgh Castle is called *Mons Meg*, and the bomb forged for the siege of Oudenarde, now in the city of Ghent, is called *Mad Meg*.

In the *Edinburgh Antiquarian Magazine*, September, 1769, we read of "Peter Brauan, aged 104, who was six feet six inches high, and was commonly called *Long Meg of Westminster*." (See MEG.)

Long Meg and her daughters. In the neighbourhood of Penrith, Cumberland, is a circle of 67 (Camden says 77) stones, some of them ten feet high, ranged in a circle. Some seventeen paces off, on the south side, is a single stone, fifteen feet high, called *Long Meg*, the shorter ones being called *her daughters*. (Greek, *megas*, great.)

"Thus, and the Robrick stones in Oxfordshire, are supposed to have been erected at the invitation of some Danish kings, like the Kingstoler in Denmark, and the Morasteen in Sweden."—*Camden: Britannia*.

Long Odds. The odds laid on a horse which has apparently no chance of winning the race. Any similar bet.

Long Parliament. The parliament which assembled November 3rd, 1640, and was dissolved by Cromwell on April 20th, 1653; that is, 12½ years.

Long Peter. Peter Aartsen, the Flemish painter; so called on account of his extraordinary height. (1507-1573.)

Long Run. *In the long run.* Eventually. Here "long run" is not the correlative of a "short run," but the Latin adverb *denique*, ultimately; in French, "*A la longue*."

Long-Sword (Longue épée). William, the first Duke of Normandy. (Died 943.)

Long Tail. *Cut and long tail.* One and another, all of every description. The phrase had its origin in the practice of cutting the tails of certain dogs and horses, and leaving others in their natural state, so that cut and long tail horses or dogs included all the species. Master Slender says he will maintain Anne

Page like a gentlewoman. "Ah!" says he—

"That I will, come out and long tail under the degree of a squirrel [i.e. as well as any man can who is not a squirrel]."—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, iii. 4.

Long-tailed. *How about the long-tailed beggar?* A reproof given to one who is drawing the longbow too freely. The tale is that a boy who had been a short voyage pretended on his return to have forgotten everything belonging to his native home, and asked his mother what she called that "long-tailed beggar," meaning the cat.

Long Tom Coffin. A sailor of noble daring, in *The Pilot*, by Cooper.

Long Words.

Agathokakological. (*Southey: The Doctor*.)

Alcomiropouloupoloustounitapignac. The giantess. (*Croquemitaine*, iii. 2.)

Amoronthologosporus. (*See HAIN.*) (*The Three Hairs*.)

Anantachaturdasivatakatha. (Sanskrit work.) (*See TRIBNER'S Literary Record*.)

Antipericatametana parbeugedamphicribulations Toordicantum. One of the books in the library of St. Victor. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, ii. 7.)

Batrachomyomachia (battle of the frogs and mice). A (Greek mock heroic. *Cluninstaridsarchides*. (*Plautus*.)

Danthropomorphisation.

Don Juan Nepomuceno de Burionagonatotrecaugeazcoecha. An employé in the finance department of Madrid (1867).

Drimtaidhvrickhillichattan, in the Isle of Mull, Argyleshire.

Honorificabilitudinitatibus, called the longest word in the (?) English language. It frequently occurs in old plays. (*See Bailey's Dictionary*.) The "quadrudimensionality" is almost as long.

"Thou art not so long by the head as honorificabilitudinitatibus."—*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost*, v. 1.

Inanthropomorphisability of deity.

Jungefrauenzimmerdurchschwind-suchttoedungs-gegenverein (*German*). (*See Notes and Queries*, vol. v. p. 124, first series.)

Kagwadawwacomégishearg. An Indian chief, who died in Wisconsin in 1866.

Lepadotemachoselachoguleokraniroleipsanodrimupotrimmatosilphioparaomelit-okatakeclummenokichlepkosauophophatoperisteralaktrauonoptegkephalokiklop-eliolagoosiraibaletraganopterugon. It is one of the longest words extant (179

English and 169 Greek letters and consisting of 78 syllables). (*Aristophanes: Ekklesiazousai*, v. 1169.)

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwillandysilligogoch. The name of a Welsh village in Anglesea. In the postal directory the first twenty letters only are given as a sufficient address for practical purposes, but the full name contains 59 letters. The meaning is, "The church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel, near to the rapid whirlpool, and to St. Tisilio church, near to a red cave."

"What, Mr. Manhood, was it not enough thus to have more croachezas everestegrigelgoscopondrilated us all in our upper members with your botched mittens, but you must also apply such morderegrippiatabrofreluchamburdereacnelurinthuganiments on our shin-bones with the hard tops and extremities of your cobbed shoes."—*Rabelais*, illustrated by Gustave Doré, p. 638.

They morramborizeverzengirizequo-quemorgasacbaquevezinemaffretiding my poor eye. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 15.)

Nitrophenylenediamine. A dye of an intense red colour.

"Dinitroaniline, chloroxynaphthalic acid, which may be used for colouring wool in intense red; and nitrophenylenediamine of chromatic brilliancy."—*William Crookes: The Times*, October 5th, 1868.

Polyphrasticontinomimegalondulaton.

"Why not wind up the famous ministerial declaration with 'Kont Ompax' or the mystic 'Om,' or that difficult expression 'Polyphrasticontinomimegalondulaton'?"—*The Star*.

M. N. Rostocostojambedanease, author of *After Beef, Mustard*. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, ii. 7.)

Saukashtachaturthivratodyapana. (Sanskrit work.) (*See TRIBNER'S Literary Record*.) Forster gives one of 152 syllables.

Tetramethyldiamidobenzhydrols.

"The general depth of modern researches in structural chemistry must be explained, even to those who are not interested in the mystery of triphenylmethane, the tetramethyldiamidobenzhydrols, and other similarly terrific terms used by chemists."—*Nineteenth Century* (Aug., 1883, p. 248).

"Miss Burney has furnished the longest compound in the English tongue: the sudden-at-the-moment—though—from-lingering-illness—often-previously-expected death of Mr. Burney's wife."—*De Vere*.

Zürchersalzverbrauchsbuchhaltungsvorordnung. (*Ausland*.)

"Conturbantur Constantinopolitani, Innumeralibus sollicitudinibus."

"Constantinopolitan maladministration Superinduces demoralisation."

Longboat. Formerly the largest boat belonging to a ship, built so as to carry a great weight. A long-boat is often from 30 to 40 feet long, having a beam, from 29 to 25 of its length. It has a heavy flat floor, and is carvel built.

Longbow. *To draw the longbow.* To exaggerate. The force of an arrow in the longbow depends on the strength of the arm that draws it, so the force of a statement depends on the force of the speaker's imagination. The longbow was the favourite weapon of the English from the reign of Edward I. till it was superseded by fire-arms. The "longbow" was the hand-bow, as distinguished from the crossbow or bow fitted on a stock.

Longchamps. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Passion Week, the Parisians go in procession to Longchamps, near the Bois de Boulogne. This procession is made by private carriages and hired cabs, and is formed by all the smartly-dressed men and women who wish to display the spring fashions. The origin of the custom is this: There was once a famous nunnery at Longchamps, noted for its singing. In Passion Week all who could went to hear these religious women sing the *Ténébres*; the custom grew into a fashion, and though the house no longer exists, the procession is as fashionable as ever.

Longcrown. A deep fellow, long-headed.

That caps Longcrown, and he capped the devil. That is a greater falsehood than the "father of lies" would tell.

Longevity. The oldest man of modern times was Thomas Carn, if we may rely on the parish register of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where it is recorded that he died in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, aged 207. He was born in 1381, in the reign of Richard II., lived in the reigns of ten sovereigns, and died in 1588. Old Jenkins was only 160 when he died, and remembered going (when he was a boy of twelve) with a load of arrows, to be used in the battle of Flodden Field. Parr died at the age of 152. William Wakley (according to the register of St. Andrew's church, Shifnal, Salop) was at least 124 when he died. He was baptised at Idsal 1590, and buried at Adbaston, November 28, 1714, and he lived in the reigns of eight sovereigns. Mary Yates, of Lizard Common, Shifnal, married her third husband at the age of 92, and died in 1776, at the age of 127.

Longinus. The Roman soldier who smote our Lord with his spear. In the romance of King Arthur, this spear was brought by Joseph of Arimathea to Lis-tunise, when he visited King Pellam,

"who was nigh of Joseph's kin." Sir Balin the Savage, being in want of a weapon, seized this spear, with which he wounded King Pellam. "Three whole countries were destroyed" by that one stroke, and Sir Balin saw "the people thereof lying dead on all sides." (*History of Prince Arthur*, vol. i. chap. 41.) Generally called **LONGINUS**.

Longo Intervallo. *Proximus and longo intervallo.* Next (it is true), but at what a vast distance! Generally quoted "*Longo intervallo.*"

Looby. A simpleton. (Welsh, *llob*, a dolt.)

"The spendthrift and the plodding looby,
The nice Sir Courtyly, and the looby."
—*Hudibras: Redivivus* (1707).

Look Alive. Be more active and energetic; look sharp.

Look Black (To) and **Black Looks.** (See **BLACK** . . .)

Look Blue (To). To show signs of disappointment, disgust, or displeasure.

"Squire Brown looked rather blue at having to pay £2:10s for the postage expenses from Oxford."
—*Hughes: Tom Brown at Oxford*.

Look Daggers (To). To look very angry, as if to annihilate you. Clytus says to Alexander, "You cannot look me dead."

"You may look daggers, but use none."

Look as Big as Bull Beef (To). To look stout and hearty, as if fed on bull beef. Bull beef was formerly recommended for making men strong and muscular.

Look before You Leap. Consider well before you act. "*Alutus est catēce semper, quoniam patiri semel.*"

"And look before you ere you leap.
For, as you sow, you're like to reap."
—*Letter: Hudibras*, canto ii. part h. 502.

Look for a Needle in a Bottle of Hay (To). (See **BOTTLE**.)

Look not a Gift Horse in the Mouth. "*Noli dentes equi inspicere donati.*" Do not examine a gift too critically.

Look One Way and How Another (To). "*Olere spectant, lardum tollunt.*" To aim apparently at one thing, but really to be seeking something quite different.

Look through Blue Glasses or Coloured Spectacles. To regard actions in a wrong light; to view things distorted by prejudice.

Lookers-on. *The man on the dyke always hurls well.* The man standing

on the mound, and looking at those who are playing at hurling, can see the faults and criticise them. Umpires are lookers-on.

Looking Back. Unlucky. This arose from Lot's wife, who looked back towards Sodom and was turned to a pillar of salt (Genesis xix. 26).

Looking-glass. *It is unlucky to break a looking-glass.* The nature of the ill-luck varies; thus, if a maiden, she will never marry; if a married woman, it betokens a death, etc. This superstition arose from the use made of mirrors in former times by magicians. If in their operations the mirror used was broken, the magician was obliged to give over his operation, and the unlucky inquirer could receive no answer.

Looking-glass of Lao reflected the mind as well as the outward form. (*Citizen of the World*, xlv.)

Loom means a utensil. (Anglo-Saxon, *luma*). Thus "heir-looin" means a personal chattel or household implement which goes by special custom to the heir. The word was in familiar use in Prior's time (1661-1721), for he says "a thousand maidens ply the purple loom."

Loony or Luny. A simpleton; a natural. Corruption of lunatic.

Loophole. A way of escape, an evasion; a corruption of "louvre holes." (See *LOUVRE*.)

Loose. *Having a tile loose.* Not quite of sound mind. The head being the roof of the temple called the body.

Out on the loose. Out on the spree; out of moral bounds.

Loose-coat Field. The battle of Stamford in 1470. So called because the men under Lord Wells, being attacked by the Yorkists, threw off their coats that they might flee the faster.

"Cast off their country's coats to hank their speed away;

Which 'Loose-coat Field' is called e'er to this day." *Drayton: Polyolbion*, xlii.

Loose Fish (A). A dissipated man. We also speak of a "queer fish," and the word "fishy" means of very doubtful character. A loose fish is one that has made its way out of the net; and applied to man it means one who has thrown off moral restraint.

Loose-girt Boy (The). Julius Cæsar was so nicknamed.

Loose-strife. Botanically called *Lysimachia*, a Greek compound meaning the same thing. The author of

Flora Domestica tells us that the Romans put these flowers under the yokes of oxen to keep them from quarrelling with each other; for (says he) the plant keeps off flies and gnats and thus relieves horses and oxen from a great source of irritation. Similarly in Collins' *Faithful Shepherdess*, we read—

"Yellow Lysimachus, to give sweet rest,
To the faint shepherd, killing, where it comes,
All busy gnats, and every fly that hums."

(Pliny refers the name to one of Alexander's generals, said to have discovered its virtues.)

Lorbrulgrud. The capital of Brobdingnag. The word is humorously said to mean "Pride of the Universe." (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels*.)

Lord. A nobleman.

The word lord is a contraction of *hlaf-ord* (Saxon for "loaf-author" or "bread-earner"). Retainers were called *hlaf-etas*, or "bread-eaters." *Verstegan* suggests *hlaf-ford*, "bread-givers." (See *LADY*.)

We have in Anglo-Saxon *hlaf-ord*, *hlaford* - gift (lordship), *hlaford* - less (lordless), *hlafordom* (dominion), and many more similar compounds.

7 *Lord*, a hunchback (Greek, *lord-os*, crooked). Generally "My lord."

Lord. *Drunk as a lord.* (See *DRUNK*.)

Lord Burleigh. As significant as the shake of Lord Burleigh's head. In *The Critic*, by Sheridan, is introduced a tragedy called the *Spanish Armada*. Lord Burleigh is supposed to be too full of State affairs to utter a word; he shakes his head, and Puff explains what the shake means.

Lord Fanny. A nickname given to Lord Hervey for his effeminate and foppish manners. He painted his face, and was as pretty in his ways as a boarding-school miss. (In the reign of George II.)

Lord Foppington. A coxcomb who considers dress and fashion the end and aim of nobility. (*Fanbrugh: The Re-lapse*.)

Lord, Lady. *When our Lord falls in our Lady's lap.* That is, when Good Friday falls on the same date as Lady Day. (March 25th.)

Lord Lovel. The bridegroom who lost his bride on the wedding-day. She was playing at hide-and-seek, and selected an old oak chest for her hiding-place. The chest closed with a spring lock, and many years after her skeleton

told the sad story of *The Mistletoe Bough*. Samuel Rogers introduces this story in his *Italy* (part i. 18). He says the bride was Ginevra, only child of Orsini, "an indulgent father." The bridegroom was Francesco Doria, "her playmate from her birth, and her first love." The chest in which she was buried alive in her bridal dress was an heirloom, "richly carved by Antony of Trent, with Scripture stories from the life of Christ." It came from Venice, and had "held the ducal robes of some old ancestor." Francesco, weary of his life, flew to Venice and "flung his life away in battle with the Turk." Orsini went mad, and spent the live-long day "wandering as in quest of something, something he could not find." Fifty years afterwards the chest was removed by strangers and the skeleton discovered.

Lord Mayor's Day, November 9th. So called because the Lord Mayor of London enters into office on that day, and inaugurates his official dignity with a street procession, followed by a grand banquet at the Mansion House.

Lord Peter. The Pope is so called in *The History of John Bull*, by Dr. Arbuthnot.

Lord Strutt. Charles II. of Spain is so called in *The History of John Bull*, by Arbuthnot.

Lord Thomas and the *Fair Annet* or *Elinor*, had a lover's quarrel, when Lord Thomas resolved to forsake Annet for a nut-brown maid who had houses and lands. On the wedding-day Annet, in bridal bravery, went to the church, when Lord Thomas repented of his folly, and gave Annet a rose. Whereupon the nut-brown maid killed her with a "long bodkin from out her gay head-gear." Lord Thomas, seeing Annet fall dead, plunged his dagger into the heart of the murderess, and then stabbed himself. Over the graves of Lord Thomas and fair Annet grew a "bonny briar, and by this ye may ken right well that they were lovers dear." In some ballads the fair Annet is called the fair Elinor. (*Percy: Reliques*, etc., series iii. bk. 3.)

Lord of Creation? Man.

"Replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. . . . Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed . . . and every tree . . ."—Gen. i. 28, 29.

Lord of Misrule, called in Scotland *Abbot of Unreason*, prohibited in 1556. Stow says, "At the feast of Christmas,

in the king's court, there was always appointed, on All-Hallow's eve, a master of mirth and fun," who remained in office till the Feast of Purification. A similar "lord" was appointed by the lord mayor of London, the sheriffs, and the chief nobility. Stubbs tells us that these mock dignitaries had from twenty to sixty officers under them, and were furnished with hobby-horses, dragons, and musicians. They first went to church with such a confused noise that no one could hear his own voice.

Lord of the Isles. Donald of Islay, who in 1346 reduced the Hebrides under his sway. The title had been borne by others for centuries before, and was also borne by his successors. One of Sir Walter Scott's metrical romances is so called. This title is now borne by the Prince of Wales.

Loredano (*James*). A Venetian patrician, and one of the "Council of Ten." (*Byron: The Two Foscari*.)

Lorenzo (in Edward Young's *Nights Thoughts*). An atheist, whose remorse ends in despair.

Lorenzo. The suitor of the fair Jessica, daughter of Shylock the Jew. (*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*.)

Loretto. The house of Loretto. The Santa Casa, the reputed house of the Virgin Mary at Nazareth. It was "miraculously" translated to Fiume in Dalmatia in 1291, thence to Recanati in 1294, and finally to Macerata in Italy, to a plot of land belonging to the Lady Loretto.

"Our house may have travelled through the air, but the house of Loretto, for aught I care."—*Goldsmith: The Good-natured Man*, iv. 1.

There are other Loretos: for instance, the Loretto of Austria, Mariazell (*Mary in the Cell*), in Styria. So called from the miracle-working image of the Virgin. The image, made of ebony, is old and very ugly. Two pilgrimages every year are made to it.

The Loretto of Bavaria (*Allötting*) near the river Inn, where there is a shrine of the Black Virgin.

The Loretto of Switzerland. Einsiedeln, a village containing a shrine of the "Black Lady of Switzerland." The church is of black marble and the image of ebony.

Lorrequer (*Harry*). The hero of a novel so called, by Charles Lever.

Lose. "'Tis not I who lose the Athenians, but the Athenians who lose me,"

said Anaxagoras, when he was driven out of Athens.

Lose Caste (*To*). (See **CASTE**.)

Lose Heart (*To*). To be discouraged or despondent. Heart = courage.

Lose not a Tide. Waste no time; set off at once on the business.

Lose the Day (*To*). To lose the battle; to be defeated. *To win* (or *gain*) the day is to be victorious; to win the battle, the prize, or any competition.

Lose the Horse or win the Saddle. Everything or nothing. "*Aut Cesar, aut nullus.*" A man made the bet of a horse that another could not say the Lord's Prayer without a wandering thought. The bet was accepted, but before half-way through the person who accepted the bet looked up and said, "By-the-bye, do you mean the saddle also?"

Losing a Ship for a Ha'porth o' Tar. Suffering a great loss out of stinginess. By mean savings, or from want of some necessary outlay, to lose the entire article. For example, to save the expense of a nail and lose the horse-shoe as the first result, then to lame the horse, and finally perhaps kill it.

Loss. *To be at a loss*. To be unable to decide. To be puzzled or embarrassed. As: "I am at a loss for the proper word." "*Je m'y perds,*" or "*Je suis bien embarrassé de dire.*"

Lost Island. Cephalonia, so called because it was only by chance that even those who had visited it could find it again. It is sometimes called "The Hidden Island."

Lothair. A novel by Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield). The characters are supposed to represent the following persons:--

The Oxford Professor, Goldwin Smith.
Grandison, Cardinal Manning and Wiseman.

Lothair, Marquis of Bute.
Catesby, Mousigneur Capel.
The Duke and Duchess, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.
The Bishop, Bishop Wilberforce.
Corisande, one of the Ladies Hamilton.

Lothario. *A gay Lothario*. A gay libertine, a seducer of female modesty, a debauchee. The character is from *The Fair Penitent*, by Rowe, and Rowe's tragedy is from Massinger's *Fatal Dowry*.

Lothian (Scotland). So named from Llew, the second son of Arthur, also

called Lothus. He was the father of Modred, leader of the rebellious army that fought at Camlan, A.D. 537.

Arthur's eldest son was Urien, and his youngest was Arawn.

Lotus. The Egyptians pictured God sitting on a lotus-tree, above the watery mud. Jamblichus says the leaves and fruit of the lotus-tree being round represent "the motion of intellect;" its towering up through mud symbolises the eminency of divine intellect over matter; and the Deity sitting on the lotus-tree implies His intellectual sovereignty. (*Myster. Egypt.*, sec. 7, cap. ii. p. 151.)

Lotus. Mahomet says that a lotus-tree stands in the seventh heaven, on the right hand of the throne of God.

Dryopé, of *Erchia* was one day carrying her infant son, when she plucked a lotus flower for his amusement, and was instantaneously transformed into a lotus.

Lotis, daughter of Neptune, fleeing from Priapus, was metamorphosed into a lotus.

Lotus-eaters or **Lotophagi**, in Homeric legend, are a people who ate of the lotus-tree, the effect of which was to make them forget their friends and homes, and to lose all desire of returning to their native land, their only wish being to live in idleness in Lotus-land. (*Odyssey*, xi.)

A Lotus-eater. One living in ease and luxury. Lord Tennyson has a poem called *The Lotus Eaters*.

The drink is made from the *Zizyphus Lotus*, which grows in Jerush, an island near Tunis.

Loud Patterns. Flashy, showy ones. The analogy between sound and colour is very striking.

Loud as Tom of Lincoln. The great church bell.

Louis (St.) is usually represented as holding the Saviour's crown of thorns and the cross; sometimes, however, he is represented with a pilgrim's staff, and sometimes with the standard of the cross, the allusion in all cases being to his crusades.

Louis Dix-huit was nicknamed *Des Huitres*, because he was a great gourmand, and especially fond of oysters.

Louisiana, U.S. America. So named in compliment to Louis XIV. of France. Originally applied to the French possessions in the Mississippi Valley.

Loup. "*Le loup sait bien ce que male tête pense*" [male = méchant]. "*Un fripon reconnaît un fripon au premier coup d'œil.*" We judge others by ourselves. "*Chacun mesure tout à son aune.*" We measure others in our own bushel. The wolf believes that every beast entertains the same wolfish thoughts and desires as it does itself. Plautus expresses the same idea thus: "*Insanire me aiunt ultro cum ipsi insaniant;*" and Cicero says, "*Malum conscientia suspiciosum facit.*"

Louvre [*Paris*]. A corruption of *Lupara*, as it is called in old title-deeds.

Dagobert is said to have built here a hunting-seat, the nucleus of the present magnificent pile of buildings.

"He'll make your Paris Louvre shake for it."
Shakespeare: Henry V., ii. 4.

Louvre. The tower or turret of a building like a belfry, originally designed for a sort of chimney to let out the smoke. (French, *Pouvert*, the opening.)

Louvre boards in churches. Before chimneys were used, holes were left in the roof, called *lovers* or *louvre holes*. From the French *Pouvert* (the open boards).

Louvre of St. Petersburg (*The*). The Hermitage, an imperial museum.

Love (*God of*). (Anglo-Saxon *luf*.)

Cam'deo, in Hindu mythology.

Camadé'ra, in Persian mythology.

Cupid, in Roman mythology.

Eros, in Greek mythology.

Freya, in Celtic mythology.

Kama or *Cama*, in Indian mythology.

(See **BOWYER**, etc., etc.)

¶ *The family of love.* Certain fanatics in the sixteenth century, holding tenets not unlike those of the Anabaptists.

There is no love lost. Because the persons referred to have no love for each other. What does not exist cannot be lost.

Love-lock. A small curl gummed to the temples, sometimes called a *beau* or *bow* catcher. When men indulge in a curl in front of their ears, the love-lock is called a *bell-rope*—i.e. a rope to pull the bells after them. At the latter end of the sixteenth century the love-lock was a long lock of hair hanging in front of the shoulders, curled and decorated with bows and ribbons.

Love-powders or **Potions** were drugs to excite lust. Once these love-charms were generally believed in; thus, Brabantio accuses Othello of having

bewitched Desdemona with "drugs to waken motion;" and Lady Grey was accused of having bewitched Edward IV. "by strange potions and amorous charms." (*Fabian*, p. 495.)

Love and Lordship. *Love and lordship never like fellowship.* French, "*Amour et seigneurie ne veulent point de campagne;*" German, "*Liebe und herrschaft leiden krine gesellschaft;*" Italian, "*Amor e signoria non vogliono compagnia.*" (Neither lovers nor princes can brook a rival.)

Love in a Cottage. A marriage for love without sufficient means to maintain one's social status. However, "When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window."

Love-in-Idleness. One of the numerous names of the pansy or heart-ease. Originally white, but changed to a purple colour by the fall of Cupid's bolt upon it.

"Yet marked I where the bolt of Cupid fell.

It fell upon a little Western flower,

Before, white-white, now purple with love's

wound;

The maidsen call it Love-in-idleness."

Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, ii. 2.

Love me, Love my Dog. St. Bernard quotes this proverb in Latin, "*Qui me amat, amat et canem meum;*" French, "*Qui aime Bertrand, aime son chien;*" Spanish, "*Quién bien quiere a behrum, bien quiere a su can.*" (If you love anyone, you will like all that belongs to him.)

Love's Girdle. (See **CESTUS**.)

Love's Labour's Lost (*Shakespeare*). Ferdinand, King of Navarre, with the three lords, Biron, Longaville, and Dumain, make a vow to spend three years in study, during which time they bind themselves to look upon no woman. Scarcely is the vow made when the Princess of France, with Rosaline, Maria, and Catherine are announced, bringing a petition from the King of France. The four gentlemen fall in love with the four ladies, and send them verses; they also visit them masked as Muscovites. The ladies treat the whole matter as a jest, and when the gentlemen declare their intentions to be honourable impose upon them a delay of twelve months, to be spent in works of charity. If at the expiration of that time they still wish to marry, the ladies promise to lend a favourable ear to their respective suits.

Level, the Dog. (See **RAT**, **CAT**, etc.)

Levelace. The principal male character of Richardson's novel *Clariissa*

Hibernia. He is a selfish voluptuary, a man of fashion, whose sole ambition is to ensure female modesty and virtue. Crabbe calls him "rich, proud, and crafty; handsome, brave, and gay."

Lover's Leap. The promontory from which Sappho threw herself into the sea; now called Santa Maura. (*See* LEUCADIA.)

Loving or Grace Cup. A large cup passed round from guest to guest at state banquets and city feasts. Miss Strickland says that Margaret Atheling, wife of Malcolm Canmore, in order to induce the Scotch to remain for grace, devised the grace cup, which was filled with the choicest wine, and of which each guest was allowed to drink *ad libitum* after grace had been said. (*Historic Sketches*.)

Loving Cup. On the introduction of Christianity, the custom of vassailing was not abolished, but it assumed a religious aspect. The monks called the wassail bowl the *potulum caritatis* (loving cup), a term still retained in the London companies, but in the universities the term *Grace Cup* is more general. Immediately after grace the silver cup, filled with sack (spiced wine) is passed round. The master and wardens drink welcome to their guests; the cup is then passed round to all the guests. (*See* GRACE CUP.)

* A loving or grace cup should always have two handles, and some have as many as four.

Loving Cup. This ceremony, of drinking from one cup and passing it round, was observed in the Jewish paschal supper, and our Lord refers to the custom in the words, "Drink ye all of it."

"He [the master of the house] had hold of the vessel with both hands, lifted it up, and said - 'Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, thou king of the world, who hast given us the fruit of the vine;' and the whole assembly said 'Amen.' Then drinking first himself from the cup, he passed it round to the rest." - *Olden's Pilgrim*, chap. ix.

Low-bell. Night-fowling, in which birds are first roused from their slumber by the tinkling of a bell, and then dazzled by a light so as to be easily caught. (*Low*, Scotch, *lowe*, a flame, as a "lowe of fyre;" and *bell*.)

"The sound of the low-bell makes the birds lie close, so that they dare not stir whilst you are pitching the net, for the sound thereof is dreadful to them; but the sight of the fire, much more terrible, makes them fly up, so that they become instantly entangled in the net." - *Cont. Recreation*.

Low Church. The *Times* defines a Low Churchman as one "who loves a

Jew and hates the Pope." We now call a Calvinistic episcopalian one of the Low Church because he holds "church rituals" and the dogma of "apostolic succession" in lower esteem than personal grace and faith in the "blood of the atonement."

Low Comedian (*The*), in theatrical parlance, is the farceur, but must not poach on the preserves of the "light comedian." Paul Pry is a part for a "low comedian," Box and Cox are parts for a "light comedian."

Low Mass is a mass without singing. It is called *low* "*quia submissa voce celebratur*." "*Missa alta*" is performed musically, and *alta voce*, in a loud voice.

Low Sunday. The Sunday next after Easter; so called because it is at the bottom of the Easter which it closes.

Low to High. From *low* St. James's up to high St. Paul's (*Pope's Satires*). In the Bangorian controversy, Bishop Hoadly, a great favourite at St. James's, was Low Church, but Dr. Hare, Dean of St. Paul's, was High Church.

Lower City (*The*). Acre, north of Zion, was so called.

Lower Empire. The Roman or Western, from removal of the seat of empire to Constantinople to the extinction of that empire by the Turks in 1453.

Lower your Sail. In French, "*Caler la voile*," means to salute; to confess yourself submissive or conquered; to humble oneself.

Lowlanders of Attica were the gentry, so called because they lived on the plains. (*Pedreia*.)

Lowndean Professor (Cambridge University). A professor of astronomy (and geometry): the chair founded by Thomas Lowndes, Esq., in 1749.

Loy. A long, narrow spade used in cultivating stony lands.

Loyal. Only one regiment of all the British army is so called, and that is the "Loyal North Lancashire," in two battalions, No. 47 and No. 81. It was so called in 1793, and probably had some allusion to the French revolutionists.

Louis [*lo-is*]. So Louis was written in French till the time of Louis XIII.

Luath (2 syl.). Cuthullin's dog in Ossian's *Fingal*; also the name of the poor man's dog representing the peasantry in *The Twa Dogs*, by Robert

Burna. The gentleman's dog is called Caesar. Also Fingal's dog. (*See Dog.*)

Lubber (A). A dolt. Seamen call an awkward sailor a land-lubber. A variant of "looby" (Welsh, *lob*, with a diminutive, "somewhat of a dunce or dolt.")

Lubber's Hole. A lazy cowardly way of doing what is appointed, or of evading duty. A seaman's expression. Sailors call the vacant space between the head of a lower-mast and the edge of the top, the *lubber's hole*, because timid boys get through this space to the top, to avoid the danger and difficulties of the "futtock shrouds."

Lubberkin or Lu'brican. (Irish, *Lobaircin* or *Lep'rechaun*.) A fairy resembling an old man, by profession a maker of brogues, who resorts to out-of-the-way places, where he is discovered by the noise of his hammer. He is rich, and while anyone keeps his eye fixed upon him cannot escape, but the moment the eye is withdrawn he vanishes.

Lubins. A species of goblins in Normandy that take the form of wolves, and frequent churchyards. They are very timorous, and take flight at the slightest noise.

"*Il a peur de lubins*" (Afraid of ghosts). Said of a chicken-hearted person.

Lucasian Professor. A professor of mathematics in the University of Cambridge. This professorship was founded in 1663 by Henry Lucas, Esq., M.P. for the University.

Lucasta, to whom Richard Lovelace sang, was Lucy Sacheverell, called by him *lux casta*, i.e. Chaste Lucy.

Luce. *Flower de Luce.* A corruption of *fleur-de-lis* (*q.v.*), more anciently written "*fleur delices*," a corruption of *fioridissa*, the white iris. The French messenger says to the Regent Bedford—

"Groomed are the flower de luces in your arms;
Of England's coat one-half is cut away."
Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI., l. 1.

referring of course to the loss of France. "¶ The luce or lucy is a full-grown pike. Thus Justice Shallow says—"The luce is the fresh fish, the salt fish is an old coat"—i.e. Lucy is a new name, the old one was Charlecote. (*Merry Wives of Windsor*, l. 1.) (*See FLEURS-DE-LYS.*)

Luce the full-grown pike, is the Latin *luci-us*, from the Greek *lukos* (a wolf), meaning the wolf of fishes.

Lucia di Lammermoor. Called Lucy Ashton by Sir Walter Scott, was the sister of Lord Henry Ashton of Lammermoor, who, to retrieve the fallen fortunes of the family, arranges a marriage between his sister and Lord Arthur Bucklaw (or Frank Hayston, laird of Bucklaw). Unknown to Henry Ashton, Edgardo (or Edgar), master of Ravenswood, whose family has long been in a state of hostility with the Lammermoors, is in love with Lucy, and his attachment is reciprocated. While Edgar is absent in France on an embassy, Lucy is made to believe, by feigned letters, that Edgar is unfaithful to her, and in her frenzy of indignation consents to marry the laird of Bucklaw; but on the wedding night she stabs her husband, goes mad, and dies. (*Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor*, an opera; and Sir Walter Scott: *Bride of Lammermoor*.)

Lu'cian. The impersonation of the follies and vices of the age, metamorphosed into an ass. The chief character in the *Golden Ass* of Apuleius.

Lucifer. The morning star. Venus is both an evening and a morning star: When she *follows* the sun, and is an evening star, she is called *Hesperus*; when she *precedes* the sun, and appears before sunrise, she is called *Lucifer* (the light-bringer).

Proud as Lucifer. Very haughty and overbearing. Lucifer is the name given by Isaiah to Nebuchadnezzar, the proud but ruined king of Babylon: "Take up this proverb against the King of Babylon, and say, . . . How art thou fallen, from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" (Isa. xiv. 4, 12). The poets feign that Satan, before he was driven out of heaven for his pride, was called Lucifer. Milton, in his *Paradise Lost*, gives this name to the demon of "Sinful Pride."

Lucifers (1833). An improvement on the Congreves and Prometheans. Phosphorus was introduced into the paste; but phosphorus made the matches so sensitive that the whole box often ignited, children were killed by sucking the matches, and at Boulogne two soldiers and a woman were poisoned by drinking coffee in which a child had put a "lucifer." The manufacture of these matches was also very deleterious, producing "jaw disease." (*See PROMETHEANS, SAFETY MATCHES.*)

Lucifera [*Bride*] lived in a splendid palace, only its foundation was of sand. The door stood always open, and the

queen gave welcome to every comer. Her six privy ministers are Idleness, Gluttony, Lechery, Avarice, Envy, and Revengo. These six, with Pride herself, are the seven deadly sins. Her carriage was drawn by six different animals—viz. an ass, swine, goat, camel, wolf, and lion, on each of which rode one of her privy councillors, Satan himself being coachman. While here the Red-Cross Knight was attacked by Sansjoy, who would have been slain if Duessa had not rescued him. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. i. 4.)

Lucifer'ians. A sect of the fourth century, who refused to hold any communion with the Arians, who had renounced their "errors" and been readmitted into the Church. So called from Lucifer, Bishop of Cagliari, in Sardinia, their leader.

Lucin'ian. The young prince, son of Dolopatos, the Sicilian monarch, entrusted to the care of Virgil, the philosopher. (*See SEVEN WISE MASTERS*, and *DOLOPATOS*.)

Lucius. (*See PUDENS*.)

Luck. Accidental good fortune. (*Dutch, luk; German, glück, verb glücken*, to succeed, to prosper.)

Down on one's luck. Short of cash and credit. "Not in luck's way," not unexpectedly promoted, enriched, or otherwise benefited.

Give a man luck and throw him into the sea. Meaning that his luck will save him even in the greatest extremity. Referring to Jonah and Arion, who were cast into the sea, but carried safely to land, the one by a whale and the other by a dolphin.

Luck for Fools. This is a French proverb: "*A fou fortune.*" And again, "*Fortune est nourrice de folie.*"

Luck in Odd Numbers. (*See ODD*.)

Luck of Eden Hall (*The*). A drinking cup, said to have been given to Miss Zoo Musgrave on her marriage with Mr. Farquharson, and still in Eden Hall, Cumberland. The tale is, that it was snatched surreptitiously from the fairies, who attached this threat to it:

"If that tap either break or fall,
Farewell the luck of Eden Hall."

(*See EDEN HALL*.)

Luck or Lucky Penny. A trifle returned to a purchaser for good luck. A penny with a hole in it, supposed to ensure good luck.

Lucky. *To cut one's lucky.* To decamp or make off quickly: I must cut my stick. *As luck means chance*, the phrase may signify, "I must give up my chance and be off." (*See CUT* . . .)

Lucky Stone (*A*). A stone with a hole through it. (*See LUCKY PENNY*.)

Lucre'zia di Bor'gia, daughter of Pope Alexander VI., was thrice married, her last husband being Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara. Before her marriage with the duke she had a natural son named Gennaro, who was sent to be brought up by a Neapolitan fisherman. When arrived at man's estate he received a letter informing him that he was nobly born, and offering him a commission in the army. In the battle of Rim'ini he saved the life of Ors'ini, and they became sworn friends. In Venice he is introduced to the young nobles, who tell him of the ill deeds of Lucrezia Borgia. Each of them has had some relative put to death by her agency, Gennaro, in his indignation, mutilates the duke's escutcheon with his dagger, knocking off the "B" of his name, and changing Borgia into Orgia (*orgies*). Lucrezia, not knowing who has offered the insult, requests the duke that the perpetrator may be put to death, but when she discovers it to be her own son gives him an antidote to neutralise the poison he has drunk, and releases him from his confinement. Scarcely is he liberated when he and his companions are invited by the Princess Negroni to a banquet, where they are all poisoned. Lucrezia tells Gennaro he is her son, and dies herself as soon as her son expires. (*Donizetti's opera*.)

Lucullus supe with Lucullus. Said of a glutton who gormandises alone. Lucullus was a rich Roman soldier, noted for his magnificence and self-indulgence. Sometimes above £1,700 was expended on a single meal, and Horace tells us he had 5,000 rich purple robes in his house. On one occasion a very superb supper was prepared, and when asked who were to be his guests the "rich fool" replied, "Lucullus will sup to-night with Lucullus." (B.C. 110-57.)

Lucus a non Lucendo. An etymological contradiction. The Latin word *lucus* means a "dark grove," but is said to be derived from the verb *luceo*, to shine. Similarly our word *black* (the Anglo-Saxon *blæc*) is derived from the verb *blæc-an*, to bleach or whiten.

Beldam. An ugly hag. From the French *belle dame*.

Bellum [*war*] quia min'ime bellum. (*Priscian*.) **Bellum**, a beautiful thing.

Calid (*hot*) radically the same as the Saxon *cald*, German *kalt* (cold).

Cleave, to *part*, also signifies to *stick together*. (Saxon, *clifan*, to adhere.)

Curta'na (the instrument that *shortens* by cutting off the head; French *court*, Italian *corta*) is the blunt sword, emblematical of mercy, borne before our sovereigns at their coronation.

Devoted (*attached to*) is the Latin *devotus* (cursed).

Eumenidēs (the well-disposed); the **Furies**.

Euonyma (good name); is poisonous. **Hiren**, a sword, a bully. (Gk. *irēnē*, peace.)

Kalo-Johannes, son of Alexius Comnenēs. Called *Akalos* (handsome) because he was exceedingly ugly and undersized. He was, however, an active and heroic prince, and his son **Manuel** (contemporary with Richard Cœur de Lion) was even more heroic still.

Lambs were ruffians formerly employed at elections to use "physical force" to deter electors from voting for the opposition.

Leucosphere, the inner and brighter portion of the sun's corona. It is neither white nor spherical.

Lily-white, a chimney-sweep.

Religion, bond-service (*re-lygo*), is the service of which Christ has made us free.

Speaker of House of Commons. The only member that never makes speeches.

Solomon, George III., so called by Dr. Wolcott, because he was no Solomon.

In their marriage service the Jews *break a wine-glass*; the symbol being "as this glass can never be rejoined, so may our union be never broken." (See **MISNOMER**.)

Lucy (*St.*). Patron saint for those afflicted in the eyes. It is said that a nobleman wanted to marry her for the beauty of her eyes; so she tore them out and gave them to him saying, "Now let me live to God." The story says that her eyesight was restored; but the rejected lover accused her of "faith in Christ," and she was martyred by a sword thrust into her neck. **St. Lucy** is represented in art carrying a palm branch, and bearing a platter with two eyes on it.

Lucy and Colin. A ballad by Thomas Tickell, translated into Latin by

Vincent Bourne. Colin forsook Lucy of Leicester for a bride "thrice as rich." Lucy felt that she was dying, and made request that she might be taken to the church at the time of Colin's wedding. Her request was granted, and when Colin saw Lucy's corpse, "the damps of death bedewed his brow, and he died." Both were buried in one tomb, and to their grave many a constant hind and plighted maid resort to "deck it with garlands and true-love knots."

Lud. A mythical king of Britain.

General Lud. (See **LUDDITES**.)

Lud's Bulwark. Ludgate prison. (See *above*.)

Lud's Town. London; so called from Lud, a mythical king of Britain. **Ludgate** is, by a similar tradition, said to be the gate where Lud was buried. (See **LONDON**.)

"And on the gates of Lud's town set your heads."
Shakespeare: Oymbeline, iv. 2.

Ludgate. Stow says, "King Lud, repairing the city, called it after his name *Lud's town*; the strong gate which he built in the west part he likewise named Lud-gate. In the year 1260 the gate was beautified with images of Lud and other kings. Those images, in the reign of Edward VI., had their heads smitten off. . . . Queen Mary did set new heads upon their old bodies again. The twenty-eighth of Queen Elizabeth the gate was newly and beautifully built, with images of Lud and others, as before." (*Surrey of London*.) The more probable etymon of Lud-gate is the Anglo-Saxon *leode* (people), similar to the *Porto dei populi* of Rome.

"[Lud] built that gate of which his name is high;

By which he lies entombed solemnly."
Spenser: Faerie Queene, li. x. 46.

.. Ludgate was originally built by the barons, who entered London, destroyed the Jews' houses, and erected this gate with their ruins. It was used as a free prison in 1373, but soon lost that privilege. A most romantic story is told of Sir Stephen Forster, who was lord mayor in 1451. He had been a prisoner at Ludgate, and begged at the gate, where he was seen by a rich widow, who bought his liberty, took him into her service, and afterwards married him. To commemorate this strange eventful history, Sir Stephen enlarged the prison accommodation, and added a chapel. The old gate was taken down and rebuilt in 1580. The new-built gate was destroyed in the Great Fire of London, and the next gate (used also as a prison for debtors) was pulled down in 1760, the prisoners having been removed to the London Workhouse, and afterwards to the Giltspur Street Compter.

Luddites (2 syl.). Riotous workmen who went about the manufacturing districts breaking machines, under the notion that machinery threw men out of

employ. Miss Martineau says that the term arose from Ned Lud, of Leicestershire, an imbecile who was much hounded by boys. One day he chased a set of tormentors into a house, and broke two stocking-frames, whence the leader of these rioters was called General Lud, his chief abettors Lud's wives, and his followers Luddites. (1811-1816.)

Ludlum. (See LAZY.)

Luez. (See LUZ.)

Luff. The weather-gauge. The part of a vessel towards the wind. A sailing close to the wind. (Dutch, *loef*; a weather-gauge.)

To *luff* is to turn the head of a ship towards the wind.

Luff!—i.e. Put the tiller on the lee-side. This is done to make the ship sail nearer the wind.

Luff round! Throw the ship's head right into the wind.

Luff a-lee! Same as luff round.

A ship is said to *spring her luff* when she yields to the helm by sailing nearer the wind.

Keep the luff. The wind side.

Lufra. Douglas's dog, "the fleetest hound in all the North." (*Sir Walter Scott: Lady of the Lake*, v. 25.) (See DOG.)

Luggie. The warlock who, when storms prevented him from going to sea, used to sit on "Luggie's Knoll," and fish up dressed food.

Luggnagg. An island mentioned in *Gulliver's Travels*, where people live for ever. Swift shows the evil of such a destiny, unless accompanied with eternal youth. (See STRULDBRUGS.)

Luke (St.). Patron saint of painters and physicians. Tradition says he painted a portrait of the Virgin Mary. From Col. iv. 14 he is supposed to have been a physician.

St. Luke, in Christian art, is usually represented with an ox lying near him, and generally with painting materials. Sometimes he seems engaged painting a picture of the Virgin and infant Saviour, his descriptions of the early life of the Saviour being more minute than that of the other evangelists. Metaphrastus mentions the skill of St. Luke in painting; John of Damascus speaks of his portrait of the Virgin (p. 631: Paris, 1712). Many pictures still extant are attributed to St. Luke; but the artist was probably St. Luke, the Greek hermit; for certainly these meagre Byzantine

productions were not the works of the evangelist. (See *Lanzi: Storia Pittorica dell' Italia*, ii. 10.)

St. Luke's Club or *The Virtuosis*. An artists' club, established in England by Sir Antonio Vandyke, and held at the *Rose Tavern Fleet Street*. There was an academy of St. Luke founded by the Paris artists in 1391; one at Rome, founded in 1593, but based on the "Compagnia di San Luca" of Florence, founded in 1345; a similar one was established at Siena in 1355.

St. Luke's Summer, called by the French *L'été de St. Martin*; hence the phrase "L'été de la St. Denis à la St. Martin," from October 9th to November 11th, meaning generally the latter end of autumn.

"... St. Luke's short summer lived these men,
Nearing the goal of threescore years and ten,
Morris: *Earthly Paradise* (March).

As light as St. Luke's bird (i.e. an ox). Not light at all, but quite the contrary. St. Luke is generally represented writing, while behind him is an ox, symbolical of sacrifice. The whole tableau means that Luke begins his gospel with the priest sacrificing in the Temple.

Matthew is symbolised by a man, because he begins his gospel with the manhood of Jesus as a descendant of David; Mark, by a lion, because he begins his gospel with the baptism in the wilderness; John, by an eagle, because he begins his gospel by soaring into heaven, and describing the pre-existing state of the Logos.

Luke's Iron Crown. George and Luke Dosa headed an unsuccessful revolt against the Hungarian nobles in the early part of the sixteenth century. Luke (according to Goldsmith) underwent the torture of the red-hot iron crown, as a punishment for allowing himself to be proclaimed king. History says it was George, not Luke. (*The Traveller*.)

Lullian Method. A mechanical aid to the memory, by means of systematic arrangements of ideas and subjects, devised by Raymond Lully, in the thirteenth century.

Lumber (from *Lombard*). A pawnbroker's shop. Thus Lady Murray writes: "They put all the little plate they had in the lumber, which is pawning it, till the ships came home."

Lumine Siccò (In). Disinterestedly; as a dry question to be resolved without regard to other matters.

"If physiological considerations have any meaning, it will be always impossible for women to view the subject [of women's suffrage] in *lumine siccò*."—*The Nineteenth Century* (The Hon. Mrs. Chapman, April, 1866).

Lump. *If you don't like it, you may lump it.* Whether you like to do it or not, no matter; it must be done. Here "lump it" means "to gulp it down," or swallow unwillingly, to put up with it unwillingly but of necessity. Thus we say of medicine, "lump it down," i.e. gulp it down. (Danish, *gulpen*, to swallow.)

Lumpkin (*Tony*), in *She Stoops to Conquer*, by Goldsmith. A sheepish, mischievous, idle, cunning lout, "with the vices of a man and the follies of a boy;" fond of low company, but giving himself the airs of the young squire.

Lun. So John Rich called himself when he performed harlequin (1681-1761).

"On the one Folly sits, by some called Fun,
And on the other his arch-patron Lun."
Churchill.

Luna. An ancient seaport of Gen'oa, whence the marble quarried in the neighbourhood is called "marmo lunense." (*Orlando Furioso*.)

Conte di Luna. Garzia, brother of Count Luna, had two sons. One day a gipsy was found in their chamber, and being seized, was condemned to be burnt alive. The daughter of the gipsy, out of revenge, vowed vengeance, and stole Manrico, the infant son of Garzia. It so fell out that the count and Manrico both fell in love with the Princess Leonora, who loved Manrico only. Luna and Manrico both fall into the hands of the count, and are condemned to death, when Leonora promises to "give herself" to Luna, provided he liberates Manrico. The count accepts the terms, and goes to the prison to fulfil his promise, when Leonora dies from poison which she has sucked from a ring. Soon as Manrico sees that Leonora is dead, he also dies. (*Verdi: Il Trovatore, an opera.*)

Lunar Month. About four weeks from new moon to new moon.

Lunar Year. Twelve lunar months. There are 13 lunar months in a year, $13 \times 4 = 52$ weeks.

Lunatics. Moon-struck persons. The Romans believed that the mind was affected by the moon, and that "lunatics" were more and more frenzied as the moon increased to its full. (*See Avertin.*)

"The various mental derangements . . . which have been attributed to the influence of the moon, have given to this day the name *lunatics* to persons suffering from various mental disorders."—*Crozier: Popular Errors*, chap. iv. p. 28.

Luncheon. (Welsh. *llunc* or *lluno*, a gulp; *llunhen*, to swallow at a gulp.) The notion of its derivation from the Spanish *once*, eleven, is borrowed from the word *nuncheon*, i.e. *non-mete*, a noon repast. Hence *lluncheon*:

"When, laying by their swords and truncheons,
They took their breakfasts, or their nuncheons."
Book i. l. lines 315, 346.

"In *Letter Book G*, folio iv. (27 Edward II.), donations of drink to workmen are called *nonechenche*. (Riley: *Memorials of London*.)

Lungs of London. The parks. In a debate, June 30th, 1808, respecting encroachments upon Hyde Park, Mr. Windham said it was the "lungs of London."

Lunsford. A name used in *terrorum* over children. Sir Thomas Lunsford was governor of the Tower; a man of most vindictive temper, and the dread of everyone.

"Make children with your tones to run for't,
As bad as Bloodybones or Lunsford."
Butler: *Hudibras*, iii. 2.

Lupercal (*The*), strictly speaking, meant the place where Romulus and Remus were suckled by the wolf (*lupus*). A yearly festival was held on this spot on Feb. 15, in honour of Lupercus, the god of fertility. On one of these festivals Antony thrice offered to Julius Cæsar a kingly crown, but seeing the people were only half-hearted, Cæsar put it aside, saying, "Jupiter aloue is king of Rome." Shakespeare makes Antony allude to this incident:

"You all did see that on the Lupercal
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
Which he did thrice refuse."

Julius Cæsar, iii. 2.

* Shakespeare calls the Lupercalia "the feast of Lupercal" (act i. l.), and probably he means the festival in Antony's speech, not the place where the festival was held.

Lupine. *He does not know a libel from a lupine.* In Latin: "*Ignorat quid distent ara lupinis*," "He does not know good money from a counter, or a hawk from a handsaw." The Romans called counters lupines or beans. A libel was a small silver coin the tenth part of a denarius = the *as*.

Lupus et Agnus. A mere pretence to found a quarrel on. The words are the Latin title of the well-known fable of *The Wolf and the Lamb*.

Lupus in Fabula. (*See above.*)

"*Lupus in fabula*," answered the abbot, scornfully. "The wolf accused the sheep of muddying the stream, when he drank in it above her."—*St. W. Scott: The Monastery*, last chapter.

Lurch. *To leave in the lurch.* To leave a person in a difficulty. In cribbage a person is left in the lurch when his adversary has run out his score of sixty-one holes before he himself has turned the corner (or pegged his thirty-first) hole. In cards it is a scam, that is, when one of the players wins the entire game before his adversary has scored a single point or won a trick.

Lush. Beer and other intoxicating drinks; so called from Lushington the brewer.

Lus'iad or The Lus'ians. The adventures of the Lusians or Portuguese under Vasquez da Gama in their "discovery of India." The fleet first sailed to Mozambique, in Africa, but Bacchus (the guardian power of the Mahometans) raised a commotion against the Lusians, and a battle ensued in which the Lusians were victorious. The fleet was next conducted by treachery to Quil'oa, a harbour on the east coast of the same continent; but Venus or Divine love, to save her favourites from danger, drove them away by a tempest, and Hermès bade Gama steer for Melinda, in Africa. At Melinda the Lusians were hospitably received, and the king of the country not only vowed eternal friendship, but also provided a pilot to conduct the fleet to India. In the Indian Ocean Bacchus tried to destroy the fleet, but "the silver star of Divine love" calmed the sea, and Gama arrived at India in safety. Having accomplished his object, Gama returned to Lisbon.

N.B. Gama sailed three times to India:—(1) with four vessels, in 1497, returning to Lisbon in two years and two months; he was appointed admiral of the Eastern seas. (2) In 1502, with twenty ships, when he was attacked by the Zamorin or king of Calicut, whom he defeated, and returned to Lisbon the year following; and (3) when John III. appointed him viceroy of India. He established his government at Cochin, where he died in 1525. It is the first of these voyages which is the subject of the *Lus'iad* by Camoens.

Lusit'ania. Ancient name for Portugal, said to be so called from Lusius. (See *Lusus*.)

Lusit'anian Prince. Don Henry, third son of John I. "the Great," King of Portugal—

"Who, heaven-inspired,
To love of useful glory roused mankind.
And in unbounded commerce mixed the world."
Thomson: Summer.

Lustral Water. Water for aspersing worshippers was kept in an aspersorium, that those who entered or left the temple might dip their fingers into the water or be sprinkled by a priest. The same may be said of Indian pagodas, and the custom prevailed in ancient Egypt, and Etruria, with the Hebrews, and almost all the nations of antiquity. In Rome the priest used a small olive or laurel branch for sprinkling the people. Infants were also sprinkled with lustral water.

Lustrum. A space of five years. The word means a purification. These public expiations were made at Rome by one of the censors every fifth year, at the conclusion of the census. (Latin, *luere*, to purify.)

Lus'us.* *The sons or race of Lusus.* Pliny (iii. 1) tells us that Lusus was the companion of Bacchus in his travels, and settled a colony in Portugal; whence the country was termed *Lusit'ania*, and the inhabitants *Lusians*.

Lusus Natu'rae. A freak of nature; as a man with six toes, a sheep with two heads, or a stone shaped like some well-known object, etc.

Lutestring. A glossy silk; a corruption of the French word *lustrine* (from *lustre*).

To speak in lutestring. Flash, highly-polished oratory. The expression was first used in *Junius*. Shakespeare has "taffeta phrases and silken terms precise." We call inflated speech "fustian" (*q.v.*) or "bombast" (*q.v.*); say a man talks *stuff*; term a book or speech made up of other men's brains, *shoddy* (*q.v.*); sailors call telling a story "spinning a yarn," etc. etc.

Lutet'ia. Mud-hovels; the ancient name of Paris. The Romans call it *Lutetia Parisi'orum*, the mud-town of the Parisii. The former word being dropped, has left the present name Paris.

Luther's Hymn. "Great God, what do I see and hear," and "A safe strong-hold," etc.

Lutherans. Dr. Eck was the first to call the followers of Martin Luther by this name. It was used by way of contempt.

Lu'tin. A sort of goblin in the mythology of Normandy, very similar to the house-spirits of Germany and Scandinavia. Sometimes it assumes the

form of a horse ready equipped, and in this shape is called *Le Cheval Bayard*.

To lutin is to twist hair into elf-locks. Sometimes these mischievous urchins so tangle the mane of a horse or head of a child that the hair must be cut off.

Le Prince Lutin, by the Countess D'Aulnoy.

Luxemburgers. The people of Luxemburg. Similarly we have Augsburgers, Carlsburgers, Edinburghers, Friburgers, Hamburgers and many more.

Luz or **Lues.** The indestructible bone; the nucleus of the resurrection body.

"How doth a man revive again in the world to come?" asked Hadrian; and Joshua Ben Hananiah made answer. 'From luz in the backbone.' He then went on to demonstrate this to him: He took the bone luz, and put it into water, but the water had no action on it; he put it in the fire, but the fire consumed it not; he placed it in a mill, but could not grind it; and laid it on an anvil, but the hammer crushed it not.—*Light-foot*.

"The learned rabbins of the Jews
Write there's a bone, which they call luz; . . ."
Butler: *Hudibras*, iii. 2.

Lybius (Sir). A very young knight who undertook to rescue the lady of Sinadone. After overcoming various knights, giants, and enchanters, he entered the palace of the lady. Presently the whole edifice fell to pieces about his ears, and a horrible serpent coiled round his neck and kissed him. The spell being broken, the serpent turned into the lady of Sinadone, who married the knight that so gallantly rescued her. (*Libaux, a romance*.)

Lycaonian Tables [*Lycaonia mensae*]. Execrable food. Lycaon, desirous of testing the divine knowledge of Jove, who had honoured him with a visit, served up human flesh on his table; for which the god changed him into a wolf.

Lycidas. The name under which Milton celebrates the untimely death of Edward King, Fellow of Christ College, Cambridge, who was drowned in his passage from Chester to Ireland, August 10th, 1637. He was the son of Sir John King, Secretary for Ireland.

Lycisca (*half-wolf, half-dog*). One of the dogs of Actæon. In Latin it is a common term for a shepherd's dog, and is so used by Virgil (*Eclogue* iii. 18). (*See Dog*.)

Lycopodium. Wolf's foot, from a fanciful resemblance thereto.

Lydford Law is, punish first and try afterwards. Lydford, in the county of

Devon, was a fortified town, in which was an ancient castle, where were held the courts of the Duchy of Cornwall. Offenders against the stannary laws were confined before trial in a dungeon so loathsome and dreary that it gave rise to the proverb referred to. The castle was destroyed by the Danes. (*See CUPAR JUSTICE, COWPER'S LAW*.)

"I oft have heard of Lydford law,
How in the morn they hung and draw,
And sit in judgment later."

A Devonshire Poet.

Lydia, daughter of the King of Lydia, was sought in marriage by Alcestes, a Thracian knight; his suit was refused, and he repaired to the King of Armenia, who gave him an army, with which he laid siege to Lydia. He was persuaded by Lydia to raise the siege. The King of Armenia would not give up the project, and Alcestes slew him. Lydia now set him all sorts of dangerous tasks to "prove the ardour of his love," all of which he surmounted. Lastly, she induced him to kill all his allies, and when she had thus cut off the claws of this love-sick lion she mocked him. Alcestes pined and died, and Lydia was doomed to endless torment in hell, where Astolpho saw her, to whom she told her story. (*Orlando Furioso*, bk. xvii.)

Lydia Languish, in *The Rivals*, by Sheridan.

Lydian Poet (*The*). Alcman of Lydia. (Flourished B.C. 670.)

Lying Traveller (*The*). So Sir John Mandeville has been unjustly called. (1300-1372.)

Lying by the Wall. Dead but not buried. Anglo-Saxon, *wal* (death). He is lying with the dead.

Lying for the Whetstone. Said of a person who is grossly exaggerating or falsifying a statement. One of the Whitsun amusements of our forefathers was the lie-wage or lie-match; he who could tell the greatest lie was rewarded with a whetstone to sharpen his wit. The nature of these contests may be illustrated by the following well-known extravaganza: one of the combatants declared he could see a fly on the top of a church-steeple; the other replied, "Oh yes, I saw him wink his eye."

When Sir R. Digby declared he had seen the "philosopher's stone," Bacon quizzically replied, "perhaps it was a whetstone."

Lyme-hound and **Gaze-hound.** The stanch lyme-hound tracks the wounded

buck over hill and dale. The fleet gazehound kills the buck at view.

"Thou art the lymehound, I am the gaze-hound. . . . Thou hast deep sagacity and unrelenting purpose, a steady, long-breathed malignity of nature, that surpasses mine. But then, I am the bolder, the more ready, both at action and expedient. . . . I say, . . . shall we hunt in couples?"—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. iv.

Lyneus (2 syl.) was so sharp-sighted he could see through the earth, and distinguish objects nine miles off.

"That Lyneus may be matched with Gautard's sight."

"Non possis oculo quantum contendere Lyneus."

Lynch Law. Mob-law, law administered by private persons. According to Webster, the word lynch refers to a Mr. James Lynch, a farmer, of Piedmont, in Virginia. The tale is that, as Piedmont, on the frontier, was seven miles from any law court, the neighbours, in 1680, selected James Lynch, a man of good judgment and great impartiality, to pass sentence on offenders for the nonce. His judgments were so judicious that he acquired the name of Judge Lynch, and this sort of law went by the name of Lynch law. In confirmation of this story, we are told there was a James Lynch Fitz-Stephen, who was warden of Galway in 1526; and in the capacity of warden he passed sentence of death on his own son for murder. (See BYRLAW.)

"George was lynched, as he deserved."—*Emerson: English Traits*, chap. iv.

Lynch-pin. (Anglo-Saxon, *lynis*, an axle), whence club. (Qy. lynch-law.)

Lynchne'bians. Booksellers and publishers. Rabelais says they inhabit a little hamlet near Lantern-land, and live by lanterns. (*Pantagruel*, v. 33.)

Lynx, proverbial for its piercing eyesight, is a fabulous beast, half dog and half panther, but not like either in character. The cat-like animal now called a lynx is not remarkable for keen-sightedness.

Lynx-eyed. Having as keen a sight as a lynx. Some think the word lynx is a perversion of Lyneus. (See above.)

Lyon King-of-Arms. Chief heraldic officer for Scotland; so called from the lion rampant in the Scottish regal escutcheon.

Lyonnesse (3 syl.). "That sweet land of Lyonesse"—a tract between the Land's End and the Scilly Isles, now submerged full "forty fathoms under water." Arthur came from this mythical country.

Lyre (*The*). That of Terpander and Olympus had only three strings; the Scythian lyre had five; that of Simonides had eight; and that of Timotheus (3 syl.) had twelve. It was played either with the fingers or with a plectrum. The lyre is called by poets a "shell," because the cords of the lyre used by Orpheus (2 syl.), Amphion, and Apollo, were stretched on the shell of a tortoise. Hercules used boxwood instead.

Amphion built Thebes with the music of his lyre, for the very stones moved of their own accord into walls and houses.

Ariou charmed the dolphins by the music of his lyre, and when the bard was thrown overboard one of them carried him safely to Tenedarus.

Hercules was taught music by Linus. One day, being reproved, the strong man broke the head of his master with his own lyre.

Orpheus charmed savage beasts, and even the infernal gods, with the music of his lyre.

Lysander and Rosicrucius, in the romance called *Bibliomania*, are meant for the author himself, Thomas Frognall Dibdin, D.D., a bibliographer, well known for his *Pasiers*—i.e. book on the *Rare and Valuable Editions of the Greek and Latin Classics* (1811).

Lyttelton, invoked by Thomson in his *Spring*, was George, Lord Lyttelton, of Hagley, Worcestershire, who procured from the Prince of Wales a pension of £100 a year for the post. Lucinda was Lucy Fortescue, daughter of Hugh Fortescue, of Devonshire.

M

M. This letter represents the wavy appearance of water, and is called in Hebrew *mem* (water).

M. Every word in the *Materia medica* begins with the letter m. (See C and P.)

M (initial of manslaughter). The brand of a person convicted of that offence, and admitted to the benefit of clergy. It was burnt on the brawn of the left thumb.

M in numerals is the initial of *mille*, a thousand.

"Whosoever prayeth for the soul of John (dower he shall, so oft as he so doth, have a M and a D day of pardon)."—*Geoffrey's Table*.

M, to represent the human face. Add two dots for the eyes, thus, "M". These

dots being equal to O's, we get OMO (*omo*) Latin for man.

"Who reads the name,
For man upon his forehead, there the M
Had traced most plainly."

Dante: *Purgatory*, xlii.

M. *The five M's*: Manas, Matsya, Madya, Maithuna, and Mudra (flesh, fish, wine, women, and gesticulation). The five forms of Hindu asceticism.

M, i.e. *Mac*. A Gaelic prefix meaning son. (Gothic, *magus*, a son; Sanskrit, *mah*, to grow; Welsh, *magu*, to breed.) The Welsh *ap* is *Mac* changed to *Map*, and contracted into 'ap or 'p, as Apadam (*'Ap Adam*), Prichard (*'P Richard*).

M or **N** in the Catechism. **M** is a contraction of **NN** (names); **N** is for name. The respondent is required to give his names if he has more than one, or his name if only one.

In the marriage service, **M** stands for *mas* (the man) or *maritus* (the bridegroom), and **N** for *nupta* (the bride).

There are some who think **M** stands for *Mary*, the patron saint of girls, and **N** for *Nicholas*, the patron saint of boys.

M. B. Waistcoat. A clerical cassock waistcoat was so called (about 1830) when first introduced by the High Church party. **M. B.** means "mark of the beast."

"He smiled at the folly which stigmatised an M.B. 'waistcoat.'"—*Mrs. Oliphant: Phoebe Juno*, ii. 3.

M.D. The first woman that obtained this degree was Elizabeth Blackwell, of the United States (1849).

M.P. Member of Parliament, but in slang language Member of the Police.

MS., manuscript; **MSS.**, manuscripts; generally applied to literary works in penmanship. (Latin *manuscriptum*, that which is written by the hand.)

Mab. The "fairies' midwife"—i.e. employed by the fairies as midwife of dreams (to deliver man's brain of dreams). Thus when Romeo says, "I dreamed a dream to-night," Mercutio replies, "Oh, then, I see Queen Mab hath been with you." Sir Walter Scott follows in the same track: "I have a friend who is peculiarly favoured with the visits of Queen Mab," meaning with dreams (*The Antiquary*). When Mab is called "queen," it does not mean sovereign, for Titania was Oberon's wife, but simply female; both midwives and monthly nurses were anciently called *queens* or *queans*. *Queen* or *queen* in

Saxon means neither more nor less than *woman*; so "elf-queen," and the Danish *ellequinde*, mean *female elf*, and not "queen of the elves." Excellent descriptions of "Mistress Mab" are given by Shakespeare (*Romeo and Juliet*, i. 4), by Ben Jonson, by Herrick, and by Drayton in *Nymphidia*. (*Mab*, Welsh, a baby.)

MacAlpin. It is said that the founder of this famous family was named Half-penny, and lived in Dublin in the 18th century. Having prospered in business, he called himself Mr. Halpen. The family, still prospering, dropped the **H**, and added **Mac** (son of), making **MacAlpin**; and Kenny MacAlpin called himself Kenneth MacAlpin, the "descendant of a hundred kings." True or not, the metamorphosis is ingenious.

MacFarlane's Geese. The proverb is that "MacFarlane's geese like their play better than their meat." The wild geese of Inch-Tavoe (Loch Lomond) used to be called MacFarlane's Geese because the MacFarlanes had a house and garden on the island. It is said that these geese never returned after the extinction of that house. One day James VI. visited the chieftain, and was highly amused by the gambols of the geese, but the one served at table was so tough that the king exclaimed, "MacFarlane's geese like their play better than their meat."

MacFlecknoe in Dryden's famous satire, is Thomas Shadwell, poet-laureate, whose immortality rests on the not very complimentary line, "Shadwell never deviates into sense." (1640-1692.)

N.B. Flecknoe was an Irish Roman Catholic priest, doggerel sonneteer, and playwright. Shadwell, according to Dryden, was his double.

"The rest to some slight meaning make pretence,
But Shadwell never deviates into sense."
Dryden: *MacFlecknoe*, 19, 20.

MacGirdle's Mare, used by degrees to eat less and less, but just as he had reduced her to a straw a day the poor beast died. This is an old Greek joke, which is well known to schoolboys who have been taught the *Analecta Minora*. (See *Waverley*, p. 64.)

MacGregor. The motto of the MacGregors is, "E'en do and spair nocht," said to have been given them in the twelfth century by the king of Scotland. While the king was hunting he was attacked by a wild boar, when Sir Malcolm requested permission to encounter the creature. "E'en do," said the king, "and spair nocht." Whereupon

the strong baronet tore up an oak sapling and despatched the enraged animal. For this defence the king gave Sir Malcolm permission to use the said motto, and, in place of a Scotch fir, to adopt for crest an oak-tree *eradicato, propter*.

“Another motto of the MacGregors is—“*Sriogal mo dhream*.”

Rob Roy MacGregor or **Robert Campbell**, the outlaw. A Highland freebooter, the hero of Sir Walter Scott's *Rob Roy*. His wife's name is Helen, and their eldest son Hamish. In the *Two Drivers* MacGregor or MacCombich (Robin Oig) is a Highland drover.

MacIntyre (*Captain Hector*). Brother of Muria MacIntyre, the antiquary's niece, in Sir Walter Scott's *Antiquary*.

MacIvor (*Fergus*). Chief of Glen-naquich, and brother of Flora MacIvor, the heroine of *Waverley*, by Sir W. Scott.

MacPherson. During the reign of David I. of Scotland, a younger brother of the chief of the powerful clan Chattan espoused the clerical life, and in due time became abbot of Kingussie. His elder brother died childless, and the chieftainship devolved on the abbot. He procured the needful dispensation from the Pope, married the daughter of the thane of Calder, and a swarm of little “Kingussies” was the result. The good people of Inverness-shire called them the *Mac-phersons*, i.e. the sons of the parson.

MacTab. *The Honourable Miss Lucinda MacTab*. A poor Scotch relative of Emily Worthington “on her deceased mother's side, and of the noble blood of the MacTabs.” She lived on the Worthingtons, always snubbing them for not appreciating the honour of such a noble hanger-on, and always committing the most ludicrous mistakes from her extravagant vanity and family pride. (*George Colman: The Poor Gentleman*.)

MacTurk (*Captain Mungo or Hector*). “The man of peace” at the Spa Hotel, and one of the managing committee. (*Sir Walter Scott: St. Ronan's Well*.)

Mac'ber. *The dance mac'ber*. The Dance of the dead (*q.v.*) (French, *dance macabre*.) A dance over which Death presides, supposed to be executed by the dead of all ages and conditions. It is an allegory of the mortality of man, and was a favourite subject of artists and poets between the 13th and 16th centuries. It was originally written in German, then in Latin, and then in French. Some think Mac'ber was the name of the

author, but others think the word is the Arabic *mak'bir*, a cemetery. The best illustrations are those by Minden, Luccorne, Lubeck, Dresden, and Basle. Holbein's painting is very celebrated.

“What are these paintings on the wall around us? Thoudance mac'ber!”

Longfellow: The Golden Legend.

Macad'amise (4 syl.). Using broken stones for road metal, and making the road convex instead of concave; a method introduced by Sir John L. Macadam (1756-1836).

Macaire (2 syl.). A favourite name in French plays, inasmuch that Robert Macaire is sometimes used generically for a Frenchman. It is said that Aubrey de Montdidier was murdered in the forest of Bondy in 1371. His dog conceived such a hatred against Robert Macaire that suspicion was aroused, and it was resolved to pit the man and dog together. The result was fatal to the man, who died confessing his guilt. The story is found in a *chanson de geste* of the 12th century, called *La Reine Sibille*.

Mac'amut. Sultan of Cambaya, who lived upon poison, with which he was so saturated that his breath or touch carried instant death. (*Lurchas*.)

Macare (*French*). The impersonation of good temper, in Voltaire's allegory of *Thelème and Macare*.

Macaroni. A cockcomb (Italian, *maccherone*). The word is derived from the Macaroni Club, instituted by a set of flashy men who had travelled in Italy, and introduced Italian *maccheroni* at Almack's subscription table. The Macaronies were the most exquisite fops that ever disgraced the name of man; vicious, insolent, fond of gambling, drinking, and duelling, they were (about 1773) the curse of Vauxhall Gardens.

“We are indebted to the Macaronies for only two things: the one is the introduction of that excellent dish ‘macaroni,’ and the other is the invention of that useful slang word ‘bore’ (boar), which originally meant any opponent of dandyism.”—*Cassell's Magazine: London Legend*.

“An American regiment raised in Maryland during the War of Independence, was called The Macaronies from its showy uniform.”

Macaronic Latin. Dog Latin, or modern words with Latin endings. The law pleadings of G. Steevens, as *Daniel v. Dishelout* and *Bullum v. Boatum*, are excellent examples. (*See DOG LATIN*.)

“Macaronic Latin is a mixture of Latin and some modern language. In Italy *maccheroni* is a mixture of coarse meal, eggs, and cheese.”

Macaronic Verse. Verses in which foreign words are ludicrously distorted and jumbled together, as in Porson's lines on the threatened invasion of England by Napoleon. (*Lingo drawn for the Militia*.) So called by Teofilo Folengo, a Mantuan monk of noble family, who published a book entitled *Liber Macaronicorum*, a poetical rhapsody made up of words of different languages, and treating of "pleasant matters" in a comical style (1520). Folengo is generally called Merlino Coccaius, or Merlino Coccajo. (See preceding.) The *Vigence* of Tossa was published in 1494. The following Latin verse is an hexameter;

"Trumpeter unus erat qui cotum scarlet imbebat."

* A. Cunningham published in 1801 a *Delectus macaronicorum carminum*, a history of macaronic poetry.

Cane carmen SIXPENCE, pera plena ryc,
De multis atris avibus coctis in a pie;
Simul haec apte test, cantat omnis grex,
Nonne permittibile, quot videri ille rex?
Dimidium rex esse, misit ad r. agnum
Quod reliquum illa, sendung back attum.
Hex fuit in arario, multo nummo tuncens;
In culta Domitia, bread and mel consumens;
Ancell' in horto, hanging out the clothes,
Quam descendens cornix rapuit her nose.
E. C. B.

Macbeth (Shakespeare). The story is taken from Holmshed, who copied it from the *History of Scotland*, by Hector Boece or Royce, in seventeen volumes (1527). The history, written in Latin, was translated by John Bellenden (1531-1535).

* "History states that Macbeth slew Duncan at Rothgowan, near Elgin, in June, and not, as Shakespeare says, at his castle of Inverness; the attack was made because Duncan had usurped the throne, to which Macbeth had the better claim. As a king Macbeth proved a very just and equitable prince, but the partisans of Malcolm got head, and succeeded in deposing Macbeth, who was slain in June, at Lumphanan. He wasthane of Cromarty (Glasgow), and afterwards of Moray (Cawdor).—*Lardner: Cabinet Cyclopaedia*.

Lady Macbeth. The wife of Macbeth. Ambition is her sin, and to gain the object of her ambition she hesitates at nothing. Her masterful mind sways the weaker Macbeth to "the mood of what she liked or loathed." She is a Medea, or Catherine de' Medici, or Caesar Borgia in female form. (*Shakespeare: Macbeth*.)

* The real name of Lady Macbeth was Grauch, and instead of being urged to the murder of Duncan through ambition, she was goaded by deadly injuries. She was, in fact, the granddaughter of Kenneth IV., killed in June, fighting against Malcolm II.—*Lardner: Cabinet Cyclopaedia*, vol. i. 17, etc.

Macbriar (Ephraim). An enthusiastic preacher in Sir Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*.

This was the young preacher Maccaul so hideously tortured in the reign of

Charles II. He died "in a rapture." (*See Cassell's History of England*, Charles II., vol. iii. p. 422.)

Maccabæus. The Hammerer. A surname given to Judas Asmonæus; similar to "Martel," the name given to Charles, son of Pepin Heristel, who beat down the Saracens as with a sledge-hammer. Some think the name is a notarica or acrostic: **Mi Camokah Baelim Jehovah** (Who is like to thee among the gods, O Lord?). (Exodus xv. 11.) (*See NOTARICA*.)

Macdonald. Lord Macdonald's breed. Parasites. Lord Macdonald (son of the Lord of the Isles) once made a raid on the mainland. He and his followers, with other plunder, fell on the clothes of the enemy, and stripping off their own rags, donned the smartest and best they could lay hands on, with the result of being overrun with parasites.

Macduff. The thane of Fife. A Scotch nobleman whose castle of Kenno-way was surprised by Macbeth, and his wife and babes "savagely slaughtered." Macduff vowed vengeance and joined the army of Siward, to dethrone the tyrant. On reaching the royal castle of Dunsinane, they fought, and Macbeth was slain. (*Shakespeare: Macbeth*.)

* History states that Macbeth was defeated at Dunsinane, but escaped from the battle and was slain at Lumphanan in 1056.—*Lardner: Cabinet Cyclopaedia*, i. p. 17, etc.

Macheath (Captain). A highwayman, hero of *The Beggar's Opera*, by Gay. A fine, gay, bold-faced ruffian, game to the very last.

Machiavelli. The Imperial Machiavelli. Tiberius, the Roman emperor. (B.C. 42 to A.D. 37.)

His political axiom was—"He who knows not how to dissemble knows not how to reign." It was also the axiom of Louis XI. of France.

Machiavellism. Political cunning and overreaching by diplomacy, according to the pernicious political principles of Niccolo del Machiavelli, of Florence, set forth in his work called *The Prince*. The general scope of this book is to show that rulers may resort to any treachery and artifice to uphold their arbitrary power, and whatever dishonourable acts princes may indulge in are fully set off by the insubordination of their subjects. (1469-1527.)

Mackintosh or Macintosh. Cloth waterproofed with caoutchouc, patented by Mr. Macintosh.

Macklin. The real name of this great actor was Charles M'Laughlin, but he changed it on coming to England. (1690-1797.)

Macmill'anites (4 syl.). A religious sect of Scotland, who succeeded the Covenanters; so named from John Macmillan, their leader. They called themselves the "Reformed Presbytery."

Macsycephant (*Sir Pertinax*). In *The Man of the World*, by Charles Macklin, Sir Pertinax "bowed, and bowed, and bowed," and cringed, and fawned, to obtain the object of his ambition.

Mace. Originally a club armed with iron, and used in war. Both sword and mace are ensigns of dignity, suited to the times when men went about in armour, and sovereigns needed champions to vindicate their rights.

Macedon is not Worthy of Thee. is what Philip said to his son Alexander, after his achievement with the horse Bucephalos, which he subdued to his will, though only eighteen years of age.

Edward III., after the battle of Crecy, in which the Black Prince behaved very valiantly, exclaimed, "My brave boy, go on as you have begun, and you will be worthy of England's crown."

Macedonian (*The*). Julius Polyænus, author of *Stratagema*, in the second century.

Macedonian Madman (*The*). (See MADMAN.)

Macedonians. A religious sect, so named from Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, in the fourth century. They denied the divinity of the Holy Ghost, and that the essence of the Son is the same in kind with that of the Father.

Macedonians. Emilius Paulus, conqueror of Persus. (230-160 B.C.)

Mackerel Sky (*A*). A sky spotted like a mackerel. (Mackerel from the Latin, *macula*, a spot whence the French *maquereau*, German *mackrele*, Welsh *maerell*, etc.)

Macon. Mahomet, Mahoun, or Mahound.

"Praised (quoth he) be Macon whom we serve."
Fairfax: Tasso, xii. 10.

Macon. A poetical and romance name of Mecca, the birthplace of Mahomet.

Macreons. *The island of the Macreons.* Great Britain. The word is

Greek, and means long-lived. Babelais describes the persecutions of the reformers as a terrible storm at sea, in which Pantagruel and his fleet were tempest-tossed, but contrived to enter one of the harbours of Great Britain, an island called "Long life," because no one was put to death there for his religious opinions. This island was full of antique ruins, relics of decayed popery and ancient superstitions.

Macrocosm (Greek, *the great world*), in opposition to the microcosm (*the little world*). The ancients looked upon the universe as a living creature, and the followers of Paracelsus considered man a miniature representation of the universe. The one was termed the Macrocosm, the other the Microcosm (*q.v.*).

Mad as a March Hare. (See HARE.) The French say, "*Il est fou comme un jeune chien.*"

Mad Cavalier (*The*). Prince Rupert, noted for his rash courage and impatience of control. (1619-1682.)

Mad Parliament (*The*). The Parliament which assembled at Oxford in 1258, and broke out into open rebellion against Henry III. The king was declared deposed, and the government was vested in the hands of twenty-four councillors, with Simon de Montfort at their head.

Mad Post (*The*). Nathaniel Lee, who was confined for four years in Bedlam. (1657-1690.)

Mad as a Hatter. By some said to be a corruption of "Mad as an utter" (*utter*): but evidence is wanting. The word added is *atter* in Saxon, *nutter* in German.

Madame. So the wife of Philippe, Duc d'Orléans was styled in the reign of Louis XIV.; other ladies were only *Madame This* or *That*.

Madame la Duchesse. Wife of Henri-Jules de Bourbon, eldest son of Prince de Condé.

Madame la Princesse. Wife of the Prince de Condé, and natural daughter of Louis XIV. (See MONSIEUR.)

Mademoiselle (4 syl.). The daughter of Philippe, Duc de Chartres, grandson of Philippe, Duc d'Orléans, brother of Louis XIV.

La Grande Mademoiselle. The Duchesse de Montpensier, cousin to Louis XIV., and daughter of Gaston, Duc d'Orléans,

Madge. An owl.

Madge Wildfire. The nickname of Margaret Murdochson, a beautiful but giddy girl, whose brain was crazed by seduction and the murder of her infant. (*Sir Walter Scott: Heart of Midlothian.*)

Madman. *Macedonia's madman.* Alexander the Great. (B.C. 356, 336-323.)

The brilliant madman or Madman of the North. Charles XII. of Sweden. (1682, 1697-1718.)

"Hornes are much the same, the point's agreed,
From Macedonia's madman to the Swede
[Charles XII.]" *Pope: Essay on Man*, iv.

Madness. In Perthshire there are several wells and springs dedicated to St. Fillan, which are still places of pilgrimage. These wells are held to be efficacious in cases of madness. Even recently lunatics have been bound to the holy stone at night, under the expectation that St. Fillan would release them before dawn, and send them home in their right minds.

Madoc. The youngest son of Owain Gwyneth, King of North Wales, who died in 1169. According to tradition he sailed away to America, and established a colony on the southern branches of the Missouri. About the same time the Aztecas forsook Aztlan, under the guidance of Yuhid'thilton, and founded the empire called Mexico, in honour of Mexitli, their tutelary god. Southey has a poem in two parts called *Madoc*, in which these two events are made to harmonise with each other.

Madonna. (Italian, *my lady*.) Specially applied to representations of the Virgin Mary.

Ma'dor (*Sir*). The Scotch knight slain in single combat by Sir Launcelot of the Lake, who volunteered to defend the innocence of Queen Guinever.

Madras System of Education. A system of mutual instruction, introduced by Dr. Andrew Bell into the institution at Madras for the education of the orphan children of the European military. Bell lived 1753-1832.

Mæander. To wind like the river Mæander, in Phrygia. The "Greek pattern" of embroidery is so called.

Mæcenas. A patron of letters; so called from C. Cilnius Mæcenas, a Roman statesman in the reign of Augustus, who kept open house for all men of letters, and was the special friend and patron of Horace and Virgil. Nicholas Rowe so called the Earl of Halifax on

his installation to the Order of the Garter (1714).

The last English Mæcenas. Samuel Rogers, poet and banker. (1763-1855.)

Maelström (Norwegian, *whirling stream*). There are about fifty maelströms off the coast of Norway, but the one Englishmen delight to tremble at is at the foot of the Lofoten Islands, between the islands of Moskenes and Mosken, where the water is pushed and jostled a good deal, and when the wind and tide are contrary it is not safe for small boats to venture near.

It was anciently thought that the Maelström was a subterranean abyss, penetrating the globe, and communicating with the Gulf of Bothnia.

Mæonides (4 syl.) or **Mæonian Poet.** Homer; either because he was the son of Mæon, or because he was born in Mæonia (Asia Minor). (*See HOMER.*)

Mæviad. A merciless satire by Gifford on the Dolla Cruscan school of poetry. Published 1796. The word is in Virgil's *Eclogue*, iii. 90. (*See BAVIAD.*)

Mag. *What a mag you are!* jabberer, hence to *chatter like a magpie*. Mag is a contraction of magpie. The French have a famous word, "*caquet-bon-bec*," We call a prating man or woman "a mag." (*See MAGPIE.*)

Not a mag to bless myself with—not a halfpenny.

Mag's. *Blackwood's Magazine.* A mere contraction of the word magazine.

Magalo'na. (*See MAGUELONE.*)

Magazine (3 syl.). A place for stores. (Arabic, *makhzan*, *gazana*, a place where articles are preserved.)

Mag'dalene (3 syl.). An asylum for the reclaiming of prostitutes; so called from Mary Magdalene or Mary of Magdala. "out of whom Jesus cast seven devils." A great profligate till she met with the Lord and Saviour.

Mag'deburg Centuries. The first great work of Protestant divines on the history of the Christian Church. It was begun at Magdeburg by Matthias Flacius, in 1552; and, as each century occupies a volume, the thirteen volumes complete the history to 1300.

Magellan. *Straits of Magellan.* So called after Magellan or Magalhaens, the Portuguese navigator, who discovered them in 1520.

Magenta. A brilliant red colour derived from coal-tar, named in commemoration of the battle of Magenta, which was fought in 1859.

Maggot, Maggoty. Whimsical, full of whims and faucies. Fancy tunes used to be called *maggots*, hence we have "Barker's maggots," "Cary's maggots," "Druper's maggots," etc. (*Dancing Master*, 1721.)

When the maggot bites. When the fancy takes us. Swift tells us that it was the opinion of certain virtuosos that the brain is filled with little worms or maggots, and that thought is produced by these worms biting the nerves. "If the bite is hexagonal it produces poetry; if circular, eloquence; if conical, politics, etc." (*Mechanical Operation of the Spirit*.)

Instead of maggots the Scotch say, "His head is full of bees;" the French, "*Il a des rats dans la tête*;" and in Holland, "He has a mouse's nest in his head." (*Ser BEE*.)

Ma'gi (*The*), according to one tradition, were Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, three kings of the East. The first offered *gold*, the emblem of royalty, to the infant Jesus; the second, *frankincense*, in token of divinity; and the third, *myrrh*, in prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows."

MELCHIOR means "king of light."
GASPAR or CASPAR, means "the white one."
BALTHAZAR means "the lord of treasures."
(Klopstock, in his *Messiah*, book v., gives these five names: Hadad, Salima, Zimri, Heled, and Smith.)

Magi, in Camoens' *Lusiad*, means the Indian "Brahmins." Ammin'us Marcell'nus says that the Persian magi derived their knowledge from the Brahmins of India (i. 23); and Ari'anus expressly calls the Brahmins "magi" (i. 7.).

Magic Garters. Made of the strips of a young hare's skin saturated with motherwort. Those who wear these garters excel in speed.

"Were it not for my magic garters . . .
I should not continue the business long."
Longfellow: The Golden Legend.

Magic Rings. This superstition arose from the belief that magicians had the power of imprisoning demons in rings. The power was supposed to prevail in Asia, and subsequently in Salamanca, Toledo, and Italy.

* **Magic circles** (like magic squares) are mathematical puzzles.

Orcu'd's ring. This magic ring was composed of six metals, and insured the wearer success in any undertaking in

which he chose to embark. (*Chinese Tales: Orcu'd and his Four Sons*.)

* *Dame Lionés's ring*, given by her to Sir Gareth during a tournament. It insured the wearer from losing blood when wounded.

"This ring," said Dame Lionés, "increaseth my beauty . . . That which is green it turns red, and that which is red it turns green. That which is blue it turns white, and that which is white it turns blue. Whoever heareth this ring can never lose blood, however wounded."—*History of Prince Arthur*, i. 136.

Fairy ring (1). Whoever lives in a house built over a fairy ring will wondrously prosper in everything. (*Athenian Oracle*, i. 307.)

Gyges's ring. (See GYGES.)

Luned's ring rendered the wearer invisible. Luned or Lynet gave the ring to Owain, one of King Arthur's knights.

"Take this ring, and put it on thy finger, with the stone inside thy hand, and close thy hand upon it. As long as thou concealest the stone, the stone will conceal thee."—*The Mabington (Lady of the Fountain)*.

Reynard's ring. The ring which Reynard pretended he had sent to King Lion. It had three gems: one *red*, which gave light in darkness; one *white*, which cured all blains and sprains; and one *green*, which would guard the wearer from all ill, both in peace and war. (*Henrik von Alkmaar: Reynard the Fox*.)

The steel ring, made by Seidel-Beckit. It enabled the wearer to read the secrets of another's heart. (*Oriental Tales; The Four Talismans*.)

The talking ring given by Tartaro, the Basque Cyclops, to a girl whom he wished to marry. Immediately she put it on, it kept incessantly saying "You there, and I here." In order to get rid of the nuisance, the girl cut off her finger, and threw both finger and ring into a pond. (*Basque legends*.)

* This tale appears in Campbell's *Popular Tales of the West Highlands* (i. to iii.), and in Grimm's *Tales (The Robber and his Sons)*.

Magic Wand.

In *Jerusalem Delivered* the Hermit gives Charles the Dane and Ubaldo a wand which, being shaken, infused terror into all who saw it.

In the *Pucier Queene*, the palmer who accompanies Sir Guyon has a staff of like virtue, made of the same wood as Mercury's caduceus.

Magician. *The Great Magician or Wizard of the North.* Professor Wilson calls Sir Walter Scott the Great Magician, from the wonderful fascination of his writings.

Magician of the North. The title assumed by Johann Georg Hamann, of Prussia (1730-1788).

Magliabecchi. The greatest bookworm that ever lived. He never forgot what he had once read, and could even turn at once to the exact page of any reference. He was the librarian of the Great Duke Cosmo III. (1633-1714).

Magna Charta. The Great Charter of English liberty extorted from King John, 1215; called by Spelman—

"*Ancussit sumum Anglica'rum, liberta tum diploma et sacra auctoritas.*"

Magnalia Christi. Cotton Mathers's book, mentioned in Longfellow's *Mayflower*.

Magnanimous (The).

Alfonso V. of Aragon (1385, 1416-58).

Chosroës or Khosru, twenty-first of the Sassan'idës, surnamed *Noushir'wan* (the Magnanimous) (531-579).

Magna'no. One of the leaders of the rubble that attacked Hudibras at a bear-baiting. The character is a satire on Simeon Wait, a tinker and Independent preacher. (*Hudibras*, pt. i. 2.) He calls Cromwell the "archangel who did battle with the devil."

Magnet. The loadstone; so called from *Magne'sia*, in Lydia, where the ore was said to abound. The Greeks called it *magnes*. Milton uses the adjective for the substantive in the line "As the magnetic hardest iron draws."

Magnetic Mountain. A mountain which drew out all the nails of any ship that approached within its magnetic influence. The ship in which Prince Agib sailed fell to pieces when wind-driven towards it. (*Arabian Nights; The Third Calendar.*)

Magneuse (French). An anagram or *filles de joie*; so called from the nunnery founded at Itheims in 1654, by Jeanne Canart, daughter of Nicolas Colbert, seigneur de Magneux. The word is sometimes jocosely perverted into Magni-maguo.

Magnificat. To sing the *Magnificat* at matins. To do things at the wrong time, or out of place. The *Magnificat* does not belong to the morning service, but to vespers. The *Magnificat* is Luke i. 46-55 in Latin.

Magnificent (The).

Khosru or Chosroës I. of Persia (*, 531-579). The golden period of Persian history was 550-628.

Lorenzo de Medici (1448-1492).

Robert, Duc de Normandie, also called *Le Diabie* (*, 1028-1035).

Soliman I., greatest of the Turkish sultans (1493, 1520-1566).

Magnifique . . . Guerre. "*C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre.*" Admirable, but not according to rule. The comment of Marshal Canrobert on the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava.

"It is because the clergy, as a class, are animated by a high ideal . . . that they, as a class, are incomparably better than they need be . . . *C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre.*"—*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1866.

Magnolia. A flower so called from Pierre Magnol, professor of medicine at Montpellier. (1638-1715.)

Magnum Opus. Chief or most important of a person's works. A literary man says of his most renowned book it is his *magnum opus*.

Magnum of Port (A), or other wine, a double bottle.

Magnus Apollo (My), or *Mens Magnus Apollo*. My leader, authority, and oracle.

Mago the Carthaginian, says Aristotle, crossed the Great Desert twice without having anything to drink.

Magophonia. A festival observed by the Persians to commemorate the massacre of the Magi. Smerdis usurped the throne on the death of Camby'ses; but seven Persians, conspiring together, slew Smerdis and his brother; whereupon the people put all the Magi to the sword, and elected Darius, son of Hystaspes, to the throne. (Greek, *magos-phonos*, the magi-slaughter.)

Magot (French). Money, or rather a mass of secreted money; a corruption of *imago*, the "image and superscription" of coined money.

"*Là il vola de même, revint à Paris avec un bon magot.*"—*La Gazette Noire*, 1784, p. 270.

Magpie. A contraction of magotpie, or mag'nta-pie. "Mag" is generally thought to be a contraction of Margaret; thus we have Robin red-breast, Tom-tit, Philip—i.e. a sparrow, etc.

"Ancient and understood relations have (By magotpies, and chonghs, and rooks) brought forth

The secret'st man of blood."

Shakespeare: *Macbeth*, iii. 4.

Magpie. Here is an old Scotch rhyme:

"One's sorrow, two's mirth,
Three's a wedding, four's a birth,
Five's a christening, six's a death,
Seven's heaven, eight's hell,
And nine's the devil his age wot."

Magriëio. The champion of Isabella of Portugal, who refused to do homage to France. The brave champion vanquished the French chevalier, and thus vindicated the liberty of his country.

Maguelo'ne or Magalo'na (*the fair*). Heroine of the romance called *The History of the Fair Magalona, Daughter of the King of Naples*, etc. Originally written in French. Cervantès alludes to it in *Don Quixote*. (See PETER OF PROVENÇE.)

Magus. (See SIMON.)

Mah-abade'an Dynasty (*The*). The first dynasty of Persian mythological history. Mah Abad (*the great Abad*) and his wife were the only persons left on the earth after the great cycle, and from them the world was peopled. Azar Abad, the fourteenth and last of this dynasty, left the earth because "all flesh had corrupted itself," and a period of anarchy ensued.

Mahabharata. One of the two great epic poems of ancient India. Its story is the contests between descendants of Kuru and Pandu. (See KURU.)

Mahadi or Hakon. The Kalif who reigned about 400 years after Mahomet. In one pilgrimage to Mecca he expended six million gold dinars.

Mahâtmas. Initiates who have proved their courage and purity by passing through sundry tests and trials. It is a Hindu word applied to certain Buddhists. They are also called "Masters." According to Theosophists, man has a physical, an intellectual, and a spiritual nature, and a Mahâtma is a person who has reached perfection in each of these three natures. As his knowledge is perfect, he can produce effects which, to the less learned, appear miraculous. Thus, before the telegraph and telephone were invented it would have appeared miraculous to possess such powers; no supernatural power, however, is required, but only a more extensive knowledge.

"Mahâtma is a well-known Sanskrit word applied to men who have retired from the world, who, by means of a long ascetic discipline, have subdued the passions of the flesh, and gained a reputation for sanctity and knowledge. That these men are able to perform most startling feats, and to suffer the most terrible tortures, is perfectly true."—*Max Müller: Nineteenth Century*, May, 1883, p. 775.

Mahdi (*The*). The supreme pontiff of the Shiites (2 syl.) Only twelve of these imams have really appeared—viz. Ali, Hassan, Hosein, and the nine lineal

descendants of Hosein. Mohammed, the last Mahdi, we are told, is not really dead, but sleeps in a cavern near Bagdad, and will return to life in the fullness of time to overthrow Dejal (anti-Christ).

The Mahdi which has of late been disturbing Egypt is hated by the Persians, who are Sunnites (2 syl.); but even the Turks and Persians are looking out for a Mahdi who will stamp out the "infidels."

Mahmoud of Ghizni, the conqueror of India in the 11th century, kept 400 greyhounds and bloodhounds, each of which wore a jewelled collar taken from the necks of captive sultanas.

Mahmut. The name of the famous Turkish spy (*q.v.*).

Mahomet or Mohammed, according to Deutsch, means the *Predicted Messiah*. (Hag. ii. 4.) It is the titular name taken by Halabi, founder of Islam. (570-632.)

Angel of. When Mahomet was transported to heaven, he says: "I saw there an angel, the most gigantic of all created beings. It had 70,000 heads, each had 70,000 faces, each face had 70,000 months, each month had 70,000 tongues, and each tongue spoke 70,000 languages; all were employed in singing God's praises."

This would make more than 3000 trillion languages, and nearly five billion months.

Banner of. Sanjaksharif, kept in the Eyah mosque, at Constantinople.

Bible of. The Koran.

Born at Mecca, A.D. 570.

Born. Catum (*q.v.*).

Camel (Swiftest). Adha (*q.v.*).

Cave. The cave in which Gabriel appeared to Mahomet was Hôid.

Coffin. It is said that Mahomet's coffin, in the Had'gira of Medi'na, is suspended in mid-air without any support. Many explanations have been given of this phenomenon, the one most generally received being that the coffin is of iron, placed midway between two magnets. Burykhardt visited the sacred enclosure, and found the ingenuity of science useless in this case, as the coffin is not suspended at all.

Cuirass. FADHA (*q.v.*).

Daughter (His favourite). Faffma.

Died at Medi'na, Monday, June 8th, 632, age of seventy-two. The 10th of the Hedj'rah.

Dove. Mahomet had a dove which he used to feed with wheat out of his ear. When the dove was hungry it used to light on the prophet's shoulder, and thrust its bill into his ear to find its meal. Mahomet thus induced the Arabs to believe that he was inspired by the Holy Ghost in the semblance of

Mahomet (continued).

a dove. (*Sir Walter Raleigh: History of the World*, bk. 1, pt. 1, chap. vi. (See also *Prideaux: Life of Mahomet*.)

"Was Mahomet inspired with a dove?"

Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI., i. 2.

Father. Abdall, of the tribe of Koreish. He died a little before or little after the birth of Mahomet.

Father-in-law (father of Ayesha). Abu-Bekr. He succeeded Mahomet and was the first calif.

Flight, from Mecca (called the Hedj'rah), A.D. 622. He retired to Medi'na.

Grandfather (paternal). Abd-el-Muttalib, who adopted the orphan boy, but died in two years.

Hedj'rah. (See above, *Flight*.)

Heir (adopted). Said or Zaid.

Horse. Al Borak [*The Lightning*]. It conveyed the prophet to the seventh heaven. (See *BORAK*.)

"Borak was a fine-limbed, high-standing horse, strong in frame, and with a coat as glossy as marble. His colour was saffron, with one hair of gold for every three of tawny; his ears were restless and pointed like a reed; his eyes large and full of fire; his nostrils wide and steaming; he had a white star on his forehead, a neck gracefully arched, a mane soft and silky, and a thick tail that swept the ground."—*Croquemouche*, u. 9.

Miracles. Chadin mentions several, but some say he performed no miracle. The miracle of the moon is best known.

Moon (The). Habib the Wise told Mahomet to prove his mission by cleaving the moon in two. Mahomet raised his hands towards heaven, and in a loud voice summoned the moon to do Habib's bidding. Accordingly, it descended to the top of the Caaba (*q.v.*), made seven circuits, and, coming to the 'prophet,' entered his right sleeve and came out of the left. It then entered the collar of his robe, and descended to the skirt, clove itself into two pluits, one of which appeared in the east of the skies and the other in the west: and the two parts ultimately reunited and resumed their usual form.

Mother of. Amīna, of the tribe of Koreish. She died when Mahomet was six years old.

Mule. Fadda (*q.v.*).

Pond. Just inside the gates of Paradise. It was white as milk, and he who drank thereof never thirst again. (*Al Koran*.)

Revelation made when he was forty years old by Gabriel, on Mount Hora, in Mecca.

Standard. Baj'ura.

Mahomet (continued).

Stepping-stone. The stone upon which the prophet placed his foot when he mounted the beast Al Borak on his ascent to heaven. It rose as the beast rose, but Mahomet, putting his hand upon it, forbade it to follow him, whereupon it remained suspended in mid-air, where the true believer, if he has faith enough, may still behold it.

Swords. Dhu'l Fakar (*the trenchant*), Al Battar (*the beater*), Modham (*the keen*), and Hatel (*the deadly*). (See *SWORDS*.)

Successor. (See above, *Father-in-law*.)

Tribe. On both sides, the Koreish.

Uncle, who took charge of Mahomet at the death of his grandfather, Abu Taleh'.

Wives. Ten in number, viz. (1) Kadidja, a rich widow of the tribe of Koreish, who had been twice married already, and was forty years of age. For twenty-five years she was his only wife, but at her death he married nine others, all of whom survived him.

Mahomet loved Mary, a Coptic girl, and in order to justify the amour, added a new chapter to the Koran, which may be found in Gagner's *Notes upon Abuljels*, p. 151.

The nine wives. (1) Ayesha, daughter of Abu Bekr, only nine years old on her wedding-day. This was his youngest and favourite wife.

(2) Sauda, widow of Sokran, and nurse to his daughter Fat'ima.

(3) Hafsa, a widow twenty-eight years old, who also had a son. She was daughter of Omeva.

(4) Zeinab, wife of Zaid, but divorced in order that the prophet might take her to wife.

(5) Barra, wife of a young Arab and daughter of Al Haroth, chief of an Arab tribe. Both father and husband were slain in a battle with Mahomet. She was a captive.

(6) Rehana, daughter of Simeon, and a Jewish captive.

(7) Saf'ya, the espoused wife of Kenna'na. Kenna'na was put to death. Saf'ya outlived the prophet forty years.

(8) Omm Habiba—i.e. mother of Habiba: the widow of Abu Sofian.

(9) Maimu'na, fifty-one years old, and a widow, who survived all his other wives.

Also ten or fifteen concubines, chief of whom was Mar'iyeh, mother of Ibrahim, the prophet's son, who died when fifteen months old.

Year of Deputations. A.D. 630, the 8th of the Hedj'rah.

Mahoun' (2 syl.). Name of contempt for Mahomet, a Moslem, a Moor. In Scotland it used to mean *devil*.

"There's the son of the renegade—spawn of Mahoun (son of the Moorish princess)."—*Ten-geance of Mudarra*.

Mahound (2 syl.). Mahomet. (See **MACON**.)

"Ofttimes by Termagant and Mahound swore."
Spenser: Faerie Queene, vii. 47.

Mahu. The fiend-prince that urges to theft.

"Five fiends have been in poor Tom at once: of last, as Obdient; Hobblidance, prince of dumplings; Mahu, of stealing; Mole, of murder; Flibbertigibbet, of moping and mowing."—*Shakespeare: King Lear*, iv. 1.

Maid Marian. A morris dance, or the boy in the morris dance, called *Mad Marion*, from the "marion" which he wore on his head. (See **MORRIS DANCE**.) Maid Marian is a corruption first of the words, and then of the sex. Having got the words Maid Marian, etymologists have puzzled out a suitable character in Matilda, the daughter of Fitz-Walter, baron of Bayard and Dunmow, who eloped with Robert Fitz-Ooth, the outlaw, and lived with him in Sherwood Forest. Some refuse upon this tale, and affirm that Matilda was married to the outlaw (commonly called Robin Hood) by Friar Tuck.

"A set of morrice dancers danced a maidmarian with a tabor and pipe."—*Temple*.

"Next 't' a agreed
That fair Matilda henceforth change her name,
And while (she lives) in Shirewode . . .
She by maid Marian's name be only called."
Downfall of Robert, Earl of Huntingdon.

Maid of Athens, immortalised by Byron, was Theresa Maeri. Some twenty-four years after this poem was written the maid was in dire poverty, without a single vestige of beauty. She had a large family, and lived in a hovel.

Maid of Norway. Margaret, daughter of Eric II. and Margaret of Norway. On the death of Alexander III. she was acknowledged Queen of Scotland, and was betrothed to Edward, son of Edward I. of England, but she died on her passage to Scotland.

Maid of Orleans. Jeanne d'Arc (1412-1431).

Maid of Perth (*Fair*). Catherine Glover, daughter of Simon Glover, the old glover of Perth. She kisses Smith while asleep on St. Valentine's morning, and ultimately marries him. (See **SMITH**.) (*Scott: Fair Maid of Perth*.)

Maid of Saragossa. Augustina Zaragoza, distinguished for her heroism when Saragossa was besieged in 1808

and 1809. Byron refers to her in his *Childe Harold*.

Maiden. A machine resembling the guillotine for beheading criminals in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; brought to Scotland by the Regent Morton from Halifax, in Yorkshire, for the purpose of beheading the laird of Pennycuik. It was also called "the widow."

He who invented the maiden first hauled it. Referring to Regent Morton, who introduced this sort of guillotine into Scotland, erroneously said to have been the first to suffer by it. Thomas Scott, one of the murderers of Rizzio, was beheaded by it in 1566, fifteen years before Morton's execution.

Maiden Assize (*A*). One in which there is no person to be brought to trial. We have also the expressions *maiden tree*, one never lopped; *maiden fortress*, one never taken; *maiden speech*; etc. In a maiden assize, the sheriff of the county presents the judge with a pair of white gloves. White gloves symbolise innocence. *Maiden* primarily means unspotted, unpolluted, innocent; thus Hubert says to the king—

"This hand of mine
Is yet a maiden and an innocent hand,
Not tainted with the crimson spots of blood."
Shakespeare: King John, iv. 2.

Maiden King (*The*). Malcolm IV. of Scotland. (1141, 1153-1165.)

"Malcolm . . . son of the brave and generous Prince Henry . . . was so kind and gentle in his disposition, that he was usually called Malcolm the Maiden."—*Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, iv.

Maiden Lane (London). So called from an image of the Maiden or Virgin Mary, which stood there before the Reformation.

Maiden or Virgin Queen. Elizabeth, Queen of England, who never married. (1533, 1558-1603.)

Maiden Town, i.e. a town never taken by the enemy. Edinburgh. The tradition is that the maiden daughters of a Pictish king were sent there for protection during an intestine war.

Maiden of the Mist. Anne of Geierstein, in Sir Walter Scott's novel called *Anne of Geierstein*.

Maidenhair (a fern, so-called from its hair-like stalks) never takes wet or moisture.

"His skin is like the herb called true Maiden's hair, which never takes wet or moisture, but still keeps dry, though laid at the bottom of a river as long as you please. For this reason it is called Adiantum."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 24.

Main-brace. *Splice the main-brace*, in sea language, means to take a draught of strong drink to keep the spirits up, and give strength for extra exertion. The main-brace is the rope by which the mainyard of a ship is set in position, and to splice it, in a literal sense, when the rope is broken or injured, is to join the two ends together again.

Main Chance (The). Profit or money, probably from the game called hazard.

To have an eye to the main chance, means to keep in view the money to be made out of an enterprise.

In the game of "hazard," the first throw of the dice is called the *main*, which must be between four and nine, the player then throws his *chance*, which determines the *main*.

Mainote (2 syl.). A pirate that infests the coast of Attica.

"... Like hont
Of island-pirate or Mainote."
Byron: *The Giaour*.

Maintain is to hold in the hand; hence, to keep; hence, to clothe and feed. (French, *main tenir*; Latin, *manus tenco*.)

Maitland Club (The) of literary antiquities, instituted at Glasgow in 1828. It published a number of works.

Maize (1 syl.). According to American superstition, if a damsel finds a blood-red ear of maize, she will have a suitor before the year is over.

"Even the blood-red ear to Evangeline brought
Not her lover." Longfellow: *Evangeline*.

Majesty. Henry VIII. was the first English sovereign who was styled "His Majesty." Henry IV. was "His Grace;" Henry VI., "His Excellent Grace;" Edward IV., "High and Mighty Prince;" Henry VII., "His Grace," and "His Highness;" Henry VIII., in the earlier part of his reign, was styled "His Highness." "His Sacred Majesty" was a title assumed by subsequent sovereigns, but was afterwards changed to "Most Excellent Majesty."

Majesty, in heraldry. An eagle crowned and holding a sceptre is "an eagle in his majesty."

Majolica Ware. A pottery originally made in the island of Majorca or Majolica, and lately revived by Mr. Minton.

Majority. *He has joined the majority.* He is dead. Blair says, in his *Grave*, "Tis long since Death had the majority." "*Abiit ad plures*;" "*Quis prius me ad plures penetravi*" (Plautus ;

Trinummus, line 14). "*Beatos eos fore, quando cum pluribus habitarent.*" (See Polybius, viii. xxx. 7.)

Make.

What make you here? What do you want? What are you come here for? A French phrase: "*Que faites-vous ici?*"

"Now, sir, what make you here?"—*Shakespeare: As You Like It*, i. 1.

Make a hand of or on (To). To slay, destroy, waste, or spoil.

"So when I came to myself again, I cried him mercy; but he said, 'I know not to show mercy,' and with that knockt me down again. He had, doubtless, made a hand of me, but that one came by, and bid him forbear."—*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, p. 93 (first edition).

Make a Hit (To). To succeed unexpectedly in an adventure or speculation. (See *HIT*.)

Make a Virtue of Necessity (To). See Chaucer's poem of the *Knight's Tale*, line 3,044; also *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* and Dryden's poem of *Falsham and Arcite*.

Make away with (To). To squander; to put out of the way; to murder. The French verb *défaire* is used sometimes in a similar way; as, "*Il tâcha de se défaire secrètement de ses parrains.*"

Make away with Oneself (To). To commit suicide.

Make Bricks without Straw (To). To attempt to do something without having the necessary material supplied. The allusion is to the Israelites in Egypt, who were commanded by their taskmasters so to do. (Exodus v. 7.)

Make Eyes at (To). To flirt with the eyes. "*Gœllus venâri.*" (See *CAST*.)

Make Mountains of Molehills (To). To make a difficulty of trifles. "*Artem ex clodis furere.*" The corresponding French proverb is, "*Faire d'un mouche un éléphant.*"

Make one's Bread (To). To earn one's living.

Make the Door (To). To make it fast by shutting and bolting it. We still say, "Have you made my room?"—i.e. made it tidy. Similarly, to "make the bed" is to arrange it fit for use.

"Why at this time the doors are made against you." *Shakespeare: Comedy of Errors*, iii. 1.

"Make the door upon a woman's wit, and it will out at the casement."—*Shakespeare: As You Like It*, iv. 1.

Make the Ice (To). To near the whale-fishing ground. To make for the ice is to steer in that direction.

"About the end of April we neared the fishing-ground, or, to be more technical, made the ice."—*E. Thomas: Autobiography*, p. 129.

Make-wage. Wages supplemented by grants or rates. Similarly, a make-weight [loaf] is a small loaf added to make up the proper weight.

Make-weight. A bit [of meat, cheese, bread, or other article] thrown into the scale to make the weight correct.

Makeshift (*A*). A temporary arrangement during an emergency; a device. (The Anglo-Saxon *seyft* means a division, hence a device.)

Malabar. (See under *VEUVE*.)

Malagi'gi (in *Orlando Furioso*). Son of Bu'o'vo, and brother of Al'diger and Vivian, of Clarmont's race; a wizard knight, cousin of Rinaldo. (See *MAUGIS*.)

Malagrowthor (*Malachi*). The signature of Sir Walter Scott to a series of letters in 1822 contributed to the *Edinburgh Review* upon the lowest limitation of paper money to £5. They caused immense sensation, not inferior to that produced by *Drapier's Letters* (*q.v.*) in Ireland. No political tract, since Burke's *Reflections on the French Revolution*, ever excited such a stir in Great Britain.

Mal'agrowthor (*Sir Mungo*). An old courtier soured by misfortune, who tries to make everyone as discontented as himself. (Scott: *Fortunes of Nigel*.)

Mal'akoff (in the Crimea). In 1831 a sailor and ropemaker, named Alexander Ivanovitch Malakoff, celebrated for his wit and conviviality, lived at Sebastopol. He had many friends and admirers, but, being engaged in a riot, was dismissed the dockyards in which he had been employed. He then opened a liquor-shop on the hill outside the town. His old friends gathered round him, and his shop was called the Malakoff. In time other houses were built around, and the Malakoff became a town, which ultimately was fortified. This was the origin of the famous Malakoff Tower, which caused so much trouble to the allied army in the Crimean War. (*Gazette de France*.)

Malambro'no. The giant, first cousin of Queen Magu'cia, of Canday'a, who enchanted Antonomas'ia and her husband, and shut them up in the tomb of the deceased queen. The infanta he transformed into a monkey of brass, and the knight into a crocodile. Don Quixote achieved their disenchantment by mounting the wooden horse called

Clavil'no. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, part ii. book iii. chap. xlv.)

Malaprop (*Mrs.*), in *The Rivals*, by Sheridan. (French, *mal à propos*.) Noted for her blunders in the use of words. "As headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile" is one of her famous similes. (See *PARTINGTON*.)

Malbec'co. A "cankered, crabbed earl," very wealthy, but miserly and mean. He seems to be the impersonation of self-inflicted torments. He married a young wife named Helenore, who set fire to his house, and eloped with Sir Paridel. Malbecco cast himself over a high rock, and all his flesh vanished into thin air, leaving behind nothing but his ghost, which was metamorphosed into Jealousy. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book iii.)

Malbrouk or **Marlbrough** (*Marlbro'*), does not date from the battle of Malplaquet (1709), but from the time of the Crusades, 600 years before. According to a tradition discovered by M. de Clâteaubriand, the air came from the Arabs, and the tale is a legend of Mambrou, a crusader. It was brought into fashion during the Revolution by Mme. Poitrine, who used to sing it to her royal foster-child, the son of Louis XVI. M. Arago tells us that when M. Monge, at Cairo, sang this air to an Egyptian audience, they all knew it, and joined in it. Certainly the song has nothing to do with the Duke of Marlborough, as it is all about feudal castles and Eastern wars. We are told also that the band of Captain Cook, in 1770, was playing the air one day on the east coast of Australia, when the natives evidently recognised it, and seemed enchanted. (*Moniteur de l'Armée*.)

"Malbrouk s'en va-t-en guerre,
Mironton, mironton, mirontailé;
Malbrouk s'en va-t-en guerre,
Nul sait quand revendra,
Il reviendra z'a piques.
Mironton, mironton, mirontaine . . .
On à la Triallé."

☞ The name Malbrouk occurs in the *Chansons de Geste*, and also in the *Basque Pastorales*.

Malcolm. Eldest son of Duncan, King of Scotland. He was called *Can-More* (Great-head), and succeeded Macbeth (1056). (*Shakespeare: Macbeth*.)

Maldine (French). School. So called because at school "*on dine assez mal*."

Male. (See *SEX*.)

Male Sapphires. Deep indigo-coloured sapphires. The pale blue are

the female sapphires. (*Emmanuel: Diamonds and Precious Stones* [1867].)

Male suada Fames. Hunger is a bad counsellor. The French say, "*Vilain affamé, demi enragé.*"

Malebolge (4 syl.). The eighth circle of Dante's *Inferno*, which contained in all ten *bolgi* or pits.

"There is a place within the depths of hell
Called Malebolge." *Dante: Inferno*, xviii.

Malecasta. The impersonation of lust. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, ii. 1.)

Maleger [wretchedly thin]. Captain of the rabble rout which attack the castle of Temperance. He was "thin as a rake," and cold as a serpent. Prince Arthur attacks him and flings him to the ground, but Maleger springs up with renewed vigour. Arthur now stabs him through and through, but it is like stabbing a shadow; he then takes him in his arms and squeezes him as in a vice, but it is like squeezing a piece of sponge; he then remembers that every time the carl touches the earth his strength is renewed, so he squeezes all his breath out, and tosses the body into a lake. (*See ANTEBOS.*) (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book ii. 11.)

Malengin [guile]. On his back he carried a net "to catch fools." Being attacked by Sir Artegall and his iron man, he turned himself first into a fox, then to a bush, then to a bird, then to a hedgehog, then to a snake; but Talus was a match for all his deceptions, and killed him. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, v. 9.)

Malepardus. The castle of Master Reynard the Fox, in the tale so called.

Malherbe's Canons of French Poetry.

(1) Poetry is to contain only such words as are in common use by well-educated Parisians.

(2) A word ending with a vowel must in no case be followed by a word beginning with a vowel.

(3) One line in no wise is to run into another.

(4) The caesura must always be most strictly observed.

(5) Every alternate rhyme must be feminine.

Mal'iom. Mahomet is so called in some of the old romances.

"Send five, send six against me. By Mal'iom I swear, I'll take them all."—*Fierabras*.

Malkin. The nickname of Mary,

now called Molly. Hence the Maid Marian is so termed.

Malkin. A kitchen wench, now called a Molly, is by Shakespeare termed "the kitchen Malkin." (*Coriolanus*, ii. 1.)

Malkin. A scarecrow or figure dressed like a scullion; hence, anything made of rags, as a mop.

Malkin. A Moll or female cat, the male being a "Tom." When the cat mews, the witch in *Macbeth* calls out, "I come, Grimalkin" (i. 1.).

Mall or **Pall Mall** (London). From the Latin *pellere mallico* (to strike with a mallet or bat); so called because it was where the ancient game of pell-mall used to be played. Cotgrave says:—

"Pale malle" is a game wherein a round boy-ball is struck with a mallet through a high arch of iron. He that can do this most frequently wins."

It was a fashionable game in the reign of Charles II., and the walk called the Mall was appropriated to it for the king and his court.

Mall Supper (A). A harvest feast (North of England). A *mal* is a feast, our word *meal* (Anglo-Saxon, *meel*).

Mallows. Abstain from mallows. This is the thirty-eighth symbol in the Proteptics. Pythagoras tells us that mallow was the first messenger sent by the gods to earth to indicate to man that they sympathised with them and had pity on them. To make food of mallows would be to dishonour the gods. Mallows are cathartic.

Malmesbury (*William of*). Eleventh century; author of numerous chronicles. His *Gesta Regum Anglorum* is a résumé of English history from the arrival of the English in 449 to the year 1129. His *Historia Normella* gives a retrospect of the reign of Henry I., and terminates abruptly with the year 1143. His third work is called *Gesta Pontificum*. All the three are included in the *Scriptores post Bedam*.

Malmesbury Monastery. Founded by Maiddulf, Meildulf, or Meldun, an Irishman.

Malmsey Wine is the wine of Malvasia, in Candia.

"Thase spyces unsparly thay spendyde there-aftre,
Malvesye and muscadelle, thase marvelous drynkes."
Morte d'Arthur.

(*See DROWNED IN A BUTT OF . . .*)

Malt. The *Sermon on Malt* was by John Dod, rector of Fawsley, Northants, called the *decalogist*, from his

famous exposition of the Ten Commandments. A Puritan divine. (1547-1645.)

"This was not Dr. William Dodd, who was executed for forgery (1729-1777).

Malt . . . Meal. *When the malt gets about the meal.* When persons, after dinner, get more or less fuddled.

"When the malt begins to get about the meal, they begin to speak about government in Kirk and state."—*Sir W. Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. iv.

Maltese Cross. Made thus: 

Malthusian (A). A disciple of Malthus, whose political doctrines are laid down in his *Essay on the Principles of Population*.

Malthusian Doctrine. That population increases more than the means of increasing subsistence does, so that in time, if no check is put upon the increase of population, many must starve or all be ill-fed. Applied to individual nations, like Britain, it intimated that something must be done to check the increase of population, as all the land would not suffice to feed its inhabitants.

Malum, in Latin, means *an apple*; and "*malus, mala, malum*" means *evil*. Southey, in his *Commonplace Book*, quotes a witty etymon given by Nicolson and Burn, making the noun derived from the adjective, in allusion, I suppose, to the apple eaten by Eve. Of course, *malum* (an apple) is the Greek *mēlon* or *mālon* (an apple-tree).

Malum in Se (Latin). What is of itself wrong, and would be so even if no law existed against its commission, as lying, murder, theft.

Malum Prohibitum (Latin). What is wrong merely because it is forbidden, as eating a particular fruit was wrong in Adam and Eve, because they were commanded not to do so. Doing secular work on the Sabbath.

Malvo'le. Steward to Olivia, in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Mamamouchi. A mock honour. Better be a country gentleman in England than a foreign Mamamouchi. The honour is conferred on M. Jourdain. (*Molière: Bourgeois Gentilhomme*.)

Mambrino's Helmet was of pure gold, and rendered the wearer invulnerable. It was taken possession of by Rinaldo (*Orlando Furioso*). Cervantes tells us of a barber who was caught in a shower, and to protect his hat clapped his brazen basin on his head. Don

Quixote insisted that this basin was the enchanted helmet of the Moorish king.

• **Mam'elon** (2 syl., French). A mound in the shape of a woman's breast. These artificial mounds were common in the siege of Sebastopol. (Latin, *mamma*, a breast.)

Mamelukes (2 syl.) or **Mamaluks** (Arabic, *mamluk*, a slave). A name given in Egypt to the slaves of the beys brought from the Caucasus, and formed into a standing army. In 1254 these military "slaves" raised one* of their body to the supreme power; and Nour-eddin Ali, the founder of the Baharites, gave twenty-three sultans; in 1832 the dynasty of the Borjites, also Mamluks, succeeded, and was followed by twenty-one successors. Selim I., Sultan of Turkey, overthrew the Mamluk kingdom in 1517, but allowed the twenty-four beys to be elected from their body. In 1811, Mohammed Ali by a wholesale massacre annihilated the Mamelukes, and became viceroy of Egypt.

Mamma, Mother. The former* is Norman-French, and the latter Anglo-Saxon. (*See PAPA*.)

Mammet. A puppet, a favourite, an idol. A corruption of Mahomet. Mahometanism being the most prominent form of false religion with which Christendom was acquainted before the Reformation, it became a generic word to designate any false faith; even idolatry is called mammetry.

Mammon. The god of this world. The word in Syriac means riches. (*See Milton: Paradise Lost*, bk. i. 678.) His speech in the council is book ii. 229, etc.

Mammon. In Spenser's *Færic Queen*, Mammon says if Sir Guyon will serve him he shall be the richest man in the world; but the knight says money has no charm for him. Mammon then takes him to his smithy, and tells him he may make what orders he likes, but Guyon declines to make any. The god then offers to give him Philotina to wife, but Guyon will not accept the honour. Lastly, he takes him to Proserpine's bower, and tells him to pluck the golden fruit, and rest on the silver stool; Sir Guyon again refuses, and after three days' sojourn in the infernal regions is led back to earth. (ii. 7.)

Mammon of Unrighteousness (*The*). Money. A Scripture phrase (Luke xvi. 9). Mammon was the Syrian

Mammon's Căvé

god of wealth, similar to Plutus of Greek and Roman mythology.

Mammon's Cave. The abode of the Money-god. Sir Guyon visited this cave, and Spenser gives a very full description of it. (*Făerie Queen*, ii. 7.)

Sir Epicure Mammon. A worldly sensualist. (*Ben Jonson: Alchemist*.)

Mammoth Cave (The). In Edmonson county, Kentucky, the largest in the world.

Man (Isle of), called by the ancient Britons *main-au* (little island), Latinised into *Menav-in*. Caesar calls it *Mona* (i.e. *Mon-ah*), the Scotch pronunciation of *Manau*. *Mona* and Pliny's *Monabia* are varieties of "Menavia."

Man. Emblematic of St. Matthew, because he begins his gospel by tracing the manhood of Jesus back to David. Mark is symbolised by a *lion*, because he begins his gospel with John the Baptist and Jesus in the wilderness. Luke is symbolised by a *catf*, because he begins his gospel with the Temple sacrifices. And John as a *eagle*, because he looks right into heaven and begins his gospel with Jesus the divine *logos*. The four are indicated in Ezekiel's cherub (i. 10.)

Man. Average weight 150 lbs.: height, 69 inches; strength, 420 lbs.

Man Friday (A). A useful and faithful servant, like the Man Friday in *Robinson Crusoe*.

"Count von Reichenberg... was Prince Bismarck's 'Man Friday.'"—*Athenæum*, 1861.

Man-jack. Every man-jack of you. Everyone of you. (See under JACK.)

Man . . . Monkey. The Bedouins affirm that the monkeys of Mount Kara were once human beings, thus transformed for disobedience to their prophet. The Arabs have a similar tradition, that the monkey (*Nanda*) and the ape (*N'abdr*) were once human beings.

Man-Mountain or *Quinbus Flestrin*. So Gulliver was called Lilliput.

Man Proposes, but *God disposes*. So we read in the *Imitatio Christi*; Herbert (*Jacuta Prudentum*) has nearly the same identical words.

Man Threefold. According to Diogenes Laertius, the body was composed of (1) a mortal part; (2) a divine and ethereal part, called the *phrên*; and (3) an aerial and vaporious part, called the *thumos*.

According to the Romans, man has a threefold soul, which at the dissolution

Man, of Brass

of the body resolves itself into (1) the *Manes*; (2) the *Anima* or Spirit; (3) the *Umbra*. The *Manes* went either to Elysium or Tartarus; the *Anima* returned to the gods; but the *Umbra* hovered about the body as unwilling to quit it.

According to the Jews, man consists of body, soul, and spirit.

Man in Black (The). Supposed to be Goldsmith's father. (*Citizen of the World*.) Washington Irving has a tale with the same title.

Man in the Iron Mask (The). (See IRON MASK.)

Man in the Moon (The). Some say it is a man leaning on a fork, on which he is carrying a bundle of sticks picked up on a Sunday. The origin of this fable is from Num. xv. 32-36. Some add a dog also; thus the prologue in *Midsummer Night's Dream* says, "This man with lantern, dog, and bush of thorns, presenteth moonshine;" Chaucer says "he stole the bush" (*Tent. of Criseide*). Another tradition says that the man is Cain, with his dog and thorn-bush; the thorn-bush being emblematical of the thorns and briars of the fall, and the dog being the "foul fiend." Some poets make out the "man" to be Endymion, taken to the moon by Diana.

Man in the moon. The nameless person at one time employed in elections to negotiate bribes. Thus the rumour was set flying among the electors that "the Man in the Moon had arrived."

I know no more about it than the man in the moon. I know nothing at all about the matter.

Man of Belial. Any wicked man. Shimei so called David (2 Sam. xvi. 7). The ungodly are called "children of Belial," or "sons of Belial." The word Belial means *worthlessness*.

Man of Blood. David is so called (2 Sam. xvi. 7).

The Puritans applied the term to Charles I., because he made war against his Parliament. Any man of violence.

Man of Blood and Iron (The). Otto von Bismarck (Prince Bismarck), called "man of blood" from his great war policy, and "iron" from his indomitable will. Many years Chancellor of Prussia and Germany. (Born September 1st, 1815.)

Man of Brass (The). Talos, the work of Hephestos (Vulcan). He traversed Crete to prevent strangers from

setting foot on the island, and threw rocks at the Argonauts to prevent their landing. Talos used to make himself red-hot, and hug intruders to death.

"That portentous Man of Brass
Hephaestus made in days of yore,
Who stalked about the Cretan shore . . .
And threw stones at the Argonauts."
Longfellow: The Weynide Inn.

Man of December. Napoleon III. He was made President of the French Republic December 11, 1848; made his *coup d'état* December 2, 1851; and was made Emperor December 2, 1852.

Man of Destiny (The). Napoleon I. (1761, 1804-1814, died 1821). He looked on himself as an instrument in the hands of destiny.

"The Man of Destiny . . . had power for a time to bind kings with chains, and nobles with fetters of iron."—*Sir Walter Scott.*

Man of Feeling. The title of a novel by Henry Mackenzie. His "man of feeling" is named Harley—a sensitive, bashful, kind-hearted, sentimental hero.

Man of Letters (A). An author.

Man of Remnants (A). A tailor.

Man of Ross. John Kyrle, of Ross, in Herefordshire, immortalised by Pope in his epistle *On the Use of Riches.*

Man of Salt. A man like *Æneās*, always "melting into salt tears," called "drops of salt."

"This would make a man a man of salt,
To use his eyes for garden waterpots."
Shakespeare: King Lear, iv. 6.

Man of Sedan. Napoleon III. was so called, because he surrendered his sword to William, King of Prussia, after the battle of Sedan (September 2, 1870).

Man of Silence (The). Napoleon III. (1808, 1852-70, died 1873.)

"France? You must know better than I your position with the Man of Silence."—*For Sceptre and Crown, chap. 1.*

Man of Sin (The) (2 Thess. ii. 3). The Roman Catholics say the Man of Sin is Antichrist. The Puritans applied the term to the Pope of Rome; the Fifth-Monarchy men to Cromwell; many modern theologians apply it to that "wicked one" (identical with the "lust horn" of Dan. vii.) who is to immediately precede the second advent.

Man of Straw (A). A person without capital. It used to be customary for a number of worthless fellows to loiter about our law-courts to become false witnesses or surety for anyone who would buy their services; their badge was a straw in their shoes.

Man of the Hill (The). A tedious "hermit of the vale," which encumbers the story of *Tom Jones*, by Fielding.

Man of the Sea. (See OLD, etc.)

Man of the Third Republic (The). Napoleon III. (1802, reigned 1852-70, died 1873). (*M. Gambetta*; 1838-1882.)

Man of the World (A). One "knowing" in world-craft; no green-horn. Charles Macklin brought out a comedy (1704), and Henry Mackenzie a novel (1773) with the same title.

Man of Three Letters. (See HOMO.)

Man-of-War (A). A Government fighting-ship. (Not now often used.)

Man-of-war, or, Portuguese man-of-war. A floating hydrozoan (*Physalia pelagica*).

"Frank went to the captain and told him that Tom had given him leave to have the man-of-war if he could get it."—*Goulding: Adventures of the Young Marooners, 17.*

Man-of-war bird. The frigate-bird.

Man of Wax. A model man; like one fashioned in wax. Horace speaks of the "waxen arms of Telephus," meaning model arms, or of perfect shape and colour; and the nurse says of Romeo, "Why, he's a man of wax" (i. 3), which she explains by saying, "Nay, he's a flower, i' faith a very flower."

Man of Whipcord (A). A coachman. The reference is to his whip.

"He would not have suffered the coachman to proceed while the horses were unfit for service. . . . Yet the man of whipcord escaped some severe . . . reproach."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary, i.*

Manche (French). *Aimer mieux la manche que le bras.* Cupboard love. Manche is a slang word; a gratuity given to a cicerone, cabman, or porter. It is the Italian *buona mancia*.

Jeter le manche après la cognée. To throw the halve after the hatchet. To abandon what may be useful, out of caprice, because a part of what you expected has not been realised. A horse is stolen, and the man, in ill-temper, throws away saddle and bridle.

Manchester. The first syllable is the Friesic *man* (a common); and the word means the Roman encampment on the common.

Manchester Post. Charles Swain (1803-1874).

Man'ciple (A). A purveyor of food, a clerk of the kitchen. Chaucer has a "manciple" in his *Canterbury Tales* (Latin *manceps, mancipis*).

Manda'mus (Latin). A writ of King's Bench, commanding the person named to do what the writ directs. The first word is "Mandamus" (We command. . .).

Manda'na. A stock name in heroic romance, which generally represents the fate of the world turning on the caprice of some beautiful Mandana or Statira.

Mandarin' is not a Chinese word, but one given by the Portuguese colonists at Macao to the officials called by the natives *Khiouping* (3 syl.) It is from the verb *mandar* (to command).

The nine ranks of mandarins are distinguished by the button in their cap:—1, ruby; 2, coral; 3, sapphire; 4, an opaque blue stone; 5, crystal; 6, an opaque white shell; 7, wrought gold; 8, plain gold; and 9, silver.

"The whole body of Chinese mandarins consists of twenty-seven members. They are appointed for (1) imperial birth; (2) long service; (3) illustrious deeds; (4) knowledge; (5) ability; (6) zeal; (7) nobility; and (8) aristocratic birth."—*Quincy*.

Mandeville (Bernard de). A licentious Deistical writer, author of *The Virgin Unmasked*, and *Free Thoughts on Religion*, in the reign of George II.

Mandou'siana. Very short swords. So called from a certain Spanish nobleman of the house of Mendoza, who brought them into use. (See SWORDS.)

Mandrabul. From gold to nothing, like *Mandrabul's offering*. Mandrabul, having found a gold-mine in Samos, offered to Juno a golden ram for the discovery; next year he gave a silver one, then a brazen one, and in the fourth year nothing. The proverb "to bring a noble to ninepence, and ninepence to nothing," carries the same meaning.

Mandrake. The root of the mandragora often divides itself in two, and presents a rude appearance of a man. In ancient times human figures were often cut out of the root, and wonderful virtues ascribed to them. It was used to produce fecundity in women (Gen. xxx. 14-16). Some mandrakes cannot be pulled from the earth without producing fatal effects, so a cord used to be fixed to the root, and round a dog's neck, and the dog being chased drew out the mandrake and died. Another superstition is that when the mandrake is uprooted it utters a scream, in explanation of which Thomas Newton, in his *Herball to the Bible*, says, "It is supposed to be a creature having life, engendered under the earth of the seed

of some dead person put to death for murder."

"Shrieks like mandrakes' torn out of the earth." *Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, iv. 3.

Mandrakes called love-apples. From the old notion that they excited amorous inclinations; hence Venus is called *Mandragoritis*, and the Emperor Julian, in his epistles, tells Calix'enes that he drank its juice nightly as a love-potion.

He has eaten mandrake. Said of a very indolent and sleepy man, from the narcotic and stupefying properties of the plant, well known to the ancients.

"Give me to drink mandragora . . . That I might sleep out this great gap of time My Antony is away."

Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra, i. 5.

Mandrake. Another superstition connected with this plant is that a small dose makes a person vain of his beauty, and conceited; but that a large dose makes him an idiot.

Mandricar'do. King of Tartary, or Scythia, son of Agriean. He wore Hector's cuirass, married Doralis, and was slain in single combat by Rogero. (*Orlando Innamorato*, and *Orlando Furioso*.)

Manduce (2 syl.). The idol Gluttony, venerated by the Gastrolaters, people whose god was their belly.

"It is a monstrous . . . figure, fit to frighten little children; its eyes are bigger than its belly, and its head larger than all the rest of its body. . . . having a goodly pair of wide jaws, lined with two rows of teeth, which, by the magic of a small twine . . . are made to clasp, chatter, and rattle against the other, as the jaws of St. Clement's dragon (called *grauft*) on St. Mark's procession at Metz."—*Evelio's: Pantagruel*, iv. 50.

Manes. To appease his *Manes*. To do when a person is dead what would have pleased him or was due to him when alive. The spirit or ghost of the dead was by the Romans called his *Manes*, which never slept quietly in the grave so long as survivors left its wishes unfulfilled. The 19th February was the day when all the living sacrificed to the shades of dead relations and friends.

Manes (3 syl.) from the old word *manus*, i.e. "bonus," "quod eos venerantes manes vocarent, ut Græci christos." (See *Lucianus*, iii. 62.) It cannot come from *maneo*, to remain (because this part of man remains after the body is dead), because the *a* is long.

In the Christian Church there is an All Souls' Day.

Manfred. Count Manfred, son of Count Sigismund, sold himself to the Prince of Darkness, and had seven spirits bound to do his bidding, viz. the spirits of "earth, ocean, air, night, mountains, winds," and the star of his

own destiny. He was wholly without human sympathies, and lived in splendid solitude among the Alpine mountains. He once loved the Lady As'tarte (2 syl.) who died, but Manfred went to the hall of Arimañes to see and speak to her phantom, and was told that he would die the following day. The next day the Spirit of his Destiny came to summon him; the proud count scornfully dismissed it, and died. (*Byron: Manfred.*)

Manger or **Manger le Morceau**. To betray, to impeach, to turn king's evidence. The allusion is to the words of Jesus to the beloved disciple—he will be the traitor "to whom I shall give a sop when I have dipped it," etc. (John xiii. 26.)

Manheim, in Scandinavian mythology, is the abode of man. Vanirheim is the abode of the Vanir. Jötunheim is the abode of the giants. Gladsheim is the abode of Odin. Helheim is the abode of Hela (goddess of death). Muspellheim is the abode of elemental fire. Niflheim is hell. Svartalheim is the abode of the dwarfs.

Ma'ni. The son of Mundilfori; taken to heaven by the gods to drive the moon-car. He is followed by a wolf, which, when time shall be no more, will devour both Ma'ni and his sister Sol.

Mani, Manes, or Manichæus. The greatest Persian painter, who lived in the reign of Shah-pour (Sapor I.). It is said his productions rivalled nature. (226-274.)

Manichæans or **Manichees**. A religious sect founded by Mani or Manichæus, the Persian painter. It was an amalgamation of the Magian and Christian religions, interlarded with a little Buddhism. In order to enforce his religious system, Mani declared himself to be the Paraclete or Comforter promised by Jesus Christ.

Man'itou. The American - Indian fetish.

Manlian Orders. Overstrained severity. Manlius Torquatus, the Roman consul, gave orders in the Latin war that no Roman, on pain of death, should engage in single combat; but one of the Latins provoked young Manlius by repeated insults; and Manlius slew him. When the young man took the spoils to his father, Torquatus ordered him to be put to death for violating the commands of his superior officer.

• **Manly**, in the *Plain Dealer*, by Wycherly. He is violent and uncouth, but presents an excellent contrast to the hypocritical Olivia (q.r.).

Mr. Manly, in *The Provoked Husband*, by Vanbrugh and Cibber.

Manna (Exodus xvi. 15), popularly said to be a corrupt form of *man-hu* (What is this?) The marginal reading gives—"When the children of Israel saw it [the small round thing like hoarfrost on the ground], they said to one another, What is this? for they wist not what it was."

"And the house of Israel called the name thereof manna. It was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like waters made with honey." (Verse 31.)

Manna of St. Nicholas of Bari. The name given to a colourless and tasteless poison, sold in phials by a woman of Italy named Tofani, who confessed to having poisoned six hundred persons by this liquid.

Man'nering. Colonel or Guy *Man'nering*; Mrs. *Mannering*, née Sophia Wellwood, his wife; Julia *Mannering*, their daughter, who married Captain Bertram; Sir Paul *Mannering*, the colonel's uncle. In Sir Walter Scott's novel of *Guy Mannering*.

Mannington (*George*). A criminal executed at Cambridge in 1476. It is said that he could cut off a horse's head at a single blow.

"It is in imitation of Mannington's—he that was hanged at Cambridge—that cut off the horse's head at a blow."—*Eastward Ho!*

Manningtree (*Ever*). Noted for its Whitsun fair, where an ox was roasted whole. Shakespeare makes Prince Henry call Falstaff "a roasted Manningtree ox, with the pudding in his belly." (*1 Henry IV.* ii. 4.)

"You shall have a slave eat more at a meal than ten of the guard; and drink more in two days than all Manningtree does at a Whitsun-eve."

Manoa. The fabulous capital of El Dorado, the houses of which city were said to be roofed with gold.

Manon Lescaut. A novel by the Abbé Prevost. It is the history of a young man possessed of many brilliant and some estimable qualities, but, being intoxicated by a fatal attachment, he is hurried into the violation of every rule of conduct, and finally prefers the life of a wretched wanderer, with the worthless object of his affection, to all the advantages presented by nature and fortune.

Manor, Demesne. "Demesne land" is that near the demesne or dwelling

(*domus*) of the lord, and which he kept for his own use. Manor land was all that remained (*manco*), which was let to tenants for money or service.

In some manors there was *common land* also, i.e. land belonging in common to two or more persons, to the whole village, or to certain natives of the village.

Mansard Roof, also called the *curb roof*. A roof in which the rafters, instead of forming a *A*, are broken on each side into an elbow. It was devised by François-Mansard, the French architect, to give height to attics. (1598-1666.)

Mansfield. *The Miller of Mansfield*. Henry II. was one day hunting, and lost his way. He met a miller, who took him home to his cottage, and gave him a bed with his son Richard. Next morning the courtiers tracked the king to the cottage, and the miller discovered the rank of his guest. The king, in merry mood, knighted his host, who thus became Sir John Cockle. On St. George's Day, Henry II. invited the miller, his wife and son to a royal banquet, and after being amused with their rustic ways, made Sir John "overseer of Sherwood Forest, with a salary of £300 a year." (*Percy: Reliques*.)

Mansion. The Latin *mansion* was simply a tent pitched for soldiers on the march; and, hence a "day's journey" (*Pliny*, xii. 14). Subsequently the word was applied to a roadside house for the accommodation of strangers. (*Suetonius: Tit.* 10).

Mantacoini. A charlatan who professed to restore the dead to life.

Mantall'ni (*Madam*). A fashionable milliner near Cavendish Square. Her husband, noted for his white teeth, minced oaths, and gorgeous morning gown, is an exquisite man-milliner, who lives on his wife's earnings. (*Dickens: Nicholas Nickleby*.)

Mantel-piece (*A*). A shelf over a fire-place, originally used for drying clothes.

"Around the spacious cupola, over the Italian fire-places, is a ledge to which are affixed pews, on which postillions hang their wet clothes to dry. We call the shelves over the fire-places 'mantel-pieces,' but we no longer hang our mantles on them to dry."—*Memoirs of Col. Mazarini*.

Mantible (*Bridge of*) consisted of thirty arches of black marble, and was guarded by "a fearful huge giant," slain by Sir Fierabras.

Mantiger. An heraldic monster, having a tiger's body, and the head of an old man with long spiral horns.

Mantle of Fidelity (*The*). A little boy one day presented himself before King Arthur, and showed him a curious mantle, "which would become no wife that was not leal." Queen Guinever tried it, but it changed from green to red, and red to black, and seemed rent into shreds. Sir Kay's lady tried it, but fared no better; others followed, but only Sir Cradock's wife could wear it. (*Percy: Reliques*.) (See CHASTITY.)

Mantra or Mintra (Persian mythology). A spell, a talisman, by which a person holds sway over the elements and spirits of all denominations. (*Wiford*.)

Mantuan Swain, Swan, or Bard (*The*). Virgil, a native of Mantua, in Italy. Besides his great Latin epic, he wrote pastorals and Georgics.

Ma'nuodia'ta (*The*). An old name for a bird of paradise. It is a corruption of the Malay *manute-dewata*, the bird of the gods.

"Less pure the footless fowl of heaven, that never
Rests on earth, but on the wing for ever.
Hovering o'er flowers, their fragrant food inhale
Drink the descending dew upon the way;
And sleep aloft while floating on the gale."
Southern: Poets of Kihumi, xxi. 6.

Man'umit. To set free; properly "to send from one's hand" (*c. manumitter*). One of the Roman ways of freeing a slave was to take him before the chief magistrate and say, "I wish this man to be free." The licitor or master then turned the slave round in a circle, struck him with a rod across the cheek, and let him go.

Manure (2 syl.) means hand-work (French, *main-cœur*), tillage by manual labour. It now means the dressing applied to lands. Milton uses it in its original sense in *Paradise Lost*, iv. 628:—
"Yon flowery arbores, . . . with branches overgrown
That mock our scant manuring."

"In book xi. 26 he says, the repentant tears of Adam brought forth better fruits than all the trees of Paradise that his hands manured in the days of innocence.

Many. (See TOO MANY.)

Many a Mickle makes a Muckle, or *Many a little makes a mickle*. Little and often fills the purse. (See LITTLE.)

French: "Les petits ruisseaux font de grandes rivières;" "Plusieurs pou font un beaucoupp."

Greek:

"Εἰ γὰρ κεν καὶ μικρὸν ἐνὶ μικρῷ καταβέλο, καὶ θαυρὸν ἔποιες, τὰχα κεν πύρα καὶ ῥο γίνετο." *Hesiod: Works and Days*, 386, etc.

Many Men, Many Minds.

Latin: "Quot homines tot sententiae" (*Terence*).

French: "Autant d'hommes, autant d'avis;" "Tant de gens, tant de guises;" "Autant de testes, autant d'opinions."

Maori (*The*). The indigenous inhabitants of New Zealand. It is a New Zealand word, meaning *natives*. (Plur., *Maoris*.)

Ma'ra. A goblin that seized upon men asleep in their beds, and took from them all speech and motion.

Marabou Feathers. Feathers of the bird so called, used by ladies for head-gear. There are two species of marabou stork, which have white feathers beneath their wings and tail especially prized. The word "marabou" means "devoted to God," and the stork is a sacred bird. (See **MARABUTS**.)

Marabout (in French). A big-bellied kettle; a very large sail; an ugly baboon of a man; also a sort of plume at one time worn by ladies. The "marabout hat" was a hat adorned with a marabou feather.

Marabuts. An Arab tribe which, in 1075, founded a dynasty, put an end to by the Almohads. They form a priestly order greatly venerated by the common people. The Great Marabut ranks next to the king. (Arabic, *marabuth*, devoted to God.)

Marana'tha (Syriac, *the Lord will come*—i.e. to execute judgment). A form of anathematising among the Jews. The Romans called a curse or imprecation a *devotion*—i.e. given up to some one of the gods.

Maravedi (4 syl.). A very small Spanish coin, less than a farthing.

Marbles. *The Arundelian Marbles*. Some thirty-seven statues and 128 busts with inscriptions, collected by W. Petty, in the reign of James I., in the island of Paros, and purchased of him by Lord Arundel, who gave them to the University of Oxford in 1627.

The Elgin marbles. A collection of busto-relievos and fragments of statuary from the Parthenon of Athens (built by Phidias), collected by Thomas, Lord Elgin, during his mission to the Ottoman Porte in 1802. They were purchased from him by the British Government, in 1816, for £35,000, and are now in the

British Museum. (The gin of "Elgin" is like the -gin of "begin.")

Money and marbles. Cash and furniture.

Marcassin (*The Prince*). From the Italian fairy-tales by Straparola, called *Nights*, translated into French in 1585.

Marcella. A fair shepherdess whose story forms an episode in *Don Quixote*.

Marcellina. The daughter of Rocco, jailor of the state prison of Seville. She falls in love with Fidelio, her father's servant, who turns out to be Leonora, the wife of the state prisoner Fernando Florestan. (*Beethoven: Fidelio*.)

Marcellus (in Dibdin's *Bibliomania*, a romance,) is meant for Edmund Malone, the well-known editor of Shakespeare's works (1811).

March. *He may be a rogue, but he's no fool on the march*. (French, *sur la marche* likewise.)

March borrows three days from April. (See **BOBBOWED DAYS**.)

March Dust. *A bushel of March dust is worth a king's ransom*. According to the Anglo-Saxon laws, the fine of murder was a sliding scale proportioned to the rank of the person killed. The lowest was £10, and the highest £60; the former was the ransom of a churl, and the latter of a king.

March Hare. *Mad as a March hare*. Hares in March are very wild; it is their rutting time. (See **HARE**.)

Marches (boundaries) is the Saxon *meare*: but marsh, a meadow, is the Saxon *mere*, anciently written *marash*, the French *marais*, and our *morass*. The other march is the origin of our marquis, the lord of the march. The boundaries between England and Wales, and between England and Scotland, were called "marches."

Riding the marches—i.e. beating the bounds of the parish (Scotch).

Marchaundes Tale (in Chaucer) is substantially the same as the first Latin metrical tale of Adolphus, and is not unlike a Latin prose tale given in the appendix of T. Wright's edition of *Æsop's Fables*. (See *January and May*.)

Marching Watch. A splendid pageant on Midsummer Eve, which Henry VIII. took Jane Seymour to Mercers' Hall to see. In 1547 Sir John Gresham, the Lord Mayor, restored the pageant, which had been discontinued on account of the sweating sickness,

Marchington (Staffordshire). Famous for a crumbling short cake. Hence the saying that a man or woman of crusty temper is "as short as Marchington wako-cake."

Marchioness (*Ther*). The half-starved girl-of-all-work in *The Old Curiosity Shop*, by Charles Dickens.

Marchpane. A confection of pistachio-nuts, almonds, and sugar; a corruption of the French *masse-pain*. (Italian, *marzipan*.)

Mar'cionites (3 syl.). An ascetic Gnostic sect, founded by Marcion in the second century.

Marck (*William de la*), or "The Wild Boar of Ardenness." A French nobleman, called in French history *Sauglier des Ardenes*, introduced by Sir Walter Scott in *Quentin Durward* (1446-1485).

Mareley Hill (Herefordshire), on February 7th, 1571, at six o'clock in the evening, "roused itself with a roar, and by seven next morning had moved forty paces." It kept on the move for three days, carrying with it sheep in their cotes, hedge-rows, and trees; overthrew Kinnaston chapel, and diverted two high roads at least 200 yards from their former route. The entire mass thus moved consisted of twenty-six acres of land, and the entire distance moved was 400 yards. (*Speed: Herefordshire*.)

Marcos de Obregon. The model of Gil Blas, in the Spanish romance entitled *Relaciones de la Vida del Escudero Marcos de Obregon*.

Marcos'ians. A branch of the Gnostics; so called from the Egyptian Marcus. They are noted for their apocryphal books and religious fables.

Mardi Gras. The last day of the Lent carnival in France, when the prize ox is paraded through the principal streets of Paris, crowned with a fillet, and accompanied with mock priests and a band of tin instruments in imitation of a Roman sacrificial procession.

"Tous les ans on vient de la ville
Les marchands dans nos cantons,
Pour les mener aux Tuilleries.
Au Mardi-gras, devant le roi,
Et jurt les vendre aux boucheries.
J'aime Jeanne ma femme, oh, ha! j'aimerais mieux
La voir mourir que voir mourir mes bœufs."
Pierre Dupont: Les Bœufs.

Mardie. To waste time in gossip. (Anglo-Saxon, *mathel*-ian, to talk; *methel*, a discourse.)

Mardonius (*Captain*), in *A King or No King*, by Beaumont and Fletcher.

Mare. The Cromlech at Gorwell, Dorsetshire, is called the White Mare; the barrows near Hambleton, the Grey Mare.

Away the mare—i.e. Off with the blue devils, good-bye to care. This mare is the incubus called the nightmare.

To cry the mare (Herefordshire and Shropshire). In harvesting, when the in-gathering is complete, a few blades of corn left for the purpose have their tops tied together. The reapers then place themselves at a certain distance, and fling their sickles at the "mare." He who succeeds in cutting the knot cries out "I have her!" "What have you?" "A mare." "Whose is she?" The name of some farmer whose field has been reaped is here mentioned. "Where will you send her?" The name of some farmer whose corn is not yet harvested is here given, and then all the reapers give a final shout.

To win the mare or lose the haller—i.e. to play double or quits.

The grey mare is the better horse. (See GREY MARE.)

The two-legged mare. The gallows. *Shanks's mare*. One's legs or shanks. *Money will make the mare to go*.

"Will you lend me your mare to go a mile?"

"No, she is lame looping over a stile."

"But if you will let her to me spare,"

"You shall have money for your mare."

"Oh, ho! say you so?"

"Money will make the mare to go!"

Old Gills and Catches.

Whose mare's dead? What's the matter? Thus, in 2 *Henry IV.*, when Sir John Falstaff sees Mistress Quickly with the sheriff's officers, evidently in a state of great discomposure, he cries,

"How now? Whose mare's dead? What's the matter?"—Act II. i.

Mare's Nest. *To find a mare's nest* is to make what you suppose to be a great discovery, but which turns out to be all moonshine.

"Why dost thou laugh?"

"What mare's nest hast thou found?"

Beaumont and Fletcher: Bonduca, v. 2. "Are we to believe that the governor, or council, the officers, and merchants have been finding mare's nests only?"—*The Times*.

N.B. In some parts of Scotland they use instead a *skale's nest*. In Gloucestershire a long-winded tale is called a *Horre-nest*. In Cornwall they say *You have found a wee's nest, and are laughing over the eggs*. In Devon, nonsense is called a *blind mare's nest*. Holinshed calls a gallows a *foul's nest* (iii.). In French the corresponding phrase is

"*Nid de lapin ; Nid d'une souris dans
Foreille d'un chat.*" (See CHAT.)

Mareotic Luxury. The *Arva Mareotica* mentioned by Ovid (*Metamorphoses*, ix. 73) produced the white grapes, from which was made the favourite beverage of Cleopatra, and mention of which is made both by Horace (*Odes*, i. 37) and Virgil (*Georgics*, ii. 91). The *Arva Mareotica* were the shores of Lake Mœris, and "Mareotic luxury" is about equal to "Sybaritic luxury."

Mari'na. Name of an Indian queen in Bojardo's *Orlando Innamorato*, and in Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*.

Marf'rio. A pasquinade (*q.v.*).

Margan Monastery (*Register of*), 1066 to 1232, published in Gule, 1687.

Margaret, Queen of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, called the "Northern Semiramis" (1353, 1387-1412).

Margaret. A simple, uncultured girl of wonderful witchery, seduced, at the age of fifteen, by Faust. She drowns in a pool the infant of her shame, was sent to prison, where she lost her reason, and was ultimately condemned to death. Faust (whom she calls Henry) visits her in prison, and urges her to make her escape with him; but she refuses, dies, and is taken to heaven; but Mephistopheles carried off Faust to the Inferno. (*Goethe: Faust.*)

Lady Margaret. "The Flower of Tervot," daughter of the Duchess Margaret and Lord Walter Scott, of Branksome Hall. She was beloved by Baron Henry of Craustown, whose family had a deadly feud with that of Scott. One day the elfin page of Lord Craustown inveigled the heir of Branksome Hall, then a lad, into the woods, where he fell into the hands of the Southerners; whereupon 3,000 of the English marched against the castle of the widowed duchess; but, being told by a spy that Douglas with 10,000 men was coming to the rescue, they agreed to decide by single combat whether the boy was to become King Edward's page, or be delivered up to his mother. The champions to decide this question were to be Sir Richard Musgrave on the side of the English, and Sir William Deloraine on the side of the Scotch. In the combat the English champion was slain, and the boy was delivered to the widow; but it then appeared that the antagonist was not William of Deloraine, but Lord Craustown, who claimed and received

the hand of fair Margaret as his reward. (*Scott: Lay of the Last Minstrel.*)

Lady Margaret's preacher. A preacher who has to preach a *Concio ad clerum* before the University, on the day preceding Easter Term. This preachingship was founded in 1503 by Lady Margaret, mother of Henry VII.

Lady Margaret professor. A professor of divinity in the University of Cambridge. This professorship was founded in 1502 by Lady Margaret, mother of Henry VII. These lectures are given for the "voluntary theological examination," and treat upon the *Fathers*, the *Liturgy*, and the *pricately duties*. (See NORRISIAN.)

Margaret (St.). The chosen type of female innocence and meekness.

In Christian art she is represented as a young woman of great beauty, bearing the martyr's palm and crown, or with the dragon as an attribute. Sometimes she is delineated as coming from the dragon's mouth, for the legend says that the monster swallowed her, but on making the sign of the cross he suffered her to quit his maw.

St. Margaret and the dragon. Olyb'ius, Governor of Antioch, captivated by the beauty of St. Margaret, wanted to marry her, and, as she rejected him with scorn, threw her into a dungeon, where the devil came to her in the form of a dragon. Margaret held up the cross, and the dragon fled.

St. Margaret is the patron saint of the ancient borough of Lynn Regis, and on the corporation seal she is represented as standing on a dragon and wounding it with the cross. The inscription of the seal is "SYB · MARGARETA · TERITUR · DRACO · STAT · CRUCE · LÆTA."

Margaret. A magpie.

Margaret or Marguerite (petite). The daisy; so called from its pearly whiteness, *marquerite* being the French for a pearl. (See MARGUERITE.)

"The daisy, a flour white and redde,
In French called 'la belle Marguerite.'"

Margarine Substitute (A). A mere imitation. Just as margarine is an imitation and substitute of butter.

"Between a real etching and that margarine substitute a pen-and-ink drawing . . . the difference is this: the margarine substitute is essentially flat . . . but true etching is in sensible relief."—*Nineteenth Century*, May 1891, p. 780.

Margate (Kent), is the sea-gate or opening. (Latin, *mare*; Anglo-Saxon, *mare*, etc.)

Margherita di Valois married Henri the Béarnais, afterwards Henri IV. of France. During the wedding solemnities, Catherine de Medicis devised the massacre of the French Protestants, and Margherita was at a ball during the dreadful enactment of this device. (*Meyerbeer: Gli Ugonotti, an opera.*)

Margin. In all our ancient English books, the commentary is printed in the margin. Hence Shakespeare:

"His face's own margin did quote such amazes."
Love's Labour's Lost, ii. 1.

"I knew you must be edited by the margin."—*Hamlet, v. 3.*

"She . . . could pick no meaning . . .
Write in the glassy margins of such books."
Shakespeare: *Rape of Lucrece, stanza 15.*

Margitēs. The first dunce whose name has been transmitted to fame. His rivals are Codrus and Flecknoe.

"Margites was the name . . . whom Antiquity recordeth to have been dunce the first."—*Pope: Dunciad (Martinus Scriblerus).*

Marguerite des Marguerites [*the pearl of pearls*]. So François called his sister (Marguerite de Valois), authoress of the *Heptameron*. She married twice: first, the Duc d'Alençon, and then Henri d'Albret, king of Navarre, and was the mother of Henry IV. of France. Henri (IV.) married a Marguerite, but this Marguerite was the daughter of Henri II. and Catherine de Medicis. The former befriended the Huguenots, the latter was a rigid Catholic, like her mother.

Margutte (3 syl.). A giant ten feet high, who died of laughter on seeing a monkey pulling on his boots. (*Pulci: Morgante Maggiore.*) (See DEATH FROM STRANGE CAUSES.)

Maria. Heroine of Donizetti's opera *La Figlia del Reggimento*. She first appears as a vivandière or French sutler-girl, for Sulpizio (the sergeant of the 11th regiment of Napoleon's Grand Army) had found her after a battle, and the regiment adopted her as their daughter. Tonio, a Tyrolean, saved her life and fell in love with her, and the regiment agreed to his marriage provided he joined the regiment. Just at this juncture the marchioness of Berkenfield claims Maria as her daughter; the claim is allowed, and the vivandière is obliged to leave the regiment for the castle of the marchioness. After a time the French regiment takes possession of Berkenfield Castle, and Tonio has risen to the rank of field officer. He claims Maria as his bride, but is told that her mother has promised her hand to the son

of a duchess. Maria promises to obey her mother, the marchioness relents, and Tonio becomes the accepted suitor.

Maria. A fair, quick-witted, amiable maiden, whose banns were forbidden by the curate who published them; in consequence of which she lost her reason, and used to sit by the roadside near Moulins, playing vesper hymns to the Virgin all day long. She led by a ribbon a little dog named Silvio, of which she was very jealous, for she had first made a goat her favourite, but the goat had forsaken her. (*Sterne: Sentimental Journey.*)

Maria Theresa. Wife of Sancho Panza. She is sometimes called Maria, sometimes Teresa Panza. (*Don Quixote.*)

Mariamites (4 syl.). Worshippers of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They said the Trinity consisted of God the Father, God the Son, and Mary the mother of God.

Marian's. One of the most lovable of Shakespeare's characters. Her pleading for Angelo is unrivalled. (*Measure for Measure.*)

Tennyson has two *Marianas* among his poems.

Mariana. Daughter of the king of Sicily, beloved by Sir Alexander, one of the three sons of St. George, the patron saint of England. Sir Alexander married her, and was crowned king of Thessaly. (*Seven Champions of Christendom, iii. 3.*)

Marigold. So called in honour of the Virgin Mary, and hence the introduction of marigold windows in lady chapels. (See MARYGOLD.)

"This riddle, Cuddy, if thou canst, explain . . .
What flower is that which bears the Virgin's name,
The richest metal added to the same?"

Gay: *Pastoral.*

Marina. Wife of Jacopo Foscarei, son of the doge. (*Byron: The Two Foscari.*)

Marinda or Maridah. The fair mistress of Haroun-al-Raschid.

Marine (2 syl.). *The female Marine.* Hannah Snell, of Worcester, who took part in the attack on Pondicherry. She ultimately left the service and opened a public-house in Wapping (London), but retained her male attire (born 1723).

? Doubts exist respecting the fact stated above. (See *Notes and Queries*, Dec. 3, 1892.)

Marines (2 syl.). Empty bottles. The marines were at one time looked down upon by the regular seamen, who

considered them useless, like empty bottles. A marine officer was once dining at a mess-table, when the Duke of York said to the man in waiting, "Here, take away these marines." The officer demanded an explanation, when the duke replied, "They have done their duty, and are prepared to do it again."

Tell that to the marines. Tell that to greenhorns, and not to men who know better. Marines are supposed by sailors to be so green that they will swallow the most extravagant story.

"Tell that to the marines, the sailors won't believe it."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xiii.

Mariner's Compass. The *flour-de-lis* which ornaments the northern radius of the mariner's compass was adopted out of compliment to Charles d'Anjou, whose device it was. He was the reigning king of Sicily when Flavio Gioja, the Neapolitan, made his improvements in this instrument.

Marino Faliero. The forty-ninth doge or chief magistrate of the republic of Venice, elected 1354. A patrician named Michel Steno, having behaved indecently to some of the women assembled at the great civic banquet given by the doge, was kicked off the sofa by order of the Duke. In revenge he wrote upon the duke's chair a scurrilous libel against the dogaressa. The insult was referred to the Forty, and the council condemned the young patrician to a month's imprisonment. The doge, furious at this inadequate punishment, joined a conspiracy to overthrow the republic, under the hope and promise of being made a king. He was betrayed by Bertram, one of the conspirators, and was beheaded on the "Giant's Staircase," the place where the doges were wont to take the oath of fidelity to the republic. (*Byron: Marino Faliero*.)

Mariotte's Law. At a given temperature, the volume of a gas is inversely as the pressure. So called from Ed. Mariotte, a Frenchman, who died 1684.

Maritor'nes (Spanish, *bad woman*). A vulgar, ugly, stunted servant-wench, whom Don Quixote mistakes for a lord's daughter, and her "hair, rough as a horse's tail," his diseased imagination fancies to be "silken threads of finest gold." (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*.)

Marivaudage (i.syl.). An imitation of the style of Marivaux (1688-1763). He wrote several comedies and novels. "*Il tombe souvent dans une métaphysique d'ambiguïté* [far-fetched, over-strained]

pour laquelle on a créé le nom de marivaudage."

"Ce qui constitue le marivaudage, c'est une recherche affectée dans le style, une grande subtilité dans les sentiments, et une grande complication d'intrigues."—*Bouillet: Dict. Universel*, etc.

Marjoram. *As a pig loves marjoram.* Not at all. Lucretius tells us (vi. 974), "*Amaricinum fugat sus*," swine shun marjoram. The proverb is applied in somewhat this way: "How did you like so-and-so?" *Ans.*: "Well, as a pig loves marjoram."

Mark.

God bless the mark! An ejaculation of contempt or scorn. (*See SAVE THE MARK*.)

"To be ruled by my conscience, I should stay with the Jew my master, who, God bless the mark! is a kind of devil."—*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*, ii. 2.

To make one's mark. To distinguish oneself. He has written his name (or made his mark) on the page of history.

Up to the mark. Generally used in the negative; as, "Not quite up to the mark," not good enough, not up to the standard fixed by the Assay office for gold and silver articles; not quite well.

Mark (St.), in Christian art, is represented as being in the prime of life; sometimes habited as a bishop, and, as the historian of the resurrection, accompanied by a winged lion (q.v.). He holds in his right hand a pen, and in his left the Gospel. (*See LUKE*.)

Mark (Sir). A mythical king of Cornwall, Sir Tristram's uncle. He lived at Tintagel Castle, and married Isolde the Fair, who was passionately enamoured of his nephew, Sir Tristram. The illicit loves of Isolde and Tristram were proverbial in the Middle Ages.

Mark Banco. An hypothetical quantity of fine silver, employed as a money-valuer in the old Bank at Hamburg, and used by the Hanseatic League. Deposits in gold and silver coins were credited in Marco Banco, and all banking accounts were carried on in Marco Banco. The benefit was this: Marco Banco was invariable, but exchange varies every hour. The bank not only credited deposits by this unvarying standard, but paid withdrawals in the same way; so that it was a matter of no moment how exchange varied. I put £1,000 into the bank; the money is not entered to my credit as £1,000, but so much Marco Banco. The same process was adopted on withdrawals also.

Mark Tapley. Ever jolly, who recognises nothing creditable unless it is

overclouded by difficulties. (*Charles Dickens: Martin Chuzzlewit.*)

Mark Time! Move the feet alternately as in marching, but without advancing or retreating from the spot.

Mark of the Beast (*Thc.*). To set the "mark of the beast" on an object or pursuit is to denounce it, to run it down as unorthodox. Thus, many persons set the mark of the beast on theatres, some on dancing, and others on gambling, races, cards, dice, etc. The allusion is to Revelation xvi. 2; xix. 23.

Mark's Eve (*St.*). On St. Mark's Eve all persons fated to be married or to die pass, in procession, the church porch.

" 'Tis now," replied the village belle,
"St. Mark's mysterious eve. . . .
The ghosts of all whom Death shall doom
Within the winking year
In pale procession walk the gloom." . . .
J. Montgomery.

Marks in Grammar and Printing.

Printers' marks on the first page of a sheet are called *Signatures*. (*See LETTERS AT FOOT OF PAGE.*)

Serifs are the strokes which finish off Roman letters, top and bottom. A, B, C, are "block" letters, or "sans serifs."

" over the second of two vowels, as aerial, is called "diæresis," and in French, *trema*.

' An acute accent. In Greek it indicates a rise in the voice. It was not used till Greek became familiar to the Romans.

' A grave accent. In Greek it indicates a fall of the voice. It was not used till Greek became familiar to the Romans.

" over a vowel, as ö, ü, is called in German *zweipunct*.

o over a vowel, as â, is called in Danish *umlaut*.

" A circumflex over the letter u (as *Moro*), in Spanish, is called *u tilde* (2 syl.). A circumflex in French indicates that a letter has been abstracted, as *être* for "estre."

t between two hyphens in French, as *parle-t-il*? is called "t ephelcystic." (*See N.*)

& The Thironian sign (*q.v.*). (*See AND.*)

- Hyphen, as horse-guards.

- joining a pronoun to its verb in French, as *irai-je, donnait-on*, is called *le trait d'union*.

, under the letter o in French, is called a cedilla, and indicates that

the letter = s. (*See PRINTERS' MARKS.*)

¶ An index-hand, to call attention to a statement.

¶ A blind p, marks a new paragraph indirectly connected with preceding matter.

{ } Called parentheses, and

{ } Called brackets, separate some explanatory or collateral matter from the real sequence.

, is a comma; ; is a semicolon; : is a colon; . is a point or full stop.

— or . . . in the middle or at the end of a sentence is a *break*, and shows that something is suppressed.

Marks of Gold and Silver.

The date-mark on gold or silver articles is some letter of the alphabet indicating the year when the article was made. Thus, in the Goldsmith's Company of London:— From 1716 to 1755 it was Roman capitals, beginning from A and following in succession year after year; from 1756 to 1775 it was Roman small letters, a to u; from 1776 to 1796, Roman black letters, small, a to u; from 1796 to 1815, Roman capitals, A to U; from 1816 to 1835, Roman small letters; from 1836 to 1855, Old English capitals; from 1856 to 1875, Old English, small; 1876 to 1895, Roman capitals.

The duty-mark on gold and silver articles is the head of the reigning sovereign, and shows that the duty has been paid. This mark is not now placed on watch-cases, &c.

The Hall-mark, stamped upon gold and silver articles, is a leopard's head crowned for London; three lions and a cross for York; a castle with two wings for Exeter; three wheat sheaves or a dagger for Chester; three castles for Newcastle; an anchor for Birmingham; a crown for Sheffield; a castle and lion for Edinburgh; a tree, salmon, and ring for Glasgow; Hibernia for Dublin. (*See HALL MARK, SILVER.*)

The Standard-mark of gold or silver is a lion passant for England; a thistle for Edinburgh; a lion rampant for Glasgow; and a harp crowned for Ireland.

Market-penny (*A*). Money for refreshments given to those who go to market. Now, however, it means a toll surreptitiously exacted by servants sent out to buy goods for their master.

Markham (*Mrs.*). A *nom de plume* of Elizabeth Cartwright, afterwards Mrs. Penrose.

Marl. Latin, *argill*; German, *mär-gel*; Spanish and Italian, *marga*; Armenian, *mery*; Irish, *marla*; Welsh, *marl*.

Marlborough. *Statutes of Marlborough.* Certain laws passed in the reign of Henry III., by a parliament held in Marlborough Castle. (See MALBROUCK [*S'en va-t'en guerre*].)

Marlborough Dog. (See BLENHEIM DOG.)

Marlow. Both Sir Charles Marlow and his son Young Marlow are characters in *She Stoops to Conquer*, by Goldsmith. Young Marlow is bashful before ladies, but easy enough before women of low degree.

Mar'mion. Ralph de Wilton, being charged with treason, claimed to prove his innocence by the ordeal of battle, and, being overthrown by Lord Mar'mion, was supposed to be dead, but was picked up by a headman, who nursed him carefully; and, being restored to health, he went on a pilgrimage to foreign lands. Now, Lord Mar'mion was betrothed to Constance de Beverley; and De Wilton to Lady Clare, daughter of the Earl of Gloucester. When De Wilton was supposed to be dead, Lord Mar'mion proved faithless to Constance, and proposed to Clare, having an eye especially to her rich inheritance. Clare rejected his suit, and took refuge in the convent of St. Hilda, in Whithby; Constance, on the other hand, took the veil in the convent of St. Cuthbert, in Holy Isle. In time, Constance eloped from the convent, but, being overtaken, was buried alive in the walls of a deep cell. In the meantime Lord Mar'mion was sent by Henry VIII. with a message to James IV. of Scotland, and stopped at the hall of Hugh de Heron for a night. Sir Hugh, at his request, appointed him a guide to conduct him to the king, and the guide wore the dress of a palmer. On his return, Lord Mar'mion hears that Lady Clare is in Holy Isle, and commands the abbess of Hilda to release her, that she may be placed under the charge of her kinsman, Fitz Clare, of Tantallon Hall. Here she meets De Wilton, the palmer-guide of Lord Mar'mion, Lord Mar'mion being killed at the battle of Flodden Field. De Wilton married Lady Clare. (Sir Walter Scott.)

Lord Mar'mion. The hero of Scott's poem so called is a purely fictitious character. There was, however, an historic family so called, descendants of Robert

de Marmion, a follower of the Conqueror, who obtained the grant of Tamworth, and the manor of Scrivelby, in Lincolnshire. He was the first royal champion, and his male issue ceased with Philip Mar'mion in the reign of Edward I. Sir John Dymoke, who married Margery, daughter of Joan, the only surviving child of Philip, claimed the office and manor in the reign of Richard II.; they have remained in his male line ever since.

Marmo Lunense. (See LUNA.)

Ma'ro. Virgil, whose name was Publius Virgilius Maro, was born on the banks of the river Mincio, at the village of Andes, near Mantua. (B.C. 70-19.)

"Sweet Mar's muse, sunk in inglorious rest,
Had silent slept amid the Mincian reeds."
Thomson: *Casts of Indolence*.

Maron or Marron (French). A cat's-paw (q.v.). "*Se servir de la patte du chat pour tirer les marrons du feu*;" in Italian, "*Cavare i marroni dal fuoco colla zampa del gatto*."

"(C'est ne se point commettre à faire de l'éclat
Et tirer les marrons de la patte du chat."
L'Alouette, iii. 7.

Mar'onites (3 syl.). A Christian tribe of Syria in the eighth century; so called from the monastery of Maron, on the slopes of Lebanon, their chief seat; so called from John Maron, Patriarch of Antioch, in the sixth century.

Maroon. A runaway slave sent to the Calabouco, or place where such slaves were punished, as the Maroons of Brazil. Those of Jamaica are the offspring of runaways from the old Jamaica plantations or from Cuba, to whom, in 1738, the British Government granted a tract of land, on which they built two towns. The word is from the verb "maroon," to set a person on an inhospitable shore and leave him there (a practice common with pirates and buccaneers). The word is a corruption of *Amarron*, a word applied by Spaniards to anything unruly, whether man or beast. (See Scott: *Pirate*, xxii.)

Maroon (To). To set a man on a desert island and abandon him there. This marooning was often practised by pirates and buccaneers. (See above.)

Maro'nia, daughter of Theodora. The infamous offspring of an infamous mother, of the ninth century. Her intrigues have rendered her name proverbial. By one she became the mother of Pope John XI. (See MESSALINA.)

Marph'isa (in *Orlando Furioso*). Sister of Roger, and a female knight of amazing prowess. She was brought

up by a magician, but, being stolen at the age of seven, was sold to the king of Persia. The king assailed her virtue when she was eighteen, but she slew him, and seized the crown. She came to Gaul to join the army of Agramant, but hearing that Agramant's father had murdered her mother Galacella, she entered the camp of Charlemagne, and was baptised.

Marplot. A silly, cowardly, inquisitive Paul Pry, in *The Busybody*, by Mrs. Centlivre. H. Woodward's great part.

Marque. (See LETTERS OF . . .)

Marriage Knot (*The*). The bond of marriage effected by the legal marriage service. The Latin phrase is *nodus Hercules*, and part of the marriage service was for the bridegroom to loosen (*solt're*) the bride's girdle, not to tie it. In the Hindu marriage ceremony the bridegroom hangs a ribbon on the bride's neck and ties it in a knot. Before the knot is tied the bride's father may refuse consent unless better terms are offered, but immediately the knot is tied the marriage is indissoluble. The Parsees bind the hands of the bridegroom with a seventold cord, seven being a sacred number. The ancient Carthaginians tied the thumbs of the betrothed with leather lace. See *Nineteenth Century*, Oct., 1893, p. 610. (*A. Rogers*.)

"Around her neck they lay
The marriage knot alone."

Southerly: Curse of Kehama.

"When first the marriage knot was tied
Between my wife and me,
Her age did mine as much exceed
As three-times-three does three;
But when ten years and half ten years
We man and wife had been,
Her age came then as near to mine
As eight is to sixteen."
Ans.: 15 and 45 at marriage, 30 and 60 fifteen years afterwards.

7 The practice of throwing rice is also Indian.

"Hamilcar desired to unite them immediately by an indissoluble betrothal. In Sambo's hands was a lance, which she offered to Narr Hava's. Their thumbs were then tied together by a leather lace, and corn was thrown over their heads."—*Flaubert: Sambo*, chap. xi.

Marriage Plates. Sacred plates with a circular well in the centre to hold sweetmeats. They were painted for bridal festivities by Maestro Georgio, Orazio Fontane, and other artists of Urbino and Gubbio, Pesaro and Pavia, Castelli and Savona, Faenza and Ferrara, and all the other art towns of Italy. These plates were hung upon the walls, and looked on with superstitious awe as household gods. They were painted in

polychrome, and the chief design was some scriptural subject, like Rebecca and Isaac.

Marriages. *Carrier's republican marriages.* A device of wholesale slaughter, adopted by Carrier, proconsul of Nantes, in the first French Revolution. It consisted in tying men and women together by their hands and feet, and casting them into the Loire. (1794.)

Marriages. *Close times of marriages in the Catholic Church.*

(1) Ab Adventu usque ad Epiphaniam (from Advent to Epiphany).

(2) A Septuagesima usque ad octavus Pasche inclusive (from Septuagesima to the eighth Easter).

(3) A secunda feria in Rogationibus usque ad primam dominicam post Pentecosten (from the second feast in Rogation to the first Sunday after Pentecost exclusive).

(*Liber Sacerdotalis . . . Secundum Ritum Sanctæ Romanæ et Apostolicæ Ecclesiæ*; 1537.)

Marriages are Made in Heaven. This does not mean that persons in heaven "marry and are given in marriage," but that the partners joined in marriage on earth were foreordained to be so united. As the French proverb more definitely expresses the idea, "*Les mariages se font au ciel et se consomment sur la terre.*" And again, "*Les mariages sont écrits dans le ciel.*" E. Hall (1499-1517) says, "Consider the old proverb to be true that saith: Marriage is destiny." Prov. xix. 11 says, "A prudent wife is from the Lord."

Marriages of Men of Genius. (See WIVES OF. . .)

Married Women take their husband's surname. This was a Roman custom. Thus Julia, Octavia, etc., married to Pompey, Cicero, etc., would be called Julia of Pompey, Octavia of Cicero. Our married women are named in the same way, omitting "of."

Marrow (Scotch) a mate, companion, friend. "Not marrow"—that is, not a pair. The Latin word *medulla* (marrow) is used in much the same way as "*mihi hæres in medullis*" (*Cicero*); (very dear, my best friend, etc.).

"Busk ye, busk ye, my bonnie bounie bride,
Busk ye, busk ye, my winsome marrow."

The Brides of Yarrow.

"One glove [or shoe] is not marrow to the other."
Landolowno MS.

Marrow-bones. *Down on your marrow-bones, i.e. knees. That marrow*

in this phrase is not a corruption of "Mary," meaning the Virgin, is palpable from the analogous phrase, *the marrow-bone stage*—walking. The leg-bone is the marrow-bone of beef and mutton, and the play is on Marylebone (London).

Marrow Controversy (*The*). A memorable struggle in Scotland between Puritanism and Presbyterianism; so called from a book entitled *The Marrow of Modern Divinity*, condemned by the General Assembly in 1720. Abelli, Bishop of Rhodes, wrote the *Medulla Theologica*.

Marrow-men. The twelve ministers who signed the remonstrance to the General Assembly for condemning the evangelical doctrines of the "Marrow." (See MARROW CONTROVERSY.)

Marry! An oath, meaning by Mary, the Virgin.

"Yea, marry! you say true."—*Forc: Book of Martyrs*.

Marry Come Up! An exclamation of disapproval, about equal to "Draw it mild!" May Mary come up to my assistance, or to your discomfort!

"Marry come up, you stoney jade!"—*Nineteenth Century*, November 1902, p. 797.

Mars's Year. The year 1715, noted for the rebellion of the Earl of Mar.

"Auld uncle John wha wedlock's joys,
Sin Mars's year did desire."

Burns: Halloween, 27.

Mars, with the ancient alchemists, designated iron.

Mars. Under this planet "is borne thieves and robbers . . . nyght walkers and quarrell pykers, bosters, mockers, and skoffers; and these men of Mars causeth warre, and murther, and batayle. They wyll be gladly smythes or workers of yron . . . lyers, gret swerers, . . . He is red and angry . . . a great walker, and a maker of swordes and knyves, and a shedder of mannes blode . . . And good to be a barboure and a blode letter, and to drawe tethe." (*Compost of Ptholomeus*.)

Mars, in Camoën's *Lusiad*, is "divine fortitude" personified. As Bacchus, the evil demon, is the guardian power of Mahometanism; so Mars or divine fortitude is the guardian power of Christianity.

The Mars of Portugal. Alfonso de Albuquerque, Viceroy of India. (152-1515.)

Marseillaise (3 syl.). The grand song of the French Revolution. Claude

Joseph Rouget de Lisle, an artillery officer in garrison at Strasbourg, composed both the words and the music for Dietrich, mayor of the town. On July 30th, 1792, the Marseillaise volunteers, invited by Barbaroux at the instance of Madame Roland, marched to Paris singing the favourite song; and the Parisians, enchanted with it, called it the *Hymne des Marseillais*. (Rouget born 1760, died 1835.)

Marseilles' Good Bishop. In 1720 and 1722 the plague made dreadful havoc at Marseilles. The Bishop, H. F. Xavier de Belsunce, was indefatigable in the pastoral office, and spent his whole time visiting the sick. During the plague of London, Sir John Lawrence, the then Lord Mayor, was no less conspicuous in his benevolence. He supported 40,000 dismissed servants so long as his fortune lasted, and, when he had spent his own money, collected and distributed the alms of the nation. Darwin refers to these philanthropists in his *Lives of the Plants*, ii, 433. (See BORRORNEO.)

Marsh [*Le Marais*]. The pit of the National Convention, between Mountain benches on one side, and those occupied by the ministerial party and the opposition on the other. These middle men or "flats" were "swamped," or *enforcés dans un marais* by those of more decided politics. (See PLAIN.)

Marshal means an ostler or groom. His original duty was to feed, groom, shoe, and physic his master's horse. (British, *mare*, a mare; *scale*, a servant.)

Marshal Forward. Blucher; so called for his dash and readiness in the campaign of 1813.

Marshal of the Army of God, and of Holy Church. The Baron Robert Fitzwalter, appointed by his brother barons to lead their forces in 1215 to obtain from King John redress of grievances. Magna Charta was the result.

Marsham (*Men of*). Those who committed the offence of felling the thorns, etc., in 1616, upon Marsham Heath, Norfolk. The inhabitants of Marshall and tenants of the manor petitioned against the offenders.

Marsiglio or Marsilius. A Saracen king who plotted the attack upon Roland, under "the tree on which Judas hanged himself." With a force of 600,000 men, divided into three armies, he attacked the paladin and overthrew

him, but was in turn overthrown by Charlemagne, and hanged on the very tree beneath which he had arranged the attack. (*Turpin: Chronicle.*)

Marsyas. The Phrygian flute-player who challenged Apollo to a contest of skill, and, being beaten by the god, was flayed alive for his presumption. From his blood arose the river so called. The flute on which Marsyas played was one Athēna had thrown away, and, being filled with the breath of the goddess, discoursed most excellent music. The interpretation of this fable is as follows: A contest long existed between the lutists and the flautists as to the superiority of their respective instruments. The Dorian mode, employed in the worship of Apollo, was performed on lutes; and the Phrygian mode, employed in the rites of Cybele, was executed by flutes, the reeds of which grew on the banks of the river Marsyas. As the Dorian mode was preferred by the Greeks, they said that Apollo beat the flute-player.

Martano (in *Orlando Furioso*), who decoyed Origilla from Gryphon. He was a great coward, and fled from the tournament amidst the jeers of the spectators. While Gryphon was asleep he stole his armour, went to King Norandino to receive the honours due to Gryphon, and then quitted Damascus with Origilla. A'quilant encountered them, and brought them back to Damascus, when Martano was committed to the hangman's mercies (books viii., ix.)

Marteau des Heretiques. Pierre d'Ailly, also called *l'Aigle de la France*. (1350-1420.)

Martel. The surname given to Charles, natural son of Pepin d'Héristal, for his victory over the Saracens, who had invaded France under Abd-el-Rahman in 732. It is said that Charles "knocked down the foe, and crushed them beneath his axe, as a martel or hammer crushes what it strikes."

Judas Asmonæus for a similar reason was called *Maccabæus* (the Hammerer).

M. Collin de Plancy says that Charles, the palace mayor, was not called Martel because he *martelé* (hammered) the Saracens, but because his patron saint was *Martellus* (or Martin). (*Bibliothèque des Légendes.*)

Avoir se mettre martel en tête. To have a bee in one's bonnet, to be crotchety. Martel is a corruption of

Martin, an ass, a hobby-horse. M. Hilaire le Gai says, but gives no authority, "*Cette expression nous vient des Italiens, car en Italien martello signifie proprement 'jalousie.'*"

"Ils portent des martels, des capriches."—*Brantôme: Des Dames Gallantes.*

"Telle filles... pourroient bien donner de bons martels à leurs pauvres maris."—*Brantôme: Des Dames Gallantes.*

Martello Towers. Round towers about forty feet in height, of great strength, and situated on a beach or river; so called from the Italian towers built as a protection against pirates. As the warning was given by striking a bell with a martello, or hammer, the towers were called *Torri da Martello*.

Some say that these towers were so called from a tower at the entrance of St. Fiorenzo, in Corsica. Similar towers were common all along the Mediterranean coast as a defence against pirates. They were erected in the low parts of Sussex and Kent in consequence of the powerful defence made (February 8th, 1794) by Le Tellier at the tower of Mortella, with only thirty-eight men, against a simultaneous sea and land attack—the former led by Lord Hood, and the latter by Major-General Dundas.

Martext (*Sir Oliver*). The hedge-priest in *As You Like It* (iii. 3).

Martha (St.), patron saint of good housewives, is represented in Christian art as clad in homely costume, bearing at her girdle a bunch of keys, and holding a ladle or pot of water in her hand. Like St. Margaret, she is accompanied by a dragon bound, but has not the palm and crown of martyrdom. The dragon is given to St. Martha from her having destroyed one that ravaged the neighbourhood of Marseilles.

Martial. Pertaining to Mars, the Roman god of war.

Martian Laws. Laws compiled by Martia, wife of Guithelin, great-grandson of Mulmutius, who established in England the Mulmutian Laws. Alfred translated both these codes into Saxon-English.

"Guynethline... whose queen... to show her upright mind,
To wise Mulmutius' laws her Martian first did frame."—*Drayton: Polyglottion*, viii.

Martin. One of the swallow tribe. Dies derives the word from St. Martin, but St. Martin's bird is the raven.

Martin. The ape, in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*.

Martin. A jackass is so called from its obstinacy. "*Il y a plus d'un ané qui s'appelle Martin.*"

"Martinus, qui suam acrimiam quam par est optationem tuetur; cuius modum fuit Martinus juris consultus celebris sub Frederico I., a quo (inquit Baronius, A.D. 1150) in vulgare proverbium ejus durities in hanc usque diem pertransiit, ut Martinum appellent, qui suam ipsius sententiam singulari pertinaci studio, in hærescat. Fuit et Martinus Glosia, legum professor in academia Bononiensi."—*Du Cange* (Art. *Martinus*).

Martin. (See ALL MY EYE.)

Martin, in Dryden's allegory of the *Hind and Panther*, means the Lutheran party; so called by a pun on the name of Martin Luther.

Parler d'autre Martin. There are more fools than one in the fair. This phrase is very common. (See Bauduin de Sebourg: *Romans*, ch. viii. line 855; *Godefroid de Bouillon*, p. 537; *La branche des royaux lignage*, line 11,419; *Le Mystère de S. Crespin et St. Crespinien* (2nd day), p. 43; *Reynard the Fox*, vol. ii. p. 17, line 10,096, vol. iii. p. 23, line 20,402, etc.)

"Another phrase is "*Parler d'autre Bernart*," from bernart—a jackass or fool.

"Or vos metron el col la bart

Puis parleron d'autre Bernart."

Le Roman du Renart, iii. p. 73.

"Vous parlerés d'autre Martin."

Iditto, p. 24.

For a hair Martin lost his ass. The French say that Martin made a bet that his ass was black; the bet was lost because a white hair was found in its coat.

Girl like Martin of Cambray—in a very ridiculous manner. Martin and Martine are the two figures that strike with their marteaux the hours on the clock of Cambray. Martin is represented as a peasant in a blouse girt very tight about the waist.

St. Martin. Patron of drunkards, to save them from falling into danger. This is a mere accident, arising thus: The 11th November (St. Martin's Day) is the Vinalia or feast of Bacchus. When Bacchus was merged by Christians into St. Martin, St. Martin had to bear the ill-repute of his predecessor.

St. Martin's bird. A cock, whose blood is shed "sacrificially" on the 11th of November, in honour of that saint.

St. Martin's cloak. Martin was a military tribune before conversion, and, while stationed at Amiens in midwinter, divided his military cloak with a naked beggar, who craved alms of him before the city gates of Amiens. At night, the story says, Christ Himself appeared to the soldier, arrayed in this very garment.

St. Martin's goose. The 11th of November, St. Martin's Day, was at one

time the great goose feast of France. The legend is that St. Martin was annoyed by a goose, which he ordered to be killed and served up for dinner. As he died from the repast, the goose has been ever since "sacrificed" to him on the anniversary. The goose is sometimes called by the French St. Martin's bird.

St. Martin's jewellery. Counterfeit gems. Upon the site of the old collegiate church of St. Martin's le Grand, which was demolished upon the dissolution of the monasteries, a number of persons established themselves and carried on a considerable trade in artificial stones, beads, and jewellery. These Brummagem ornaments were called St. Martin's beads, St. Martin's lace, or St. Martin's jewellery, as the case might be.

St. Martin's lace. A sort of copper lace for which Blowbladder Street, St. Martin's, was noted. (*Stour*.)

St. Martin's rings. Imitation gold ones. (See above.)

St. Martin's tree. St. Martin planted a pilgrim's staff somewhere near Utopia. The staff grew into a large tree, which Gargantua pulled up to serve for a mace or club, with which he dislodged King Picrochole from Clermont Rock. (*Rabelais*: *Gargantua and Pantagruel*.)

Faire la St. Martin or Martinier. To feast; because the people used to begin St. Martin's Day with feasting and drinking.

Martin Drunk. Very intoxicated indeed; a drunken man "sobered" by drinking more. The feast of St. Martin (November 11) used to be held as a day of great debauch. Hence Baxter uses the word Martin as a synonym of a drunkard:—

"The language of Martin is there [in heaven] a stranger."—*Saint's Rest*.

Martin of Bullions (*St.*). The St. Swithin of Scotland. His day is July 4, and the Scotch say, if it rains then, rain may be expected for forty days.

"By St. Martin of Bullion—"

"And what hast thou to do with St. Martin?"

"Nay, little enough, sir, unless who he sends such rainy days that we cannot dry a hawk."—*Scott*: *The Abbot*, xv.

Martin's Running Footman (*St.*). The devil, assigned by legend to St. Martin for a running footman on a certain occasion.

"Who can tell but St. Martin's running footman may still be hatching us some further mischief."—*Rabelais*: *Pantagruel*, iv. 21.

Martin's Summer (*St.*) (See under SUMMER.)

Martine. A sword. (Italian.)

"Quiconque aura affaire à moy, il faut qu'il ait affaire à Martine que me voyla au costé appellé son espee (Martine)".—*Brantome: Holomoitade Espagnole*, vol. II, p. 16.

Martinet. A strict disciplinarian; so called from the Marquis of Martinet, a young colonel in the reign of Louis XIV., who remodelled the infantry, and was slain at the siege of Doesbourg, in 1672 (Voltaire, *Louis XIV.*, c. 10). The French still call a cat-o'-nine-tails a "martinet."

The French martinet was a whip with twelve leather thongs.

Martinmas. The feast of St. Martin is November 11. *His Martinmas will come, as it does to every hog*—i.e. all must die.

November was the great slaughtering-time of the Anglo-Saxons, when hoes, sheep, and hogs, whose store of food was exhausted, were killed and salted. Martinmas, therefore, was the slaying time, and the proverb intimates that our slaying-time or day of death will come as surely as that of a hog at St. Martin's-tide.

Martyr (Greek) simply means a witness, but is applied to one who witnesses a good confession with his blood.

The martyr king. Charles I. of England, beheaded January 30th, 1649. He was buried at Windsor, and was called "The White King."

Martyr to science. Claude Louis, Count Berthollet, who determined to test in his own person the effects of carbolic acid on the human frame, and died under the experiment. (1748-1822.)

Marvedie (*A*). A maravedi (*q.v.*), a small obsolete Spanish copper coin of less value than a farthing.

"What a trifling, foolish girl you are, Edith, to send me by express a letter crammed with nonsense about books and gowns, and to slide the only thing I cared a marvedie about into the postscript."—*Sir W. Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. XI.

Marvellous. *The marvellous boy.* Thomas Chatterton, the poet, author of a volume of poetry entitled *Rowley's Poems*, professedly written by Bowley, a monk. (1752-1770.)

Mary.

As *the Virgin*, she is represented in Christian art with flowing hair, emblematical of her virginity.

As *Mater Dolorosa*, she is represented as somewhat elderly, clad in mourning, head draped, and weeping over the dead body of Christ.

As *Our Lady of Dolours*, she is represented as seated, her breast being

pierced with seven swords, emblematic of her seven sorrows.

As *Our Lady of Mercy*, she is represented with arms extended, spreading out her mantle, and gathering sinners beneath it.

As *The glorified Madonna*, she is represented as bearing a crown and sceptre, or a ball and cross, in rich robes and surrounded by angels.

Her seven joys. The Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Adoration of the Magi, Presentation in the Temple, Finding Christ amongst the Doctors, and the Assumption.

Her seven sorrows. Simon's Prophecy, the Flight into Egypt, Christ Missed, the Betrayal, the Crucifixion, the Taking Down from the Cross, and the Ascension, when she was left alone.

Mary, of Lord Byron's poetry, is Miss Chaworth, who was older than his lordship. Both Miss Chaworth and Lord Byron were under the guardianship of Mr. White. Miss Chaworth married John Musters, generally called Jack Musters; but the marriage was not a happy one, and the parties soon separated. The *Dream* of Lord Byron refers to this love affair of his youth.

Mary, of Robert Burns. (*See HIGHLAND MARY.*)

"It may be added to what is said under *Highland Mary* that of Mary Morison the poet wrote:—

"Those smiles and glances left me new,
That make the miser's treasure poor."

And in *Highland Mary* we have—

"Still o'er those scenes my memory wakes,
And fondly broods with miser's care."

A statue to her has been recently erected in Edinburgh.

Marys. *The four Marys.* Mary Beaton (or *Bethune*), Mary Livingston (or *Leison*), Mary Fleming (or *Fleming*), and Mary Seaton (or *Seyton*); called the "Queen's Marys," that is, the ladies of the same age as Mary, afterwards Queen of Scots, and her companions. Mary Carmichael was not one of the four, although introduced in the well-known ballad.

"Yest're'en the queen had four Marys,
This night she'll bae but thior:
There was Mary Beaton, and Mary Seaton,
Mary Carmichael, and me."

Mary Anne or **Marianne.** A slang name for the guillotine. (*See below.*)

Mary Anne Associations. Secret republican societies in France. The name comes about thus: Ravillac was instigated to assassinate Henri IV. by

reading the treatise *De Rege et Regio Institutione*, by Mariana, and as Mariann inspired Ravallac "to deliver France," the republican party was called the Mary-Anne.

"The Mary Annes, which are essentially republicans, are scattered about all the French provinces."—*Diurnal: Lothair*.

Mary Magdalene (*St.*). Patron saint of penitents, being herself the model penitent of Gospel history.

In Christian art she is represented (1) as a *patron saint*, young and beautiful, with a profusion of hair, and holding a box of ointment; (2) as a *penitent*, in a sequestered place, reading before a cross or skull.

Mary Queen of Scots. Shakespeare being under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth, and knowing her jealousy, would not, of course, praise openly her rival queen; but in the *Midsummer Night's Dream*, composed in 1592, that is, five years after the execution of Mary, he wrote these exquisite lines:—

"Thou rememberest
Since once I sat upon a promontory,
And heard a mermaid (1) on a dolphin's back (2)
Tittering such ditties and harmonious breath,
That the rude sea (3) grew civil at her song;
And certain stars (4) shot madly from their
spheres (5).
To hear the sea-maid's music." Act II. 1.

(1) Mermaid and sea-maid, that is, Mary; (2) on the dolphin's back, she married the Dolphin or Dauphin of France; (3) the rude sea grew civil, the Scotch rebels; (4) certain stars, the Earl of Northumberland, the Earl of Westmoreland, and the Duke of Norfolk; (5) shot madly from their spheres, that is, revolted from Queen Elizabeth, bewitched by the sea-maid's sweetness.

Marybuds. The flower of the mari-gold (*g.r.*). Like many other flowers, they open at daybreak and close at sunset.

— "And winking marybuds began
To open their golden eyes"
Shakespeare: Cymbeline, II. 3.

Marygold or **Marigold.** A million sterling. A *plum* is £100,000. (*See* **MARIOLD.**)

Maryland (U.S. America) was so named in compliment to Queen Henrietta Maria. In the Latin charter it is called *Terra Maria*.

Marylebone (London) is not a corruption of *Marie la bonne*, but "Mary on the bourne" or river, as Holborn is "Old Bourne."

Mas (plural, *Masse*). Master, Mr., Messrs.; as, Mas John King, Masse Fleming and Stebbing.

Masaniello. A corruption of TomMASO ANIELLO, a Neapolitan fisherman, who led the revolt of July.

1647. The great grievance was a new tax upon fruit, and the immediate cause of Masaniello's interference was the seizure of his wife (or deaf and dumb sister) for having in her possession some contraband flour. Having surrounded himself with 150,000 men, women, and boys, he was elected chief of Naples, and for nine days ruled with absolute control. The Spanish viceroy flattered him, and this so turned his head that he acted like a maniac. The people betrayed him, he was shot, and his body flung into a ditch, but next day it was interred with a pomp and ceremony never equalled in Naples (1647).

Auber has an opera on this subject called *La Muette de Portici* (1828).

Masche, croute [*gnaw-crust*]. A hideous wooden statue carried about Lyons during Carnival. The nurses of Lyons frighten children by threatening to throw them to Masche-croute.

Mascotte. One who brings good luck, and possesses a "good eye." The contrary of Jettatore, or one with an evil eye, who always brings bad luck.

"Ces enfants du paradis,
Sont des Mascottes mes amis.
Heureux celui que le ciel dote d'une Mascotte."
The opera called La Mascotte (1833).

"I tell you, she was a Mascotte of the first water." *The Ludgate Monthly*, No. 1, vol. II.; *Tippitytick*, Nov. 1861.

Masden (Catalan for *God's field*). The vineyard not far from Perpignan was anciently so called.

Masetto. A rustic engaged to Zerlina; but Don Giovanni intercepts them in their wedding festivities, and induces the foolish damsel to believe he meant to make her his wife. (*Mozart: Don Giovanni*, an opera.)

Mashack'ering and Misguggling. Mauling and disfiguring.

"I humbly protest against mauling and disfiguring this work; against what the great Walter Scott would, I think, have called mashack'ering and misguggling, after the manner of Nicol Machat on *The Heart of Midlothian*, when he put an end to his wife Arrie at the spot afterwards called by his name."—*W. L. Gribstone: Nineteenth Century*, November, 1855.

Masher. A dude (*g.r.*): an exquisite; a lardy-dardy swell who dresses æsthetically, behaves killingly, and thinks himself a Romeo. This sort of thing used to be called "crushing" or killing, and, as mashing is crushing, the synonym was substituted about 1880. A lady-killer, a crusher, a masher, all mean the same thing.

"The prattle of the masher between the acts." *Daily Telegraph*, Oct. 10, 1883.

Mask a Fleet (To). To lock up an enemy's fleet that it cannot put to sea.

Mason and Dixon's Line. The southern boundary-line which separated the free states of Pennsylvania from what were at one time the slave states of Maryland and Virginia. It lies in 39° 43' 26" north latitude, and was run by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, two English mathematicians and surveyors (between November 15th, 1763, and December 26th, 1767).

Mass.

High Mass or "Grand Mass" is sung by choristers, and celebrated with the assistance of a deacon and sub-deacon.

Low Mass is simply read without singing; there is one between these two called the "chaunted mass," in which the service is chanted by the priest.

Besides these there are a number of special masses, as the *mass of the Beate, mass of the Holy Ghost, mass of the dead, mass of a saint, mass of scarcity, dry mass, votive mass, holiday mass, Ambrosian mass, Gallic mass, mass of the presanctified* for Good Friday, *missa Mosarabum*, etc. etc.

Mass (The).

"Pope Celestine ordained the *introit* and the *gloria in excelsis*."

"Pope Gregory the Great ordered the *kyrie eleison* to be repeated nine times, and introduced the prayer."

"Pope Gelasius ordained the *Epistle* and *Gospel*."

"Pope Damasus introduced the *Credo*."

"Pope Alexander put into the canon the following clause: '*Qui prout quam patetetur*'."

"Pope Sixtus introduced the *Sanctus*."

"Pope Innocent the 3rd."

"Pope Leo the *Orate Fratres*, and the words in the canon: '*Sanctum Sacrificium et immemorable nostrum*'."

E. Kinsman: *Lives of the Saints*, p. 187 (1623).

Massachusetts was so named from the bay *massu* [great], *waldenush* [mountain], *et* [near]. The bay-near-the-great-mountain.

Massacre of the Innocents. The slaughter of the babes of Bethlehem "from two years old and under," when Jesus was born. This was done at the command of Herod the Great in order to cut off "the babe" who was destined to become "King of the Jews."

Micah v. 3 speaks of Bethlehem as a little place, a small village, probably containing about five hundred inhabitants. It will be easy to calculate the probable number of infants under two years of age in such a village. It would be about ten.

Massacre of the Innocents (The), in parliamentary phraseology, means the withdrawal at the close of a session of the bills which time has not rendered it

possible to consider and pass. The phrase was so used in *The Times*, 1859.

"If the secretarial M.P. is to be condemned for voting against the Miner's Eight Hours Bill, he is equally censurable if he . . . does not support the numerous . . . reforms which get the sanction of the Congress during the Massacre of the Innocents at the close of the sitting."—*Nineteenth Century*, October, 1892, p. 61a.

Mass'amore (3 syl.) or **Massy More.** The principal dungeon of a feudal castle. A Moorish word.

"Proximus est carcer subteritaneus, sine ut Mauri appellant 'Mazimorra.'"—*Old Latin Dictionary*.

Master. (See BEFORE THE MASTER.)

Master Humphrey. Narrator of the story called *The Old Curiosity Shop*, by Charles Dickens.

Master Leonard. Grand-master of the nocturnal orgies of the demons. He is represented as a three-horned goat, with black human face. He marked his novitiates with one of his horns. (*Middle Age demonology*.)

Master Magrath. The dog which won the Waterloo Cup for three successive years, and was introduced to the Queen. "Waterloo" is on the banks of the Mersey, about three miles north of Liverpool.

Master of Sentences. Pierre Lombard, author of a work called *Sententia*, a compilation from the fathers of the leading arguments, *pro* and *con*, bearing on the hair-splitting theological questions of the Middle Ages. (1100-1161.)

Master of the Mint. A punning term for a gardener.

Master of the Rolls. A punning term for a baker.

Mastic. A tonic which promotes appetite, and therefore only increases the misery of a hungry man.

"Like the starved wretch that hungry mastic clings,

But cheats himself and fosters his disease"

West: *Triumphs of the Gout* (Lutan).

Matadore (3 syl.). In the game of Ombre, *Spadille* (the ace of spades), *Manille* (the seven of trumps), and *Baslo* (the ace of clubs), are called "Matadores."

"Now move to war her rable Matadore . . .

Spadillo first, unconquerable lord,

Led off two captive trumps, and swept the board.

As many more Manillo forced to yield,

And marched a victor from the verdant field,

Him Baslo followed . . ."

Pope: *Rape of the Lock*, canto iii.

Matamoras. Mexicans or savages.

Mat'amore (3 syl.). A poltroon, a swaggerer, a Major Bobadil (q.v.). A

French term composed of two Spanish words, *matar-Moros* (a slayer of Moors.)

"Your followers . . . must bandy and brawl in my court . . . like so many Matamoros."—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. xvi.

Mate. A man does not get his hands out of the tar by becoming second mate. A second mate is expected to put his hands into the tar bucket for tarring the rigging, like the men below him. The first mate is exempt from this dirty work. The rigging is tarred by the hands, and not by brushes.

Maté (2 syl.). Paraguay tea is so called from maté, the vessel in which the herb is in Paraguay infused. These vessels are generally hollow gourds, and the herb is called *yerba de maté*.

Materialism. The doctrines of a *Materialist*, who maintains that the soul and spirit are effects of matter. The orthodox doctrine is that the soul is distinct from the body, and is a portion of the Divine essence breathed into the body. A materialist, of course, does not believe in a "spiritual deity" distinct from matter. Tertullian contended that the Bible proves the soul to be "material," and he charges the "spiritual" view to the heretical doctrines of the Platonic school.

Matfellow. *Villa beata Maria de Matfellow.* Whitechapel, dedicated to Mary the Mother.

Mathew (*Father*), 1799-1856, called *The Apostle of Temperance*. His success was almost miraculous.

Mathisen. One of the three Anabaptists who induced John of Leyden to join their rebellion. (See JOHN OF LEYDEN.)

Mathurin (*St.*). Patron saint of idiots and fools. A pun on his name. (See below.)

The malady of St. Mathurin. Folly, stupidity. A French expression.

Maturins, in French argot, means *dier*, and "maturin plat," a *domino*.

"Ces deux objets doivent leur nom à leur ressemblance avec le costume des Trinitaires (vulgairement appelés *Maturins*), qui, chez nous, portent une monture de serge blanche sur laquelle, quand ils sortaient, ils jetaient un manteau noir."—*Francisque Michel*.

Matilda. Daughter of Lord Robert Fitzwalter. Michael Drayton has a poem of some 670 lines so called.

Matilda. Daughter of Rokeby, and niece of Mortham. She was beloved by Wilfrid, son of Oswald, but loved Redmond, her father's page, who turns out to be Mortham's son. (*Scott: Rokeby*.)

Matilda. Sister of Gessler; in love with Arnold, a Swiss, who had saved her life when threatened by the fall of an avalanche. After the death of Gessler, who was shot by William Tell, the marriage of these lovers is consummated. (*Rossini: Guglielmo Tell, an opera.*)

Rosa Matilda. (See Gifford's *Bariad and Meriad*.)

Matriculate means to enrol oneself in a society. The University is called our *alma mater* (propitious mother). The students are her *alumni* (foster-children), and become so by being enrolled in a register after certain forms and examinations. (Latin, *matricula* a roll.)

Matter-of-fact. Unvarnished truth, prosaic, unimaginative. Whyte Melville speaks of a "matter-of-fact swain."

Matter's afoot (*The*). Is in train, is stirring. *Il marche bien*, it goes well; *ça ira*.

"Now let it work. Mischief, thou art afoot;

Take thou what course thou wilt."

Shakespeare: Julius Caesar, iii. 2.

Matterhorn. *The matrimonial Matterhorn.* The leap in the dark. The Matterhorn is the German name for Mont Cervin, a mountain of the Pennine Alps, about 40 miles east-north-east of Mont Blanc. Above an unbroken glacier-line of 11,000 feet high, it rises in an inaccessible obelisk of rock more than 3,000 feet higher. The total elevation of the Matterhorn is 14,836 feet. Figuratively an danger, or desperate situation threatening destruction.

Matthew (*St.*) in Christian art is represented (1) as an evangelist—an old man with long beard: an angel generally stands near him dictating his Gospel. (2) As an apostle, in which capacity he bears a purse, in reference to his calling as a publican: sometimes he carries a spear, sometimes a carpenter's rule or square. (See LUKE.)

In the last of Matthew. At the last gasp, on one's last legs. This is a German expression, and arose thus: A Catholic priest said in his sermon that Protestantism was in the last of Matthew, and, being asked what he meant, replied, "The last five words of the Gospel of St. Matthew are these: 'The end of this dispensation.'"¹ Of course he quoted the Latin version: ours is less correctly translated "the end of the world."

Matthew Bramble, in Smollett's *Humphrey Clinker*, is Roderick Random grown old, somewhat cynical by experience of the world, but vastly improved

in taste. Chambers says, "Smollett took some of the incidents of the family tour from *Austey's New Bath Guide*." (*English Literature*, vol. ii.)

Matthew Parker's Bible, 1572. The second edition of the "Great Bible," with corrections, etc., by Archbishop Parker.

Matthews' Bible, 1537. A version of the Bible in English, edited by John Rogers, superintendent of the English Church in Germany, and published by him under the fictitious name of Thomas Matthews.

Matthias (*St.*) in Christian art is known by the axe or halbert in his right hand, the symbol of his martyrdom. Sometimes he is bearing a stone, in allusion to the tradition of his having been stoned before he was beheaded.

Maudlin. Stupidly sentimental. *Maudlin drunk* is the drunkenness which is sentimental and inclined to tears. *Maudlin slip-slop* is sentimental chit-chat. The word is derived from Mary Magdalen, who is drawn by ancient painters with a lackadaisical face, and eyes swollen with weeping.

Maugis. The Nestor of French romance, like Hildebrand in German legend. He was one of Charlemagne's paladins, a magician and champion.

Maugis d'Aygrement. Son of Duke Bevis of Aygrement, stolen in infancy by a female slave. As she rested under a white-thorn a lion and a leopard devoured her, and then killed each other in disputing for the infant. The babe cried lustily, and Oriande la Fée, who lived at Roseflour, hearing it, went to the white-thorn and exclaimed, "By the Powers above, this child is *mal gist* (badly lapped);" and ever after he was called *mau-gis*. Oriande took charge of him, and was assisted by her brother Baudris, who taught him magic and necromancy. When grown a man Maugis achieved the adventure of gaining the enchanted horse Bayard, which understood like a human being all that was said, and took from Anthenor, the Saracen, the sword Flamberge or Floberge. Subsequently he gave both the horse and sword to his cousin Renaud. In the Italian romances Maugis is called "Malagigi" (*q.v.*); Renaud is called "Rinaldo" (*q.v.*); Bevis is called "Bu'vo;" the horse is called "Bayardo;" and the sword, "Fusberta." (*Romance of Maugis d'Aygrement et de Vicien son frère.*)

Maugrab'in (*Hegradin*). Brother of Zamot Maugrab'in the Bohemian. He appears disguised as Rouge Sanglier, and pretends to be herald from Liege. (*Sir Walter Scott: Quentin Durward.*)

Maugys. A giant who keeps a bridge leading to a castle by a riverside, in which a beautiful lady is besieged. Sir Lybius, one of Arthur's knights, does battle with the giant; the contest lasts a whole summer's day, but terminates with the death of the giant and liberation of the lady. (*Libraire, a romance.*)

Maul. To beat roughly, to batter. The *maul* was a bludgeon with a leaden head, carried by ancient soldiery. It is generally called a "maul."

Maul (*The Giant*). A giant who used to spoil young pilgrims with sophistry. He attacked Mr. Greathart with a club, and the combat between them lasted for the space of an hour. At length Mr. Greathart pierced the giant under the fifth rib, and then cut off his head. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, pt. ii.)

Maul of Monks (*The*). Thomas Cromwell, visitor-general of English monasteries, many of which he summarily suppressed (1530-1540).

Maunciples Tale. A mediæval version of Ovid's tale about Corvus (*Met.* ii. 543, etc.). Phœbus had a crow which he taught to speak: it was downy white, and as big as a swan. He had also a wife whom he dearly loved, but she was faithless to him. One day when Phœbus came home his bird began sing "Cuckoo! cuckoo! cuckoo!" Phœbus asked what he meant, and the crow told him of his wife's infidelity. Phœbus was very angry and, seizing his bow, shot his wife through the heart; but no sooner did she fall than he repented of his rashness and cursed the bird. "Nevermore shalt thou speak," said he; "henceforth thy offspring shall be black." Moral - "Lordlings, by this ensample, take heed what you say; be no tale-bearers, but -

* When so thou comest amongst high or low,
Keep wet thy tongue, and think upon the crow."
Chaucer, Canterbury Tales.

Maunds (*Royal*). Gifts distributed to the poor on Maundy Thursday (*q.v.*). The number of doles corresponds to the number of years the monarch has been regnant, and the doles used to be distributed by the Lord High Almoner. Since 1883 the doles have been money payments distributed by the Clerk of the Almonry Office. The custom began in

1368, in the reign of Edward III. James I. distributed the doles personally.

"Faireness of al manner of thingis þerly reyn by my lordis of his Maundy, and my landis, and his lordshippis children."—*Household Book of the Earl of Northumberland*, 1512.

Maundrel. A foolish, vapouring gossip. The Scotch say, "Haud your toungie, maundrel." As a verb it means to babble, to prate. In some parts of Scotland the talk of persons in delirium, in sleep, and in intoxication is called *maundrel*. The term is from Sir John Mandeville, the traveller, who published an account of his travels, full of illo gossip and most improbable events.

There is another verb, *maunder* (to mutter, to vapour, or wander in one's talk). This verb is from *maund* (to beg). (See MAUNDY THURSDAY.)

Maundy Thursday. The day before Good Friday is so called from the Latin *dies mandati* (the day of Christ's great mandate). After He had washed His disciples' feet, He said, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another" (St. John xiii. 34).

Spekman derives it from *maund* (a basket), because on the day before the great fast all religious houses and good Catholics brought out their broken food in maunds to distribute to the poor. This custom in many places gave birth to a fair, as the Tombland fair of Norwich, held on the plain before the Cathedral Close.

Mauri-gasima. An island near Formosa, said to have been sunk in the sea in consequence of the great crimes of its inhabitants. (*Kempfer*.)

Mauritania. Morocco and Algiers, the land of the ancient Mauri or Moors.

Mausoleum. One of the seven "wonders of the world;" so called from Mausolus, King of Caria, to whom Artemisia (his wife) erected at Halicarnassos a splendid sepulchral monument B.C. 353. Parts of this sepulchre are now in the British Museum.

The chief mausoleums, besides the one referred to above, are: the mausoleum of Augustus; that of Hadrian, now called the castle of St. Angelo, at Rome; that erected in France to Henry II. by Catherine de Medici; that of St. Peter the Martyr in the church of St. Eustatius, by G. Balduccio in the fourteenth century; and that erected to the memory of Louis XVI.

Maut gets abune the Meal (The). malt liquor or drink gets more potent

than the food eaten—that is, when men get heady or boozey.

• "If the maut gets abune the meal with you, it is time for me to take myself away; and you will come to my room, gentlemen, when you want a cup of tea."—*Sir W. Scott's Redgauntlet*.

Mauthe Dog. A "spectre hound" that for many years haunted the ancient castle of Peel town, in the Isle of Man. This black spaniel used to enter the guard-room as soon as candles were lighted, and leave it at day-break. While this spectre-dog was present the soldiers forebore all oaths and profane talk. One day a drunken trooper entered the guard-house alone out of bravado, but lost his speech and died in three days. Scott refers to it in his *Lay of the Last Minstrel*, vi. stanza 26.

For the legend, see a long note at the beginning of Scott's *Peveril of the Peak*, chapter xv.

Mauvais Ton (French). Bad manners. Ill-breeding, vulgar ways.

Mauvaise Honte (French). Bad or silly shame. Bashfulness, sheepishness.

Mauvaise Plaisanterie (J.). A rude or ill-mannered jest; a jest in bad taste.

Mavournin. Irish for darling. Erin mavournin = Ireland, my darling; Erin go bragh = Ireland for ever!

"Land of me, forget others, Erin go bragh: . . .
Erin mavournin, Erin go bragh."
Emmett's: Éire of Erin.

Mawther. (See MOTHER.)

Mawworm. A vulgar copy of Dr. Cantwell, the hypocrite, in *The Hypocrite*, by Isaac Bickerstaff.

Max. A huntsman, and the best marksman in Germany. He was betrothed to Agatha, who was to be his bride if he obtained the prize in the annual trial-shot. Having been unsuccessful in his practice for several days, Caspar induced him to go to the wolf's glen at midnight and obtain seven charmed balls from Samiel the Black Huntsman. On the day of contest, the prince bade him shoot at a dove. Max aimed at the bird, but killed Caspar, who was concealed in a tree. The prince abolished in consequence the annual fête of the trial-shot. (*Wöber: Der Freischütz, an opera.*)

Max O'Rell. The pen name of M. Blouet, author of *John Bull and his Island*, etc.

Max'imum and Minimum. The greatest and the least amount; as, the

maximum profits or exports, and the minimum profits or exports; the maximum and minimum price of corn during the year. The terms are also employed in mathematics.

Maximus or Maxime (2 syl.)—Officer of the prefect Alma'chius, and his cornicular. Being ordered to put Valirian and Tibur'cō to death because they would not worship the image of Jupiter, he took pity on his victims and led them to his own house, where Cocilia was instrumental in his conversion; whereupon he and "all his" house were at once baptised. When Valirian and Tibur'cō were put to death, Maximus declared that he saw angels come and carry them to heaven, whereupon Alma'chius caused him to be beaten with whips of lead "til he his lif gan lere." (*Chaucer: Secounde Nonnes Tale.*)

May. A lovely girl who married January, an old Lombard baron, sixty years of age. She had a liaison with a young squire named Damyan, and was detected by January; but she persuaded the old fool that his eyes were to blame and that he was labouring under a great mistake, the effect of senseless jealousy. January believed her words, and "who is glad but he?" for what is better than "a fruitful wife, and a confiding spouse?" (*Chaucer: The Marchaundes Tale. Pope: January and May.*)

May (the month) is not derived from Maia, the mother of Mercury, as the word existed long before either Mercury or Maia had been introduced. It is the Latin *Maius*—i.e. *Magius*, from the root *may*, same as the Sanscrit *mah*, to grow; and means the growing or shooting month.

May unlucky for weddings. This is a Roman superstition. Ovid says, "The common people profess it is unlucky to marry in the month of May." In this month were held the festivals of Pona Dea (the goddess of chastity), and the feast of the dead called Lemuralia.

"Nec videtur tædium eidem, nec virginitas apta
Tempora; que nupsit, non diuturna fuit;
Hæc quoque de causa, si te proverbia tangunt,
Mente malum Maius numero vulgus ait."
Ovid: Fasti, v. 406, etc.

Here we go gathering nuts of May.
(See NUTS OF MAY.)

May-day. Polydore Virgil says that the Roman youths used to go into the fields and spend the calends of May in dancing and singing in honour of Flora, goddess of fruits and flowers. The early English consecrated May-day to Robin

Hood and the Maid Marian, because the favourite outlaw died on that day. Stow says the villagers used to set up May-poles, and spend the day in archery, morris-dancing, and other amusements.

Eril May-day (1517), when the London apprentices rose up against the foreign residents, and did incalculable mischief. The riot lasted till May 22nd.

May-duke Cherries. Medoe, a district of France, whence the cherries first came to us.

May Meetings. A title applied to the annual gatherings, in May and June, of the religious and charitable societies, to hear the annual reports and appeals for continued or increased support. The chief meetings are the British Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Females, British and Foreign Bible Society, British and Foreign Schools, Children's Refuge, Church Home Mission, Church Missionary Society, Church Pastoral Aid Society, Clergy Orphan Society, Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, Destitute Sailors' Asylum, Field Lane Refuge, (Governesses' Benevolent Institution, Home and Colonial School Society, Irish Church Missionary Society, London City Mission, Mendicity Society, National Temperance League, Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, Ragged School Union, Religious Tract Society, Royal Asylum of St. Anne's, Sailors' Home, Sunday School Union, Thames Church Missionary Society, United Kingdom Band of Hope, Wesleyan Missionary Society, with many others of similar character.

May Molloch, or *The Maid of the Hairy Arms.* An elf who condescends to mingle in ordinary sports, and even to direct the master of the house how to play dominoes or draughts. Like the White Lady of Avenel, May Molloch is a sort of banshee.

May-pole, May-queen, etc. Dancing round the May-pole on May-day, "going a-Maying," electing a May-queen, and lighting bonfires, are all remnants of Sun-worship, and may be traced to the most ancient times. The chimney-sweeps used to lead about a Jack-in-the-green, and the custom is not yet quite extinct (1895).

May-pole (London). The races in the *Pinxten* take place "where the tall May-pole overlooked the Strand." On the spot now occupied by St. Mary-le-Strand, anciently stood a cross. In the place of this cross a May-pole was set up by John Clarges, a blacksmith,

whose daughter Ann became the wife of Monk, Duke of Albemarle. It was taken down in 1713, and replaced by a new one erected *opposito* Somerset House. This second May-pole had two gilt bulls and a vane on its summit. On holidays the pole was decorated with flags and garlands. It was removed in 1718, and sent by Sir Isaac Newton to Wanstead Park to support the largest telescope in Europe. (*See* UNDERSHAFT.)

"Captain Bailey . . . employed four hackney coaches, with drivers in liveries, to ply at the May-pole in the Strand, fixing his own rates, about the year 1691. Bailey's coaches seem to have been the first of what are now called hackney coaches."—*Note I. The Teller*, iv, p. 115.

May-pole. The Duchess of Kendal, mistress of George I.; so called because she was thin and tall as a May-pole.

Mayeux. The stock name in French plays for a man deformed, vain and licentious, brave and witty.

"Mayflower" (The). A ship of 180 tons, which, in December, 1620, started from Plymouth, and conveyed to Massachusetts, in North America, 102 Puritans, called the "Pilgrim Fathers." They called their settlement New Plymouth.

Mayonnaise. A sauce made with pepper, salt, oil, vinegar, and the yolk of an egg beaten up together. A "may" in French is a cullender or strainer, also a "*fait pancher sur lepot on met les saussins qu'on veut fouler.*"

Mayor. The chief magistrate of a city, elected by the citizens, and holding office for twelve months.

The chief magistrate of London is The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, one of the Privy Council. Since 1340 the chief magistrate of York has been a Lord Mayor, and in 1691 those of Liverpool and Manchester.

There are two Lord Mayors of Ireland, viz. those of Dublin (1665) and of Belfast; and four of Scotland—Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Dundee.

¶ At the Conquest the sovereign appointed the chief magistrates of cities. That of London was called the Port-reeve, but Henry II. changed the word to the Norman *maire* (our mayor). John made the office annual; and Edward III. (in 1351) conferred the title of "The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London."

¶ The first Lord Mayor's Show was 1158, when Sir John Norman went by water in state, to be sworn in at Westminster; and the cap and sword were given by Richard II. to Sir William Walworth, for killing Wat Tyler.

Mayor of Garrath. (*See* GARRATH.)

Mayor of the Bull-ring (Old Dublin). This official and his sheriffs

were elected on May-day and St. Peter's Eve "to be captains and guardians of the batchelors and the unwedded youth of the civitie." For the year the Mayor of the Bull-ring had authority to punish those who frequented brothels and houses of ill-fame. He was termed Mayor of the Bull-ring from an iron ring in the Corn Market, to which bulls for bull-baiting were tied, and if any bachelor happened to marry he was conducted by the Mayor and his followers to the market-place to kiss the bull-ring.

Mayors of the Palace (*Maire du Palais*). Superintendents of the king's household, and stewards of the royal *leudes* or companies of Franco before the accession of the Carolingian dynasty.

Mazarinades (4 syl.). Violent publications issued against Mazarin, the French minister (1650, etc.).

Mazarine Bible (*The*). The earliest book printed in movable metal type. It contains no date, but a copy in the Bibliothèque Mazarine contains the date of the illuminator Cremer (1456), so that the book must have been printed before that date. Called "Mazarine" from Cardinal Mazarin, who founded the library in 1638.

In 1875, at the Perkins's sale, Lord Ashburnham gave £7,000 for a copy in vellum, and Mr. Quaritch, bookseller gave £2,000 for one on paper. At the Thorold sale in 1881 Mr. Quaritch gave £3,000 for a copy. In 1887 he bought one for £2,000; and in 1890 he gave £2,000 for a copy slightly damaged.

Mazeppa (*Jan*), historically, was hetman of the Cossacks. Born of a noble Polish family in Podolia, he became a page in the court of Jan Casimir, King of Poland. Here he intrigued with There'sia, the young wife of a Podolian count, who had the young page lashed to a wild horse, and turned adrift. The horse dropped down dead in the Ukraine, where Mazeppa was released by a Cossack family, who nursed him in their own hut. He became secretary to the hetman, and at the death of the prince was appointed his successor. Peter I. admired him, and created him Prince of the Ukraine, but in the wars with Sweden Mazeppa deserted to Charles XII., and fought against Russia at Pultowa. After the loss of this battle, Mazeppa fled to Valentin, and then to Bender. Some say he died a natural death, and others that he was put to death for treason by the Czar. Lord Byron makes Mazeppa tell his tale to Charles after the battle of Pultowa. (1640-1709.)

Maser. A cup; so called from the British *masarn* (maple); Dutch, *maeser*. Like our copus-cups in Cambridge, and the loving-cup of the London Corporation.

"A mazer wrought of the maple ward."
Spenser: Calendar (August).
 "Bring hither," he said, "the masers four
 My noble fathers loved of yore."
Sir Walter Scott: Lord of the Isles.

Maz'ikeen or *Shedcem*. A species of beings in Jewish mythology exactly resembling the Arabian Jinn or genii, and said to be the agents of magic and enchantment. When Adam fell, says the Talmud, he was excommunicated for 130 years, during which time he begat demons and spectres; for, it is written, "Adam lived 130 years and (i.e. before he) begat children in his own image" (Genesis v. 3). (*Rabbi Jeremiah ben Eliezar*.)

"And the Mazikeen shall not come nigh thy tents."—Psalms xci. 5 (Chaldee version).

Sicells out like the Mazikeen ass. The allusion is to a Jewish tradition that a servant, whose duty it was to rouse the neighbourhood to midnight prayer, found one night an ass in the street, which he mounted. As he rode along the ass grew bigger and bigger, till at last it towered as high as the tallest edifice, where it left the man, and where next morning he was found.

Mazzi'ni-ism. The political system of Giuseppe Mazzi'ni, who filled almost every sovereign and government in Europe with a panic-terror. His plan was to establish secret societies all over Europe, and organise the several governments into federated republics. He was the founder of what is called "Young Italy," whose watchwords were "Liberty, Equality, and Humanity," whose motto was "God and the People," and whose banner was a tricolour of white, red, and green. (Born at Genoa, 1808.)

Meal or Malt (In). *In meal or in malt.* Directly or indirectly; some sort of subsidy. If much money passes through the hand, some profit will be sure to accrue either "in meal or in malt."

"When other interests in the country (as the cotton trade, the iron trade, and the coal trade) had been depressed, the Government had not been called upon for assistance in meal and malt."—*Sir William Harcourt: On Agricultural Depression*, 13th April, 1894.

He must pay either in meal or malt.
In one way or another. A certain

percentage of meal or malt is the miller's perquisite.

"If they [the Tories] wish to get the working-class vote, they have got to pay for it either in meal or in malt."—*Nineteenth Century*, August, 1892, p. 311.

Meal-tub Plot. A plot by Dangerfield against James, Duke of York, in 1679; so called because the scheme was kept in a meal-tub in the house of Mrs Cellier. Dangerfield subsequently confessed the whole affair was a forgery, and was both whipped and condemned to stand in the pillory.

Meals. In the fourteenth century breakfast hour was five; dinner, nine; supper, four. (*Chaucer's Works*.)

In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the breakfast hour was seven; dinner, eleven; supper, six. (*Wright: Domestic Manners*.)

Towards the close of the sixteenth century dinner advanced to noon.

In Ireland the gentry dined at between two or three in the early part of the eighteenth century. (*Swift: Country Life*.)

Mealy-mouthed is the Greek *melimouthos* (honey-speech), and means velvet-tongued, afraid of giving offence.

Meander (3 syl.). To wind; so called from the Meander, a winding river of Phrygia. The "Greek pattern" in embroidery is so called.

Measure. *Out of all measure.* "Outre mesure." Beyond all reasonable degree, "Præter (or supra) modum."

"Thus out of all measure we are."—*Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing*, i. 3.

To take the measure of one's foot. To ascertain how far a person will venture; to make a shrewd guess of another's character. The allusion is to "*Ec pede Hæculeum*."

Measure Strength (To). To wrestle together; to fight, to contest.

Measure Swords (To). To fight a duel with swords. In such cases the seconds measure the swords to see that both are of one length.

"So we measured swords and parted."—*Shakespeare: As You Like It*, v. 1.

Measure for Measure (Shakespeare). The story is taken from a tale in G. Whetstone's *Heptameron*, entitled *Promos and Cassandra* (1578). Promos is called by Shakespeare, "Lord Angelo;" and Cassandra is "Isabella." Her brother, called by Shakespeare "Claudio," is named Andrugio in the story. A similar story is given in Giovanni Giraldi Cinthio's third decade of stories.

Measure One's Length on the Ground (To). To fall flat on the ground; to be knocked down.

"If you will measure your lubber's length, tarry."—*Shakespeare: King Lear*, i. 4.

Measure Other People's Corn. To measure other people's corn by one's own bushel. To judge of others by oneself. In French, "*Mesurer les autres à son aune*;" in Latin, "*Alios suo modulo metiri*."

Meat, Bread. These words tell a tale; both mean food in general. The Italians and Asiatics eat little animal food, and with them the word *bread* stands for food; so also with the poor, whose chief diet it is; but the English consume meat very plentifully, and this word, which simply means food, almost exclusively implies animal food. In the banquet given to Joseph's brethren, the viceroy commanded the servants "to set on bread" (*Genesis* xliii. 31). In *Psalms* civ. 27 it is said of fishes, creeping things, and crocodiles, that God giveth them their meat in due season."

To carry off meat from the graves—i.e. to be poor as a church mouse. The Greeks and Romans used to make feasts at certain seasons, when the dead were supposed to return to their graves. In these feasts the fragments were left on the tombs for the use of the ghosts.

Moc (French). Slang for king, governor, master; *méquier*, a commander; *méquer*, to command. All these are derived from the fourbesque word *maggio*, which signifies God, king, pope, doctor, seigneur, and so on, being the Latin *major*. (There are the Hebrew words *micheh* and *micheh* also.)

Mocca's Three Idols. Lata, Alo'za, and Menat, all of which Mahomet overthrew.

Meche (French). "*Il y a meche*," the same as "*Il y a moyen*," so the negative "*Il n'y a pas meche*" (there is no possibility). The *Dictionnaire du Bas-langage* says:

"Dans le langage typographique, lorsque des ouvriers viennent proposer leurs services dans quelque imprimerie, ils demandent s'il y a meche; c'est-à-dire, si l'on peut les occuper. Les compositeurs demandent s'il y a meche pour la casse, et les pressiers demandent s'il y a meche pour la presse."—*Vol. ii. p. 122.*

"Sont nés dedans ceste caverna
De nul honneur il n'y a meche."
Moralité de la Venetité de Joseph.

Medam'othi (Greek, never in any place). The island at which the fleet of Pantagruel landed on the fourth day of their voyage, and where they bought

many choice curiosities, such as the picture of a man's voice, echo drawn to life, Plato's ideas, the atoms of Epicurus, a sample of Philomela's needlework, and other objects of vertu which could be obtained in no other portion of the globe. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 3.)

Médard (St.). Master of the rain. St. Médard was the founder of the rose-prize of Salency in reward of merit. The legend says, he was one day passing over a large plain, when a sudden shower fell, which wetted everyone to the skin except himself. He remained dry as a toast, for an eagle had kindly spread his wings for an umbrella over him, and ever after he was termed *maître de la pluie*.

"*Il pleut le jour de S. Médard* [1st June]
Il pleut quarante jours plus tard."

Medea. A sorceress, daughter of the King of Colchis. She married Jason, the leader of the Argonauts, whom she aided to obtain the golden fleece.

Medea's Kettle or Caldron. to boil the old into youth again. Medea, the sorceress, cut an old ram to pieces, and, throwing the pieces into her caldron, the old ram came forth a young lamb. The daughters of Pelias thought to restore their father to youth in the same way; but Medea refused to utter the magic words, and the old man ceased to live.

"Get thee Medea's kettle and be boiled anew."
—*Comptre. Lear for Love* &c.

Medham [the keen]. One of Mahomet's swords, taken from the Jews when they were exiled from Médina. (See *Swords*.)

Medieval or Middle Ages begin with the Council of Chalcedon (451), and end with the revival of literature in the fifteenth century, according to the Rev. J. G. Dowling. According to Hallam, they begin from the downfall of the Western Empire, in 476, to the Italian expeditions of Charles VIII. of France (1494-1496).

Med'ian Apples. Pome-citrons.

Median Stone (The). Said to cure blindness, and, if soaked in ewe's milk, to cure the gout.

Medicine, in alchemy, was that agent which brought about the transmutation of metals, or renewed old age; the philosopher's stone, and the elixir of life.

"How much unlike art thou, Mark Antony!
Yet, coming from him, that great medicine
With his tinct gilded thee."
Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra, i. 5.

Father of Medicine. Aræteos of Capadocia, who lived at the close of the first and beginning of the second century, and Hippocrates of Cos (B.C. 460-357) are both so called.

Medicinal Days. The sixth, eighth, tenth, twelfth, sixteenth, eighteenth, etc., of a disease; so called because, according to Hippocrates, no "crisis" occurs on these days, and medicine may be safely administered. (See **CRISIS**.)

Medicinal Hours. Hours proper for taking medicine, viz. morning fasting, an hour before dinner, four hours after dinner, and bed-time. (Quincy.)

Medi'na. (*Economy*, Latin *medium*, the golden mean.) Step-sister of Elissa and Perissa, but they could never agree upon any subject. (Spenser: *Fæerie Queene*, book ii.)

Medina means in Arabic "city." The city so called is "Medinat al Nabi" (city of the prophet).

Mediterranean (*Key of the*). The fortress of Gibraltar, which commands the entrance.

Medium (*A*), in the language of spirit-rappers, etc., is some one possessed of "oddylic force," who puts the question of the interrogator to the "spirit" consulted.

Medora. The betrothed of the Corsair. (Byron: *The Corsair*.)

Medo'ro (in *Orlando Furioso*). A Moorish youth of extraordinary beauty; a friend of Dardinello, King of Zuma'ra. After Dardinello was slain, Medo'ro is wounded by some unknown spear. Angelica dresses his wounds, falls in love with him, marries him, and they retire to India, where he becomes King of Cathay in right of his wife.

Medusa. Chief of the Gorgons. Her head was cut off by Perseus (2 syl.), and Minerva placed it in her ægis. Everyone who looked on this head was instantly changed into stone.

The tale is that Medusa, famous for her hair, presumed to set her beauty above that of Minerva; so the jealous goddess converted her rival's hair into snakes, which changed to stone anyone who looked thereon.

The most famous painting of Medusa is by Leonardo da Vinci; it is called his *chef d'œuvre*.

Meerschaum (2 syl., German, *sea-froth*.) This mineral, from having been found on the sea-shore in rounded white

lumps, was ignorantly supposed to be sea-froth petrified; but it is a compound of silica, magnesia, lime, water, and carbonic acid. When first dug it lathers like soap, and is used as a soap by the Tartars.

Meg. Mons Meg. An old-fashioned piece of artillery in the castle of Edinburgh, made at Mons in Flanders. It was considered a palladium by the Scotch. (See **LONG MEG**.)

"Sent awa' our crown, and our sword, and our sceptre, and Mons Meg to be kept by the English . . . in the Tower of London (N.B. It was restored in 1828)."—Scott: *Rob Roy*, chap. xviii.

A roaring Meg. A cannon given by the Fishmongers of London, and used in 1689. Burton says, "*Music is a roaring Meg against melancholy*."

Meg Doda. An old landlady in Scott's novel called *St. Rovan's Well*.

Meg Merrilies (in Sir W. Scott's *Guy Mannering*). This character was based on that of Jean Gordon, an inhabitant of the village of Kirk Yetholm, in the Cheviot Hills, in the middle of the eighteenth century. A sketch of Jean Gordon's life will be found in *Blackwood's Magazine*, vol. i. p. 54. She is a half-crazy sibyl or gipsy.

Mega'rian School. A philosophical school, founded by Euclid, a native of Meg'ara, and disciple of Socrates.

Mega'rians (*The*). A people of Greece proverbial for their stupidity; hence the proverb, "Wise as a Mega'rian"—i.e. not wise at all; yet *see above*.

Megathe'rium (Greek, *great-beast*). A gigantic extinct quadruped of the sloth kind.

Me'grims. A corruption of the Greek *hemi-crania* (half the skull), through the French *migraine*. A neuralgic affection generally confined to one brow, or to one side of the forehead; whims, fancies.

Meigle (in Strathmore). The place where Guinever, Arthur's queen, was buried.

Meiny (2 syl.). A company of attendants. (Norman, *meignal* and *meenie*, a household, *our meinal*.)

"With that the smiling Kriemhild forthstepped a little grace,
And Brunhild and her meiny greeted with gentle grace."
Lietson's Nibelungen Lied, stanza 604.

Meissonier-like Exactness. Jean Louis Ernest Meissonier, R.A., a French

artist, born at Lyons, 1813, exhibited in 1836 a microscopic painting called *Petit Messenger*, and became proverbial for the utmost possible precision.

Meistersingers. Minstrel tradesmen of Germany, who attempted to revive the national minstrelsy of the minnesingers, which had fallen into decay. Hans Sachs, the cobbler (1494-1574), was by far the most celebrated of these poets.

Mejnoun and Lellah. A Persian love-tale, the *Romeo and Juliet* or *Pyramus and Thisbe* of Eastern romance.

Melampode (3 syl.). Black hellebore; so called from Melampus, a famous soothsayer and physician, who cured with it the daughters of Prætus of their melancholy. (*Virgil: Georgics*, iii, 550.)

"My sleep, like we'll be,
They need not melancholy;
For they been hale enough I trow,
And liken their shode."

Spyenser: Eclogue vii.

Melancholy. Lowness of spirits, supposed at one time to arise from a redundancy of black bile. (Greek, *melas* cholt.)

Melancholy Jacques (1 syl.). So Jean Jacques Rousseau was called for his morbid sensibilities and unhappy spirit. (1712-1777.) The expression is from Shakespeare, *As You Like It*, ii, 1.

Melancthon is merely the Greek for *Scholarde* (black earth), the real name of this amiable reformer. (1497-1560.) Similarly, *Feolampadius* is the Greek version of the German name *Hansschien*, and *Desiderius Erasmus* is one Latin and one Greek rendering of the name *Gherard Gherard*.

Melan'tius. A brave, honest soldier, who believes everyone to be true and honest till convicted of crime, and then is he a relentless punisher. (*Beaumont and Fletcher: The Maid's Tragedy*.)

Melanuros. Abstain from the *Mc-lanuros*. This is the sixth symbol in the *Proteptics*. *Melan-uros* means the "black-tailed." Pythagoras told his disciples to abstain from that which has a black tail, in other words, from such pleasures and pursuits as end in sorrow, or bring grief. The *Melanuros* is a fish of the perch family, sacred to the terrestrial gods.

Melchior, Kaspar, and Balthazar. The three magi, according to Cologne tradition, who came from the East to

make offerings to the "Babe of Bethlehem, born King of the Jews."

• **Melchisedec'ians.** Certain heretics in the early Christian Church, who entertained strange notions about Melchisedec. Some thought him superior to Christ, some paid him adoration, and some believed him to be Christ Himself or the Holy Ghost.

Melca'ger. Distinguished for throwing the javelin. He slew the Calydonian boar. It was declared by the fates that he would die as soon as a piece of wood then on the fire was burnt up; whereupon his mother snatched the log from the fire and extinguished it; but after Meleager had slain his maternal uncles, his mother threw the brand on the fire again, and Meleager died.

The death of Meleager was a favourite subject in ancient reliefs. The famous picture of Charles le Brun is in the Musée Impériale of Paris.

Melcsig'enes. So Homer is sometimes called, because one of the traditions fixes his birthplace on the banks of the Meles, in Ionia. In a similar way we call Shakespeare the "Bard of Avon." (*See HOMER*.)

"But hither sang
Mild Melesigenes—then Ron et called."
Milton: Paradise Regained.

Mele'tians. The followers of Meletius, Bishop of Lycopolis, in Egypt, who is said to have sacrificed to idols in order to avoid the persecutions of Diocletian. A trimmer in religion.

Melia'dus (*King*). Father of Tristan; he was drawn to a chase *par mal engin et negromance* of a fay who was in love with him, and from whose thralldom he was ultimately released by the power of the great enchanter Merlin. (*Tristan de Leonis, a romance*; 1489.)

Melibe'us or Melibe. A wealthy young man married to Prudens. One day, when Melibeus "went into the fields to play," some of his enemies got into his house, beat his wife, and wounded his daughter Sophie with five mortal wounds "in her feet, in her hands, in her ears, in her nose, and in her mouth," left her for dead, and made their escape. When Melibeus returned home he resolved upon vengeance, but his wife persuaded him to forgiveness, and Melibeus, taking his wife's counsel, called together his enemies, and told them he forgave them "to this effect and to this end, that God of His endless mercy wote at the tyme of oure deynges forgive us oure gyltes that we have

trespassed to Him in this wretched world." (*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales.*)

N.B. This prose tale of Melibœus is a literal translation of a French story, of which there are two copies in the British Museum. (*MS. Reg.* 19, c. vii.; and *MS. Reg.* 19, c. xi.)

Melibœan Dye. A rich purple. Melibœa, in Thessaly, was famous for the *ostrum*, a fish used in dyeing purple.

"A military vest of purple flowed,
Lovelier than Melibœan."

Milton: Paradise Lost, xi. 342.

Melicer'tes (4 syl.). Son of Ino, a sea deity. Athamas imagined his wife to be a lioness, and her two sons to be lion's cubs. In his frenzy he slew one of the boys, and drove the other (named Melicer'tes) with his mother into the sea. The mother became a sea-goddess, and the boy the god of harbours.

Melior. A lovely fairy, who carried off Parthenopex of Blois to her secret island in her magic bark. (*French romance* called *Parthenopex de Blois*, 12th cent.)

Melisen'dra. Charlemagne's daughter, married to his nephew Don Gwyfe'ros. She was taken captive by the Moors, and confined seven years in a dungeon, when Gwyfe'ros rescued her. (*Don Quixote.*)

Melissa (in *Orlando Furioso*). The prophetess who lived in Merlin's cave. Bradamant gave her the enchanted ring to take to Rogero; so, assuming the form of Atlantès, she went to Alcina's island, and not only delivered Rogero, but disenchanted all the forms metamorphosed in the island. In book xix. she assumes the form of Rodomont, and persuades Agramant to break the league which was to settle the contest by single combat. A general battle ensues.

Mell Supper. Harvest supper; so called from the French *myler* (to mix together), because the master and servants sat promiscuously at the harvest board.

Mellifluous Doctor (*The*). St. Bernard, whose writings were called a "river of Paradise." (1091-1153.)

Mel'on. The Mahometans say that the eating of a melon produces a thousand good works. So named from Melos.

Etc. 'n melon. To be stupid or dull of comprehension. The melon-pumpkin or squash is soft and without heart, hence "être un melon" is to be as soft as a squash. So also "avoir un cœur de

melon (or de citrouille)" means to have no heart at all. Tertullian says of Marcion, the heresiarch, "he has a pumpkin [*pep'one*] in the place of a heart [*cordis locu*]." It will be remembered that Thersitès, the railer, calls the Greeks "pumpkins" (*pep'onēs*).

Melons (French). Children sent to school for the first time; so called because they come from a "hot-bed," and are as delicate as exotics. At St. Cyr, the new-comers are called in school-slang "*Les melons*," and the old stagers "*Les anciens*."

Melons. There are certain stones on Mount Carmel called Stone Melons. The tradition is that Elijah saw a peasant carrying melons, and asked him for one. The man said they were not melons but stones, and Elijah instantly converted them into stones.

A like story is told of St. Elizabeth of Thuringia. She gave so bountifully to the poor as to cripple her own household. One day her husband met her with her lapful of something, and demanded of her what she was carrying. "Only flowers, my lord," said Elizabeth, and to save the lie God converted the leaves into flowers. (*The Schonberg-Cotta Family*, p. 19.)

Melpom'ene (4 syl.). The muse of tragedy. The best painting of this muse is by Le Brun, at Versailles.

Melrose Abbey (*Register of*) from 735 to 1270, published in *Fulman* (1684).

Melus'ina. The most famous of the *fées* of France. Having enclosed her father in a high mountain for offending her mother, she was condemned to become every Saturday a serpent from her waist downward. When she married Kaymoud, Count of Lusignan, she made her husband vow never to visit her on a Saturday; but, the jealousy of the count being excited, he hid himself on one of the forbidden days, and saw his wife's transformation. Melusina was now obliged to quit her mortal husband, and was destined to wander about as a spectre till the day of doom. Some say the count immured her in the dungeon of his castle. (*See UNDISINE.*)

Tri de Mélusine. A sudden scream; in allusion to the scream of despair uttered by the fairy when she discovered the indiscreet visit of her beloved husband. (*See above.*)

Mélusines (3 syl.). Gingerbread cakes bearing the impress of a beautiful

woman "*bien coiffée*," with a serpent's tail; made by confectioners for the May fair in the neighbourhood of Lusignan, near Poitiers. The allusion is to the transformation of the fairy Melusina every Saturday. (*See above*.)

Melyhalt (*Lady*). A powerful subject of King Arthur, whose domains Galiot invaded. She chose Galiot as her lover.

Memento Mori (*A*). Something to put us in mind of the shortness and uncertainty of life.

"I make as good use of it [Bardolph's face] as many a man doth of a death's head or a memento mori."—*Shakespeare: Henry IV., iii. 3.*

Memnon. Prince of the Ethiopians, who went to the assistance of his uncle Priam, and was slain by Achilles. His mother Eos was inconsolable for his death, and wept for him every morning.

The Greeks used to call the statue of Amenophis III., in Thebes, that of Memnon. This image, when first struck by the rays of the rising sun, is said to have produced a sound like the snapping asunder of a chord. Poetically, when Eos (morning) kisses her son at daybreak, the hero acknowledges the salutation with a musical murmur. The word is the Egyptian *mei-anun*, beloved of Anunin.

"Memnon bending o'er his broken lyre"
Darwin: Economy of Vegetation, i. 2.

Memnon. One of Voltaire's novels, designed to show the folly of aspiring to too much wisdom.

Memnon's sister. Himera, mentioned by Dictys Cretensis.

"Black, but such as in esteem
Prince Memnon's sister might bescem."
Milton: Il Penseroso.

The legend given by Dictys Cretensis (book vi.) is that Himera, on hearing of her brother's death, set out to secure his remains, and encountered at Paphos a troop laden with booty, and carrying Memnon's ashes in an urn. Pallas, the leader of the troop, offered to give her either the urn or the booty, and she chose the urn.

Probably all that is meant is this: Black so delicate and beautiful that it might bescem a sister of Memnon the son of Aurora or the early day-dawn.

Memorable. *The ever memorable.* John Hales, of Eton (1584-1666).

Memory. Magliabechi, of Florence, the book lover, was called "the universal index and living cyclopædia." (1633-1714.) (*See WOODFALL.*)

Bard of Memory. Samuel Rogers,

author of *Pleasures of Memory*. (1762-1855.)

• **Men in Buckram**. Hypothetical men existing only in the brain of the imaginer. The allusion is to the vaunting tale of Falstaff to Prince Henry. (*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., ii. 4.*)

Men of Kent. (*See KENT.*)

Men of Lawn. Bishops of the Anglican Church. (*See MAN.*)

Men are but Children of a Larger Growth. (*Dryden: All for Love, iv. 1.*)

Menah. A large stone worshipped by certain tribes of Arabia between Mecca and Medina. This, stone, like most other Arabian idols, was demolished in the eighth year of "the flight." The "menah" is simply a rude large stone brought from Mecca, the sacred city, by certain colonists, who wished to carry with them some memento of the Holy Land.

Menal'cas. Any shepherd or rustic. The name figures in the *Eclogues* of Virgil and the *Idyls* of Theocritus.

Me'nam. A river of Siam, on whose banks swarms of fire-flies are seen.

Menam'ber. A rocking-stone in the parish of Sithney (Cornwall) which a little child could move. The soldiers of Cromwell thought it fostered superstition, and rendered it immovable.

Mendicants. The four orders are the Jacobins, Franciscans, Augustinians, and Carmelites (3 syl.).

Mendo'za (*Daniel*), the Jew. A prize-fighter who held the belt at the close of the last century, and in 1791 opened the Lyceum in the Strand to teach "the noble art of boxing." (1719-1791.)

"When Humphreys stood up to the Israelite's
Thumps
In kerseyvane breeches and touch-me-not
pumps."
Mendoza the Jew.

• **The Odiad** (1798) is a mock heroic on the battle between Mendoza and Humphreys. *The Art of Boxing* (1799) was written by Mendoza. *Memoirs of the Life of Daniel Mendoza* (1816). See also *Fugilistica*, vol. i. (1880).

Menech'miasts. Persons exactly like each other, as the brothers Dromio. So called from the *Menechmi* of Plautus.

• In the *Comedy of Errors*, not only the two Dromios are exactly like each others, but also Antipholus of Ephesus is the facsimile of his brother, Antipholus of Syracuse.

Menecrates (4 syl.). A physician of Syracuse, of such unbounded vanity that he called himself Jupiter. Philip of Macedon invited him to a banquet, but served him with incense only.

"Such was Menecrates of little worth,
Who Jove, the saviour, to be called presumed,
To whom of incense Philip made a feast."
Lord Brooke: Inquisition upon Fame, etc.

Menevia. St. David's (Wales). Its old British name was *Henemeuev*.

Meng-tse. The fourth of the sacred books of China; so called from its author, Latinised into Mencius. It is by far the best of all, and was written in the fourth century B.C. Confucius or Kong-foo-tse wrote the other three: viz. *Ta-heo* (*School of Adults*), *Choung-yong* (*The Golden Mean*), and *Lun-yu* (or *Book of Maxims*).

Mother of Meng. A Chinese expression, meaning "an admirable teacher." Meng's father died soon after the birth of the sage, and he was brought up by his mother. (*Died* B.C. 317.)

Me'nie (2 syl.). A contraction of *Marianne*.

"And maun I still on Me'nie dote,
And bear the scorn that's in her eye!"
Burns.

Menip'pos, the cynic, called by Lucian "the greatest snarler and snapper of all the old dogs" (*cynics*).

Varro wrote in *Latin Satyræ Menippeæ*.

The Menippean Satire is a political pamphlet, partly in verse and partly in prose, designed to expose the perfidious intentions of Spain in regard to France, and the criminal ambition of the Guise family. The chief writers were Leroy (who died 1593), Pithou (1544-1596), Passerat (1534-1602), and Rapin, the poet (1540-1609).

Menonites (3 syl.). The followers of Simons Menno, a native of Friesland, who modified the fanatical views of the Anabaptists. (1496-1561.)

Men'struum means a *monthly dissolvent* (*Latin, mensis*), from the notion of the alchemists that it acted only at the full of the moon.

"All Liquors are called menstruus which are used as dissolvents, or to extract the virtues of ingredients by infusion or decoction."—*Quincy*.

Mental Hallucinations. The mind informing the senses, instead of the senses informing the mind. There can be no doubt that the senses may be excited by the mind (from within, as

well as from without). Macbeth saw the dagger of his imagination as distinctly as the dagger which he held in his hand. Malebranche declared that he heard the voice of God. Descartes thought he was followed by an invisible person, telling him to pursue his search for truth. Goethe says that, on one occasion, he met an exact counterpart of himself. Sir Walter Scott was fully persuaded that he had seen the ghost of the deceased Byron. All such hallucinations (due to mental disturbances) are of such stuff as dreams are made of.

Mentor. A guide, a wise and faithful counsellor; so called from Mentor, a friend of Ulysses, whose form Minerva assumed when she accompanied Telemachos in his search for his father. (*Fénelon: Télémaque.*)

Me'nu. Son of Brahma, whose institutes are the great code of Indian civil and religious law.

Meo Peric'ulo (Latin). On my responsibility; I being bond.

"I will vouch for Edie Ochiltree, *meo periculo*," said Oldbuck."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. xxxviii.

Mephib'osheth, in *Absalom* and *Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is meant for Pordage, a poetaster (il. 103).

Mephistoph'eles, Mephistophilis, Mephostoph'elus. A sneering, jeering, leering tempter. The character is that of a devil in Goethe's *Faust*. He is next in rank to Satan.

Mercador Amante—the basis of our comedy called *The Curious Impertinent*—was by Gaspar de Avila, a Spaniard.

Mercator's Projection is Mercator's chart or map for nautical purposes. The meridian lines are at right angles to the parallels of latitude. It is so called because it was devised by Gerhard Kauffmann, whose surname Latinised is Mercator (*Merchant*). (1512-1591.)

Merchant of Venice. A drama by Shakespeare. A similar story occurs in the *Gesta Romanorum*. The tale of the bond is chapter xiviii., and that of the caskets is chapter xcix. Shakespeare, without doubt, is also indebted for his plot to the novelette *Il Pecorone* of Ser. Giovanni. (Fourteenth century.)

"Loki made a wager with Brock and lost. He wagered his head, but saved it on the plea that Brock could not take his head without touching his neck. (*Sinrock's Edda*, p. 305.)

Mer'cia. The eighth and last kingdom of the Heptarchy, between the Thames and the Humber. It was the mere or boundary of the Anglo-Saxons and free Britons of Wales.

Mercur'ial. Light-hearted and gay, like those born under the planet Mercury. (*Astrological notion.*)

Mercur'ial Finger (The). The little finger.

"The thumb, in chiromancy, we give to Venus, The forefinger to Jove, the midst to Saturn, The ring to Sol, the least to Mercury."

Ben Jonson: The Alchemist, i. 1.

"If pointed it denotes eloquence, if square it denotes sound judgment.

Mercuriale (4 syl., French). An harangue or rebuke; so called from Mercuriale, as the first Wednesday after the great vacation of the Parliament under the old French régime used to be called. On this day the house discussed grievances, and reprimanded members for misconduct.

Mer'cury. Images of Mercury, or rather, shapeless posts with a marble head of Mercury on them, used to be erected by the Greeks and Romans where two or more roads met, to point out the way. (*Juvenal, viii. 53.*)

There are two famous statues of this god in Paris: one in the garden of Versailles, by Le Cambray, and another in the Tuileries, by Melano.

You cannot make a Mercury of every log. Pythagoras said: "Non ex quovis ligno Mercurius fit." That is, "Not every mind will answer equally well to be trained into a scholar." The proper wood for a statue of Mercury was box-wood—"vel quod hominis pulchorem præ se ferat, vel quod materies sit omnium maxime æterna." (*Erasmus.*)

Mercury, in astrology, "signifieth subtil men, ingenious, inconstant: rymers, poets, advocates, orators, phys-osophers, arithmeticians, and busie fellows."

Mercury Fig. (In Latin *Ficus ad Mercurium*). The first fig gathered off a fig-tree was by the Romans devoted to Mercury. The proverbial saying was applied generally to all first fruits or first works, as the "Guide to Science was my Mercury fig."

Mercur'tio. A kind-hearted, witty nobleman, kinsman to the Prince of Verona, in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Being mortally wounded by Tybalt, he was naked if he were hurt, and replied, "A scratch, a scratch; marry, 'tis enough."

The Mercutio of actors. Lewis, who displayed in acting the combination of the top and real gentleman. (1718-1811.)

Mercy. A young pilgrim who accompanied Christiana in her pilgrimage to Mount Zion. She married Matthew, Christian's son. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress, part ii.*)

Mer'cy. The seven works of mercy are:—

- (1) To tend the sick.
- (2) To feed the hungry.
- (3) To give drink to the thirsty.
- (4) To clothe the naked.
- (5) To house the homeless.
- (6) To visit the fatherless and the afflicted.
- (7) To bury the dead.

Matt. xxv. 35-40.

Meredith (Owen). The pseudonym of Edward Robert Bulwer Lytton, author of *Chronicles and Characters*, in verse (1831). He became Lord Lytton (1873-1891).

Meridian (A). A noonday drun of spirits.

"He received from the hand of the waiter the meridian, which was placed ready at the bar."—*Sir Walter Scott: Redgauntlet, chap. i.*

Mer'no Sheep. A Spanish breed of sheep, very valuable for their wool.

Mer'ioneth (Wales) is *maerionath* (a dairy farm).

Merlan (French). A whiting, or a hairdresser. Perruquiers are so called because at one time they were covered with flour like whiting prepared for the frying-pan.

"Madressant un merlan qui flait une perruque sur un peigne de fer."—*Chateaubriand: Mémoires à Ombre-Tombée.*

Merlin. Prince of Enchanters; also the name of a romance. He was the son of a damsel seduced by a fiend, but Blaise baptised the infant, and so rescued it from the power of Satan. He died spell-bound by his mistress Vivian in a hawthorn-bush. (*See Spenser's Faerie Queene, Tennyson's Idylls of the King, and Ellis's Specimens of Early English Metrical Romances.*)

The English Merlin. Lilly, the astrologer, who published two tracts under the assumed name of "Merlinus Anglicus."

Merlin Chair (A). A three-wheeled invalid chair, with a double tyre to the two front wheels, the outer tyre being somewhat smaller than that on which the chair rests, so that by turning it with the hand the chair can be propelled. Named after the inventor.

Merlo or Melo (Juan de). Born at Castile in the 16th century. A dispute

having arisen at Esalo'na upon the question whether Hector or Achilles was the braver warrior, the Marques de Ville'na called out in a voice of thunder, "Let us see if the advocates of Achilles can fight as well as prate." Presently there appeared in the midst of the assembly a gigantic fire-breathing monster, which repeated the same challenge. Everyone shrank back except Juan de Melo, who drew his sword and placed himself before the king (Juan II.) to protect him, for which exploit he was appointed alcaide of Alcala la Real (Granada). (*Chronica de Don Alvaro de Luna.*)

Mermaids. Sir James Emerson Tennent, speaking of the dugong, a cetacean, says, "Its head has a rude approach to the human outline, and the mother while suckling her young holds it to her breast with one flipper, as a woman holds her infant in her arm. If disturbed she suddenly dives under water, and tosses up her fish-like tail. It is this creature which has probably given rise to the tales about mermaids."

Mermaid. Mary Queen of Scots (q.v.).

Mermaid's Glove [*Chalina oculata*], the largest of British sponges, so called because its branches resemble fingers.

Mermaids' Purses. The empty cases of fishes' eggs, frequently cast up by the waves on the sea-beach.

Mer'opē. One of the Pleiads; dimmer than the rest, because she married a mortal.

Merops' Son or *A son of Merops*. One who thinks he can set the world to rights, but can only set it on fire. Agitators and stump orators, demagogues and Nihilists, are sons of Merops. The allusion is to Phaeton, son of Merops, who thought himself able to drive the car of Phoebus, but, in the attempt, nearly set the world on fire.

Merovingian Dynasty. The dynasty of Merovius, a Latin form of *Merwig* (great warrior). Similarly Louis is Clovis, and Clovis is *Clot-wig* (noted warrior).

Merric England may probably mean "illustrious," from the old Teutonic *mer*. (Anglo-Saxon, *mæra*, famous.) According to R. Ferguson, the word appears in the names *Marry*, *Merry*, *Merrick*; the French *Méra*, *Méreau*, *Mérey*, *Mérik*; and numerous others.

(*Teutonic Name-System*, p. 368.) (See below **MERRY**.)

Marrow. A mermaid, believed by Irish fishermen to forebode a coming storm. There are male merrows, but no word to designate them. (Irish, *Murruadh* or *Murroughach*, from *muir*, the sea, and *oigh*, a maid.)

"It was rather annoying to Jack that, though living in a place where the merrows were as plenty as lobsters, he never could get a right view of one."—*W. B. Yeats: Fairy and Folk Tales*, p. 63.

Merry. The original meaning is not *mirthful*, but active, famous; hence gallant soldiers were called "merry men;" favourable weather, "merry weather;" brisk wind, "a merry gale;" London was "merry London;" England, "merry England;" Chaucer speaks of the "merry organ at the mass;" Jane Shore is called by Pennant the "merry concubine of Edward IV." (Anglo-Saxon, *mæra*, illustrious, great, mighty, etc.). (See **MERRY-MEN**.)

'Tis merry in hall, when boys say all (2 *Henry IV.*, act v. 3). It is a sure sign of mirth when the beads of the guests shake with laughter.

Merry Andrew. So called from Andrew Borde, physician to Henry VIII., etc. To vast learning he added great eccentricity, and in order to instruct the people used to address them at fairs and other crowded places in a very *ad captandum* way. Those who imitated his wit and drollery, though they possessed not his genius, were called Merry Andrews, a term now signifying a clown or buffoon. Andrew Borde Latinised his name into *Andreas Perforatus*. (1500-1549.) Prior has a poem on "Merry Andrew."

† The above is the usual explanation given of this phrase; but Andrew is a common name in old plays for a varlet or manservant, as Abigail is for a waiting gentlewoman.

Merry Dancers. The northern lights, so called from their undulatory motion. The French also call them *chèvres dansantes* (dancing goats).

Merry Dun of Dover. A large mythical ship, which knocked down Calais steeple in passing through the Straits of Dover, and the pennant, at the same time, swept a flock of sheep off Dover cliffs into the sea. The masts were so lofty that a boy who ascended them would grow grey before he could reach deck again. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Merry Men (*My*). A chief calls his followers his merry men. (*See above*.)

Merry Men of Mey. An expanse of broken water which boils like a caldron in the southern side of the Stroma channel.

Merry Monarch. Charles II. (1630, 1660-1685).

Merry-thought. The furcula or wishing-bone in the breast of a fowl; sometimes broken by two persons, and the one who holds the larger portion has his wish, as it is said.

Merry as a Cricket, or as a Lark, or as a Grig. The French say, "*Fou (or Folle) comme le branlegai*," and more commonly "*Gai comme un pinson*" (a chaffinch). "*Branlegai*" is a dance, but the word is not in use now.

Merse. Berwickshire was so called because it was the *mere* or frontier of England and Scotland.

Mersenne (2 syl.). *The English Merseune.* John Collins, mathematician and physicist, so called from Marin Merseune, the French philosopher (1621-1683).

Merton (*Tommy*). One of the chief characters in the tale of *Sandford and Merton*, by Thomas Day.

Merton College. Founded by Walter de Merton, Bishop of Rochester, and Lord High Chancellor in 1264.

Meru. A fabulous mountain in the centre of the world, 80,000 leagues high, the abode of Vishnu, and a perfect paradise. It may be termed the Indian Olympus.

Mervouilleuse (3 syl., *French*). The sword of Doolin of Mayence. It was so sharp that when placed edge downwards it would cut through a slab of wood without the use of force. (*See SWORDS*.)

Also a term applied to the 18th century French ladies' dress.

Mesmerism. So called from Friedrich Anton Mesmer, of Mersburg, in Suabia, who introduced the science into Paris in 1778. (1734-1815.)

Mesopotamia. *The true "Mesopotamia" ring* (*London Review*)—i.e. something high-sounding and pleasing, but wholly past comprehension. The allusion is to the story of an old woman who told her pastor that she "found gréat support in that comfortable word Mesopotamia."

Mess = 4. Nares says because "at great dinners . . . the company was usually arranged into fours." That four made a mess is without doubt. Lyly expressly says, "Foure makes a messe, and we have a messe of masters" (*Mother Bombe*, ii. 1). Shakespeare calls the four sons of Henry his "mess of sons" (2 *Henry VI.*, act i. 4); and "Latine," English, French, and Spanish are called a "messe of tongues" (*Vocabulary*, 1617). Again, Shakespeare says (*Love's Labour's Lost*, iv. 3), "Yon three fools lacked me . . . to make up the mess." Though four made a mess, yet it does not follow that the "officer's mess" is so called, as Nares says, because "the company was arranged into fours," for the Anglo-Saxon *mess*, like the Latin *mensa* = table. *mes* Gothic = dish, whence Benjamin's mess, a mess of pottage, etc.

¶ *Mess*, meaning confusion or litter, is the German *muschen*, to mix; our word *marsh*.

Messall'na. Wife of the Emperor Claudius of Rome. Her name has become a byword for lasciviousness and incontinency. Catherine II. of Russia is called *The Modern Messall'na* (1729-1796). (*See MALOZIA*.)

Messall'na of Germany (*The*). Barbary of Cilley, second wife of Kaiser Sigismund (15th century).

Metalogicus. by John of Salisbury, the object of which is to expose the absurdity and injurious effects of "wrangling," or dialectics and metaphysics. He says, "Prattling and quibbling the masters call disputing or wrangling, but I am no wiser for such logic."

Metals. *The seven metals in alchemy.*

Gold, Apollo or the sun.

Silver, Diana or the moon.

Quicksilver, Mercury.

Copper, Venus.

Iron, Mars.

Tin, Jupiter.

Lead, Saturn.

Metamorphic Rocks. Those rocks, including gneiss, mica-schist, clay-slate, marble, and the like, which have become more or less crystalline.

Metamorphic Words. Obsolete words slightly altered, and made current again—as "chestnut" for *castnut*, from Castana, in Thessaly; "court-cards" for *coat-cards*; "currants" for *corinths*; "frontispiece" for *frontispice* (Latin

frontispicium); "Isinglass" for *hausen blase* (the sturgeon's bladder, Ger.); "shame-faced" for *shamefast*, as steadfast, etc.; "sweetheart" for *succethard*, as drunkard, dullard, dotard, niggard.

Metaphysics (Greek, *after-physics*). The disciples of Aristotle thought that matter or nature should be studied before mind. The Greek for matter or nature is *physis*, and the science of its causes and effects *physics*. Meta-physics is the Greek for "after-physics." Sir James Mackintosh takes a less intentional view of the case, and says the word arose from the mere accident of the compilers who sorted the treatises of Aristotle, and placed that upon mind and intelligence after that upon matter and nature. The science of metaphysics is the consideration of things in the abstract—that is, divested of their accidents, relations, and matter.

Metastasio. The real name of this Italian poet was Trapassi (death). He was brought up by Gravina, who Grecised the name. (1698-1782.)

Metathesis. A figure of speech in which letters or syllables are transposed, as "You occupez my pie [*py*]," instead of "You occupy my pie;" "daggle-trail" for "draggle-tail," etc.

Methodical. *Most methodical doctor*. John Bassol, a disciple of Duns Scotus. (1347.)

Methodists. A name given (1720) by a student of Christ Church to the brothers Wesley and their friends, who used to assemble on given evenings for religious conversation.

This word was in use many centuries before the birth of Wesley and of Whitfield. Gale (1678) speaks of a religious sect called "the New Methodists" (*Court of the Gentiles*). John Spencer uses the word as one familiarly known in Cromwell's time. Even before the birth of Christ, Celsus tells us that those physicians were called "Methodists" (*methodici*) who followed medical rules rather than experience. Modern Methodism dates no farther back than 1729.

Primitive Methodists. Founded by Hugh Bourne (1772-1852).

Methuen Treaty. A commercial treaty between England and Portugal, negotiated by Paul Methuen, in 1703, whereby the Portuguese wines were received at a lower duty than those of France. This treaty was abandoned in 1836.

Metonic Cycle (*The*). A cycle of nineteen years, at the end of which period the new moons fall on the same days of the year, and eclipses recur. Discovered by Meton, B.C. 432.

Metra. *Qu'en dit Metra* (Louis XVI.)? Metra was a noted news-vendor of Paris before the Revolution—a notability with a cocked hat, who went about with his hands folded behind his back.

Metropol'itan (*A*). A prelate who has suffragan bishops subject to him. The two metropolitans of England are the two archbishops, and the two of Ireland the archbishops of Armagh and Dublin. In the Roman Catholic Church of Great Britain, the four archbishops of Armagh, Dublin, Cashel, and Tuam are metropolitans. The word does not mean the prelate of the metropolis in a secular sense, but the prelate of a "mother city" in an ecclesiastical sense—i.e. a city which is the mother or ruler of other cities. Thus, the Bishop of London is the prelate of the metropolis, but not a metropolitan. The Archbishop of Canterbury is *metropolitānus et primus totius Angliæ*, and the Archbishop of York *primus et metropolitānus Angliæ*.

Mettre de la Paille dans ses Souliers, or Mettre du Foin dans ses Bottes. To amass money, to grow rich, especially by illicit gains. The reference is to a practice, in the sixteenth century, followed by beggars to extort alms.

"... Des qu'on m'and et belistr' s'qui, pour abuser le monde, mettent de la paille en leur's souliers."—*Supplément du Catholicon*, ch. ix.

Meum and Tuum. That which belongs to me and that which is another's. *Meum* is Latin for "what is mine," and *tuum* is Latin for "what is thine." If a man is said not to know the difference between *meum* and *tuum*, it is a polite way of saying he is a thief.

"*Meum et præpositum in taberna mori*." A famous drinking song by Walter Mapes, who died in 1210.

Mews. Stables, but properly a place for hawks on the moult. The mews was an edifice in a park where the officers of venery lodged, and which was fitted up with dog-kennels, stables, and hawkeries. They were called *muettes* from *muc*, the slough of anything; the antlers shed by stags were collected and kept in these enclosures. (*Lacombe: Dictionnaire Portatif des Beaux-Arts*.)

Mexitli. Tutelary god of the Aztecs, in honour of whom they named their empire Mexico. (*Southey*.)

Mezen'tius, king of the Tyrrhenians, noted for his cruelties and impiety. He was driven from his throne by his subjects, and fled to Turnus, King of the Rutuli. When Æneas arrived he fought with Mezentius, and slew both him and his son Lausus. Mezentius put his subjects to death by tying a living man to a dead one.

"He stretches out the arm of Mezentius, and fetters the dead to the living."—*O. Brown: Skirlog*, chap. xxii.

"This is like Mezentius in Virgil. . . . Such critics are like dead coals; they may blacken, but cannot burn."—*Brown: Preface to Poems*.

Mezzo Relievo. Moderate relief (*Italian*). This is applied to figures which project more than those of basso rilievo (*q.v.*), but less than those of alto rilievo (*q.v.*).

Mezzo Tinto (*Italian, medium tint*). So engravings in imitation of Indian-ink drawings are called.

Mezzora'mia. An earthly paradise somewhere in Africa, but accessible by only one narrow road. Gaudenzio di Lucca discovered this secret road, and resided in this paradise for twenty-five years. (*Simon Berington: Gaudenzio di Lucca*.)

Michah Rood's Apples. Apples with a spot of red (like blood) in the heart. Michah Rood was a prosperous farmer at Franklin. In 1693 a pedlar with jewellery called at his house, and next day was found murdered under an apple-tree in Rood's orchard. The crime was never brought home to the farmer, but next autumn all the apples of the fatal tree bore inside a red blood-spot, called "Michah Rood's Curse," and the farmer died soon afterwards.

Micawber (*Mr. Wilkins*). A great speculator and letter-writer, projector of bubble schemes sure to lead to fortune, but always ending in grief. Notwithstanding his ill success, he never despaired, but felt certain that something would "turn up" to make his fortune. Having failed in every adventure in the old country, he emigrated to Australia, where he became a magnate. (*Dickens: David Copperfield*.)

Micawberism. Conduct similar to that of Mr. Micawber's. (*See above*.)

Michael. Prince of the celestial armies, commanded by God to drive the rebel angels out of heaven. Gabriel was next to him in command. (*See SEVEN SPIRITS*.)

Longfellow, in his *Golden Legend*, says

he is the presiding spirit of the planet Mercury, and brings to man the gift of prudence.

"The planet Mercury, whose place
Is nearest to the sun in space,
Is my allotted sphere;
And with celestial ardour swift
I bear upon my hands the gift
Of heavenly prudence here."
The Miracle Play, iii.

St. Michael, in Christian art, is sometimes depicted as a beautiful young man with severe countenance, winged, and either clad in white or armour, bearing a lance and shield, with which he combats a dragon. In the final judgment he is represented with scales, in which he weighs the souls of the risen dead.

St. Michael's chair. It is said that any woman who has sat on St. Michael's chair, Cornwall, will rule the roost as long as she lives.

Michael Angelo. The celebrated painter, born 1474, died 1563. *The Michael-Angelo of battle-scenes*. Michael-Angelo Cerquozzi, a native of Rome, famous for his battle-scenes and shipwrecks. (1600-1660.)

Michel-Ange des Bambouches. Peter van Laar, the Dutch painter. (1613-1673.)

Michael-Angelo of music. Johann Christoph von Gluck, the German musical composer. (1714-1787.)

Michael-Angelo of sculptors. Pierre Puget, the French sculptor (1623-1694). Also René Michael Slodtz (1705-1764).

Michaelmas Day, September 29th, one of the quarter-days when rents are paid, and the day when magistrates are elected. Michael the archangel is represented in the Bible as the general of the celestial host, and as such Milton represents him. September 29th is dedicated to Michael and All Angels, and as magistrates were once considered "angels" or their representatives, they were chosen on the day of "All Angels."

"I saw another sign in heaven. . . . seven angels (magistrates, or executors of God's judgments), having the seven last plagues. . . . filled with the wrath of God." (*Rev. xv. 1*.) Those ministers of religion who acted as magistrates were also called angels. "There is no power but of God. The powers that be are ordained of God."

Michal, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is meant for Queen Catherine, wife of Charles II. As Charles II. is called David in the satire, and Michal was David's wife, the name is appropriate.

Michel or Cousin Michael. A German. Michel means a dolt; thus the French call a fool who allows himself to

be taken in by thimble-rigs and card tricks *mikel*. In Old French the word *mice* occurs, meaning a fool. (See **MICHON**.)

"L'Anglais aime à être représenté comme un John Bull; pour nous, notre type est l'Allemand Michel, qui reçoit une tape par derrière et qui demande encore: 'Qu'y a-t-il pour votre service?'"—Dr. Weber: *De l'Allemagne*, etc.

Miching Malicho. Secret or underhand mischief; a veiled rebuke; a bad deed probed by disguised means. To *mich* or *merch* means to skulk or shrink from sight. *Michers* are poachers or secret pilferers. Malicho is a Spanish word meaning an "evil action;" as a personified name it means a malefactor. (*Hamlet*, iii. 2.)

The "quarto" reads *munching mallico*; the "folio" has *Miching malicho*. Qy. The Spanish *mi'cho malhé'cho* (much mischief)?

Michon, according to Cotgrave, is a "block, dunce, dolt, jobbernot, dullard, loggerhead." Probably *michon*, *Mike* (an ass), *mikel*, and *cousin Michel*, are all from the Italian *miccio*, an ass. (See **MIKE**.)

Mickleton Jury (*The*). A corruption of mickle-tourn (*magnus turnus*). The jury of court leets. These leets were visited Easter and Michaelmas by the county sheriffs in their tours.

Microcosm. (Greek, *little world*.) So man is called by Paracelsus. The ancients considered the world as a living being; the sun and moon being its *two eyes*, the earth its *body*, the ether its *intellect*, and the sky its *wings*. When man was looked on as the world in miniature, it was thought that the movements of the world and of man corresponded, and if one could be ascertained, the other could be easily inferred; hence arose the system of astrology, which professed to interpret the events of a man's life by the corresponding movements, etc., of the stars. (See **DIAPYCNON**.)

Mid-Lent Sunday. The fourth Sunday in Lent. It is called *dominica refectio'nis* (refection Sunday), because the first lesson is the banquet given by Joseph to his brethren, and the gospel of the day is the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. In England it used to be called *Mothering Sunday*, from the custom of visiting the mother or cathedral church on that day to make the Easter offering.

Midas. Like *Midas*, all he touches turns to gold. Midas, King of Phrygia,

requested of the gods that everything he touched might be turned to gold. His request was granted, but as his food became gold the moment he touched it, he prayed the gods to take their favour back. He was then ordered to bathe in the Pactolus, and the river ever after rolled over golden sands.

Midas-eared. Without discrimination or judgment. Midas, King of Phrygia, was appointed to judge a musical contest between Apollo and Pan, and gave judgment in favour of the satyr; whereupon Apollo in contempt gave the king a pair of ass's ears. Midas hid them under his Phrygian cap; but his servant, who used to cut his hair, discovered them, and was so tickled at the "joke," which he durst not mention, that he dug a hole in the earth, and relieved his mind by whispering in it "Midas has ass's ears." Budeus gives a different version. He says that Midas kept spies to tell him everything that transpired throughout his kingdom, and the proverb "that kings have long arms" was changed in his case to "Midas has long ears." "*Ex eo in proverbium venit, quod multos otucentus—i.e. auricularius habebat.*" (*De Ass.*) (See **POPE**: *Prologues to Satires*.)

† Domenichino (1581-1661) has a painting on the *Judgment of Midas*.

Midas has ass's ears. An exact parallel of this tale is told of Portzmach, king of a part of Brittany. It is said Portzmach had all the barbers of his kingdom put to death, lest they should announce to the public that he had the ears of a horse. An intimate friend was found willing to shave him, after swearing profound secrecy; but not able to contain himself, he confided his secret to the sands of a river bank. The reeds of this river were used for pan-pipes and hautbois, which repeated the words "Portzmach—King Portzmach has horse's ears."

Midden. The kitchen midden. The dust-bin. The farmer's midden is the dunghill. The word is Scotch. (Danish, *mødding*; Norwegian, *mudder*; Welsh, *mwydo* (to wet), our *mud* and *wire*.)

Better marry over the midden than over the moor. Better seek a wife among your neighbours whom you know than among strangers of, whom you know nothing. The midden, in Scotland, is the domestic rubbish heap.

Ilka cock craws loudest on its ain midden. In English, "Every cock crows loudest on his own dunghill." A midden is an ash-pit, a refuse-heap.

Middle Ages. A term of no definite period, but varying a little with almost every nation. In France it was from Clovis to Louis XI. (481 to 1461). In England, from the Heptarchy to the accession of Henry VII. (409 to 1485). In universal history it was from the overthrow of the Roman Empire to the revival of letters (the fifth to the fifteenth century).

Middlesex. The Middle Saxons—that is, between Essex, Sussex, and Wessex.

Midgard. The abode of the first pair, from whom sprang the human race. It was made of the eyebrows of Ymer, and was joined to Asgard by the rainbow bridge called Bifrost. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Asgard is the abode of the celestials.

Utgard is the abode of the giants.

Midgard is between the two—better than Utgard, but inferior to Asgard.

Midgard Sormen (earth's monster). The great serpent that lay in the abyss at the root of the celestial ash. (*Scandinavian mythology.*) Child of Loki.

Midi. *Chercher midi à quatorze heures.* To look for knots in a bulrush; much ado about nothing; to explain prosily what is perfectly obvious.

There is a variant of this locution: *Chercher midi où il n'est qu'une heure*, to look for a needle in a bottle of hay; to give oneself a vast lot of trouble for nothing. At one time, hundreds of persons looked for the millennium and end of the world on fixed dates, and to them the proverb would apply.

Middlethian. Sir Walter Scott's *Heart of Midlothian* is a tale of the Porteous riot, in which are introduced the interesting incidents of Effie and Jeanie Deans. Effie is seduced while in the service of Mrs. Saddletree, and is imprisoned for child-murder; but her sister Jeanie obtains her pardon through the intercession of the queen, and marries Reuben Butler.

Midnight Oil. Late hours.

Burning the midnight oil. Sitting up late, especially when engaged on literary work.

Smells of the midnight oil. Said of literary work, which seems very elaborate, and has not the art of concealing art. (*See LAMP.*)

Midrash'im (sing. *Midrash*). Jewish expositions of the Old Testament.

Midsummer Ale. The Midsummer banquet. Brand mentions nine ale-feasts: "Bride-ales, church-ales, clerk-ales, give-ales, lamb-ales, leet-ales, Midsummer-ales, Scot-ales, Whitsun-ales, and several more." Here "ale" does not mean the drink, but the feast in which good stout ale was supplied. The Cambridge phrase, "Will you wine with me after hall?" means, "Will you come to my rooms for dessert, when wines, fruits, and cigars will be prepared, with coffee to follow?"

Midsummer Madness. Olivia says to Malvolio, "Why, this is very midsummer madness" (*Twelfth Night*, iii. 4). The reference is to the rabies of dogs, which is generally brought on by Midsummer heat.

Midsummer Men. The plants called Orpine or Live-long, one of the Sedum tribe. Stoncrop is another variety of the same species of plants. Orpine is the French word for stoncrop. Live-long, so called because no plant lives longer after it is cut. It will live for months if sprinkled once a week with a little water. Sedum means the plant *sedens in rupibus* (sitting or growing on stones). It is called *midsummer men* because it used to be set in pots or shells on midsummer eve, and hung up in the house to tell damsels whether their sweethearts were true or not. If the leaves bent to the right, it was a sign of fidelity; if to the left, the "true-love's heart was cold and faithless."

Midsummer-Moon Madness. 'Tis *Midsummer-moon with you*. You are stark mad. Madness is supposed to be affected by the moon, and to be aggravated by summer heat; so it naturally follows that the full moon at midsummer is the time when madness is most outrageous.

"What's this midsummer moon?"

Is all the world gone-a-mad?"

Dryden: Amphitryon, iv. 1.

Midsummer Night's Dream. Some of the most amusing incidents of this comedy are borrowed from the *Diana* of Montemayor, a Spanish writer of pastoral romance in the sixteenth century; and probably the *Knights Tale* in Chaucer may have furnished hints to the author.

Midsummer Night's Dream. Egæus of Athens went to Theseus, the reigning duke, to complain that his daughter Her'mia, whom he had commanded to marry Demetrius, refused to obey him,

because she loved Lysander. Egens demanded that Hermia should be put to death for this disobedience, according to the law. Hermia pleaded that Demetrius loved Helena, and that his affection was reciprocated. Theseus had no power to alter the law, and gave Hermia four days' respite to consider the matter, and if then she refused the law was to take its course. Lysander proposed flight, to which Hermia agreed, and told Helena her intention; Helena told Demetrius, and Demetrius, of course, followed. The fugitives met in a wood, the favourite haunt of the fairies. Now Oberon and Titania had had a quarrel about a changeling boy, and Oberon, by way of punishment, dropped on Titania's eyes during sleep some love-juice, the effect of which is to make the sleeper fall in love with the first thing seen when waking. The first thing seen by Titania was Bottom the weaver, wearing an ass's head. In the meantime King Oberon dispatched Puck to pour some of the juice on the eyes of Demetrius, that he might love Helena, who, Oberon thought refused to requite her love. Puck, by mistake, anointed the eyes of Lysander with the juice, and the first thing he saw on waking was not Hermia but Helena. Oberon, being told that Puck had done his bidding, to make all sure, dropped some of the love-juice on the eyes of Demetrius, and the first person he beheld on waking was Hermia looking for Lysander. In due time the eyes of all were disenchanted. Lysander married Hermia, Demetrius married Helena, and Titania gave the boy to her lord, King Oberon.

Midwife (Anglo-Saxon, *mid*, with; *wif*, woman). The nurse who is *with* the mother in her labour.

Midwife of men's thoughts. So Soc'ratus termed himself; and, as Mr. Grote observes, "No other man ever struck out of others so many sparks to set light to original thought." Out of his intellectual school sprang Plato and the Dialectic system; Euclid and the Megaric; Aristippus and the Cyrenaic; Antisthenes and the Cynic; and his influence on the mind was never equalled by any teacher but One, of whom it was said, "Never man spake like this man."

Miss (*Miss*). Mrs. Varden's maid, and the impersonation of an old shrew. (*Dickens's Barnaby Rudge.*)

Mignon. The young Italian girl who fell in love with Wilhelm Meister's apprentice, her protector. Her love not

being returned, she became insane and died. (*Goethe's Wilhelm Meister.*)

Mikado (Japan, *mi*, exalted; *kado*, gate), is not a title of the emperor of Japan, but simply means the person who lives in the imperial palace.

Mike. To loiter. A corruption of *niche* (to skulk); whence, *niche* (a thief), and *niche* (theft). (Old Norse, *mak*, leisure; Swedish, *maka*: Saxon, *'magan*, to creep.) (See MICHON.)

"Shall the blessed sun of heaven prove a niche [loiterer]?"—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.* ii. 4.

Mil'an Decree (*The*). A decree made by Napoleon I., dated "Milan, Dec. 27, 1807," declaring "the whole British Empire to be in a state of blockade, and forbidding all countries either from trading with Great Britain or from even using an article of British manufacture."

This very absurd decree was killing the goose which laid the golden eggs, for England was the best customer of the very countries thus restricted from dealing with her.

Mil'an Steel. Armed in Milan steel. Milan was famous in the Middle Ages for its armoury. (*Froissart*, iv. 597.)

Mil'ano'se (3 syl.). A native of Milan—i.e. *mi-lano*. (Old Italian for middle-land, meaning in the middle of the Lombardian plain.)

Milden'do. The metropolis of Lilliput, the wall of which was two feet and a half in height, and at least eleven inches thick. The city was an exact square, and two main streets divided it into four quarters. The emperor's palace, called Belfaborac, was in the centre of the city. (*Gulliver's Travels: Voyage to Lilliput*, iv.)

Midew has nothing to do with either mills or dew. It is the Gaelic *méil-théav* (injurious or destructive blight).

Milesian Fables. The romances of Antonius Diogenes, described by Photius, but no longer extant. They were greedily read by the luxurious Sybarites, and appear to have been of a very coarse amatory character. They were compiled by Aristides, and translated into Latin by Sisen'na, about the time of the civil wars of Marius and Sylla.

The tales of Parthenius Nice'us were borrowed from them. The name is from the Milesians, a Greek colony, the first to catch from the Persians their rage for fiction. Parthenius taught Virgil Greek.

Milesian Story or Tale (A). One very wanton and ludicrous. So called from the *Milesia Fabula*, the immoral tendency of which was notorious. (See *above*.)

Milesians (The). The ancient Irish. The legend is that Ireland was once peopled by the Firbolgs, who were subdued by the Milesians, called the "Gael of Ireland."

"My family, by my father's side, are all the true old Milesians, and related to the O'Flahertys, and O'Shaughnessys, and the M'Lauchlins, the O'Donnaghans, O'Nabaghans, O'Geogaghans, and all the thick blood of the nation; and I myself am an O'Brallachlan, which is the oldest of them all."—*MacInn: Love a la Mode*.

Milk. To cry over spilt milk. (See *under CRY*.)

Milk and Honey. A land of milk and honey. That is, abounding in all good things, or of extraordinary fertility. Joel iii. 18 speaks of "the mountains flowing with milk and honey." Figuratively used to denote all the blessings of heaven.

"Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest."

Milk and Water. Insipid, without energy or character; baby-pap (literature, etc.).

Milk of Human Kindness (The). Sympathy, compassion.

Milksop (A). An effeminate person; one without energy, one under petticoat government. The allusion is to very young children, who are fed on bread and milk.

Milky Way (The). A great circle of stars entirely surrounding the heavens. They are so crowded together that they appear to the naked eye like a "way" or stream of faint "milky" light. The Galaxy or Via Lactea.

"A broad and ample road, whose dust is gold
And pavement stars, as stars to thee appear,
Seen in the galaxy—that Milky Way,
Thick, nightly, as a circling zone, thou seest
Powdered with stars."

Milton: Paradise Lost, vii. 377, etc.

Mill. To fight; not from the Latin *miles*, a soldier, but from the noun *mill*. Grinding was anciently performed by pulverising with a stone or pounding with the hand. To mill is to beat with the fist, as persons used to beat corn with a stone.

The word is Gaelic, in which there are numerous derivatives, meaning to ravage, destroy, etc.

Mills of God grind slowly (The). "*Di pedes lanatos habent*" (Petronius).

Vengeance may be delayed, but it will come when least expected.

"The mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting, with exactness He grinds all."

Longfellow: Retribution.

Millen'ium means simply a thousand years. (Latin, *mille annus*.) In Rev. xx. 2 it is said that an angel bound Satan a thousand years, and in verse 4 we are told of certain martyrs who will come to life again, and "reign with Christ a thousand years." "This," says St. John, "is the first resurrection;" and this is what is meant by the millennium.

Miller. To drown the miller. (See *DOWN*, etc.)

To give one the miller is to engage a person in conversation till a sufficient number of persons have gathered together to set upon the victim with stones, dirt, garbage, and all the arms which haste supplies a mob with. (See *MILL*.)

More water glideth by the mill than scots the miller of Titus Andronicus, ii. 1). Many things are done in a house which the master and mistress never dream of.

Miller. A Joe Miller. A stale jest. John Mottley compiled a book of facetiae in the reign of James II., which he entitled *Joe Miller's Jests*, from a witty actor of farce during the time that Congreve's plays were in vogue. A stale jest is called a "Joe Miller," implying that it is stolen from Mottley's compilation. (Joe Miller, 1684-1738.)

Miller's Eye (A). Lumps of unleavened flour in bread; so called because they are little round lumps like an eye.

To put the miller's eye out. To make broth or pudding so thin that the miller's eye would be put out or puzzled to find the flour.

Miller's Thumb (A). A small fish, four or five inches long, so called from its resemblance to a miller's thumb. The fish is also called *Bullhead*, from its large head.

Milliner. A corruption of *Millener*; so called from Mil'an, in Italy, which at one time gave the law to Europe in all matters of taste, dress, and elegance.

7 Milliner was originally applied to the male sex: hence Ben Jonson, in *Every Man in his Humour*, i. 3, speaks of a "milliner's wife." The French have still *une modiste* and *un modiste*.

Millstone. *To look (or see) through a millstone.* To be wonderfully sharp-sighted.

"Then . . . since your eyes are so sharp that you can not only look through a millstone, but cleave through the mindo . . ."—*Lilly: Euphues, etc.*

Millstone used for a Ferry (A). The saint who crossed the Irish Sea on a millstone was St. Piran, patron-saint of tanners.

Millstones. *To weep millstones.* Not weepy at all.

"Bid thou'thes think on this, and he will weep—
Aye, millstones, as he lessened us to weep."
—*Shakespeare: Richard III., i. 6.*

Millstones of Montisci (The). They produce flour of themselves, whence the proverb, "Grace comes from God, but millstones from Montisci." (*Boccaccio: Decamerion, day viii. novel 3.*)

Millwood (Sarah). The courtesan who enticed George Barnwell to robbery and murder. (*See BARNWELL.*)

Milo. An athlete of Crotona. It is said that he carried through the stadium at Olympia a heifer four years old, and ate the whole of it afterwards. When old he attempted to tear in two an oak-tree, but the parts closed upon his hands, and while held fast he was devoured by wolves. (*See POLYDAMUS.*)

Milton borrowed from St. Avitus his description of Paradise (book i.), of Satan (book ii.), and many other parts of *Paradise Lost*. He also borrowed very largely from Du Bartas (1544-1591), who wrote an epic poem entitled *The Week of Creation*, which was translated into almost every European language. St. Avitus wrote in Latin hexameters *The Creation, The Fall, and The Expulsion from Paradise.* (460-525.)

Milton. "Milton," says Dryden, in the preface to his *Fables*, "was the poetical son of Spenser. . . . Milton has acknowledged to me that Spenser was his original."

Milton of Germany. Friedrich G. Klopstock, author of *The Messiah.* (1724-1803.) Coleridge says he is "a very German Milton indeed."

Mímer. The Scandinavian god of wisdom, and most celebrated of the giants. The Vanir, with whom he was left as a hostage, cut off his head. Odin embalmed it by his magic art, pronounced over it mystic runes, and ever after consulted it on critical occasions. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Mímer's Well. A well in which all wisdom lay concealed. It was at the

root of the celestial ash-tree. Mímer drank thereof from the horn Gjallar. Odin gave one of his eyes to be permitted to drink of its waters, and the draught made him the wisest of the gods. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Mím'ssa. Niebuhr says the Mimosa "droops its branches whenever anyone approaches it, seeming to salute those who retire under its shade."

Mince (French). A bank-note. The assignats of the first republic were so called, because the paper on which they were printed was exceedingly thin. (*Dictionnaire du Bas-Langage, ii. 139.*)

Mince Pies at Christmas time are emblematical of the manger in which our Saviour was laid. The paste over the "offering" was made in form of a *crutch or hay-rack.* (*See PLUM PUDDING.*)

Mince pies. Slang for "the eyes." (*See CHIVY.*)

Mince the Matter. *Not to mince the matter.* To speak outright; not to palliate or gloss over the matter. Terence has "*Rem profer palam*" (*Heautimoroumenos, v. 2, 41*). The French say, "*Je ne le lui ai point minché.*" About the same is the phrase "Not to put too fine a point on the matter."

Mince meat. *To make mince meat of.* Utterly to demolish; to shatter to pieces. Mince meat is meat cut up very fine.

Minch-house (.1). A nunnery. (Anglo-Saxon, *minicem*, a nun.) Sometimes it means an ale- or road-house.

Mincing Lane (London). A corruption of Mynchen Lane; so called from the tenements held there by the nuns or nuns of St. Helen's, in Bishopsgate Street. (*Minicem*, Anglo-Saxon for a nun; *minchery*, a nunnery.)

Min'cio or Min'tio. The birthplace of Virgil. The Clitumnus, a river of Umbria, was the residence of Propertius; the Anio is where Horace had a villa; the river Melas, in Ionia, is the supposed birthplace of Homer. Littleton refers to all these in his *Monody on Miss Fortescue.*

Mind your Eye. Be careful or vigilant; keep a sharp look out; keep your eyes open to guard against mischief. School-boy wit, *Mens tuns ego.*

"Perhaps it may be so" (says I); "but mind your eye, and take care you don't put your foot in it."—*Halliburton.*

"You must mind your eye, George; a good many tents are robbed every week."—*C. Reads.*

Mind your Own Business. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings" (Prov. xxii. 29). "He who dooth his own business defileth not his fingers" (*Fielding's Proverbs*). Let every tub stand on its own bottom. Never meddle with what does not concern you.

"Bon homme, garde la vache. Chacun son métier, et les vaches son bien gardées. Chacun a ses affaires."

"Qui fa le fatti suoi, non s'embratta le mani."
"Tua quod nihil refert ne cures. Num cura negotium. Tu ne quaesiveris extra."—*Horace*.

Minden Boys. The 20th Foot; so called from their noted bravery at Minden, in Prussia, August 1, 1759. Now called "The Lancashire Fusiliers."

Minerva (in Greek, *Athēnā*). The most famous statue of this goddess was by Phidias, the Greek sculptor. It was wood encased with ivory; the drapery, however, was of solid gold. It represented the goddess standing, clothed with a tunic reaching to the ankles, a spear in her left hand, and an image of Victory (four cubits high = about six feet) in her right. She is girded with the regis, has a helmet on her head, and her shield rests by her side on the ground. The entire height was nearly forty feet. This statue was anciently one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." A superb statue of the goddess was found at Velletri, but whether this was the famous statue of Phidias is not known.

- It is preserved in the Imperial Museum.

The exquisite antique statue of *Minerva Medica* is in the Vatican of Rome.

Minerva. *Invita Minerva*, without sufficient ability; against the grain. Thus, Charles Kean acted comedy *invita Minerva*, his *forte* lying another way. Sir Philip Sidney attempted the Horatian metres in English verse *invita Minerva*.

Minerva Press (*The*). A printing establishment in Leadenhall Street, London, famous about a century ago for its trashy, ultra-sentimental novels. These novels were remarkable for their complicated plots, and especially for the labyrinths of difficulties into which the hero and heroine got involved before they could get married to each other.

Mini'ature (3 syl.). Paintings by the *Miniato'ri*, a set of monks noted for painting with *minium* or red-lead. The first miniatures were the initial letters of rubrics, and as the head of the Virgin or some other saint was usually introduced into these illuminated letters, the word came to express a small likeness.

The best miniature-painters have been Holbein, Nicholas Hilliard, Isaac Oliver and his son Peter, Samuel Cooper and his brother Alexander, etc.

Minie Rifle. (See *GUN*.)

Minims (Latin, *Fratres Minimi*, least of the brethren). A term of self-abasement assumed by an order of monks founded by St. Francis of Paula, in 1453. The order of St. Francis of Assisi had already engrossed the "humble" title of *Fratres Minores* (inferior brothers). The superior of the *minims* is called *corrector*.

Minister means an inferior person, in opposition to *magister*, a superior. One is connected with the Latin *minus*, and the other with *magis*. Our Lord says, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister," where the antithesis is well preserved. The minister of a church is a man who *serves* the parish or congregation; and the minister of the Crown is the sovereign's servant.

Minister. Florimond de Remond, speaking of Albert Babinot, one of the disciples of Calvin, says, "He was a student of the Institutes, read at the hall of the Equity school in Poitiers, and was called *la Ministerie*," Calvin, in allusion thereto, used to call him "Mr. Minister," whence not only Babinot but all the other clergy of the Calvinistic church were called *ministers*.

Minna Troll. Eldest daughter of Magnus Troll, the old Uddall of Zeland. Captain Clement Cleveland (Vaughan) the pirate loved her, and Minna reciprocated his affection, but Cleveland was killed by the Spaniards in an encounter on the Spanish main. (*Sir Walter Scott: The Pirate*.)

Minnehaha [*Laughing-water*]. The lovely daughter of the old arrow-maker of the Daco'tahs, and wife of Hiawatha. She died of famine. Two guests came uninvited into Hiawatha's wigwam, and the foremost said, "Behold me! I am Famine;" and the other said, "Behold me! I am Fever;" and Minnehaha shuddered to look on them, and hid her face, and lay trembling, freezing, burning, at the looks they cast upon her. "Ah!" cried Laughing-water, "the eyes of Pauguk [death] glare upon me, I can feel his icy fingers clasping mine amidst the darkness," and she died crying, "Hiawatha! Hiawatha!" (*Longfellow: Hiawatha*.)

Min'nesingers. Minstrels. The earliest lyric poets of Germany were so

called, because the subject of their lyrics was *minne-sang* (love-ditty). These poets lived in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

Min'ories (3 syl.) (London). 'The cloister of the Minims or, rather, Minor-esses (nuns of St. Clare). The Minims were certain reformed Franciscans, founded by St. Francis de Paula in the fifteenth century. They went barefooted, and wore a coarse, black woollen stuff, fastened with a woollen girdle, which they never put off, day or night. The word is derived from the Latin *min'imus* (the least), in allusion to the text, "I am less than the least of all saints" (Eph. iii. 8).

Min'os. A king and lawgiver of Crete, made at death supreme judge of the lower world, before whom all the dead appeared to give an account of their stewardship, and to receive the reward of their deeds.

Minotaur [*Minos-bull*]. The body of a man and head of a bull. Theseus slew this monster.

Minot'ti. Governor of Corinth, then under the power of the doge. In 1715 the city was stormed by the Turks, and during the siege one of the magazines in the Turkish camp blew up, killing 600 men. Byron says it was Minotti himself who fired the train, and leads us to infer that he was one of those who perished in the explosion. (*Byron: Siege of Corinth.*)

Minstrel simply means a servant or minister. Minstrels were kept in the service of kings and princes for the entertainment of guests. James Beattie has a poem in Spenserian verse, called *The Minstrel*, divided into two books. *

The last minstrel of the English stage. James Shirley, with whom the school of Shakespeare expired. (1594-1666.)

Mint. *So called from the nymph Minthē, daughter of Cocy'tus, and a favourite of Pluto. This nymph was metamorphosed by Pluto's wife (Proserpine) out of jealousy, into the herb called after her name. The fable is quite obvious, and simply means that mint is a capital medicine. Minthē was a favourite of Pluto, or death, that is, was sick and on the point of death; but was changed into the herb mint, or was cured thereby.

"Could Pluto's queen, with jealous fury storm
And Minthē to a fragrant herb transform?
Ovid.

Min'uit (2 syl.). "*Enfants de la messe de minuit*," pickpockets. Cotgrave gives "night-walking rakehells, such as haunt these nightly rites only to rob and play the knaves."

Min'ute. *Make a minute of that.* Take a note of it. A law term; a rough draft of a proceeding taken down in *minute* or small writing, to be afterwards engrossed, or written larger.

Min'ute Gun. A signal of distress at sea, or a gun fired at the death of a distinguished individual; so called because a minute elapses between each discharge.

Miol'nier (3 syl.) [*the crusher*]. The magic hammer of Thor. It would never fail to hit a Troll; would never miss to hit whatever it was thrown at; would always return to the owner of its own accord; and became so small when not in use that it could be put into Thor's pocket. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Mir'abel. A travelled, dissipated fellow, who is proof against all the wiles of the fair sex. (*Beaumont and Fletcher: Wildgoose Chase.*)

Miracles (Latin, *miracūla*).

Vespasian, the Roman emperor, is said to have cured a blind man and a cripple by his touch during his stay in Alexandria.

Mahomet's miracles. He took a scroll of the Koran from the horn of a bull; a white dove came from heaven to whisper in his ear a message from God; he opened the earth and found two jars, one of honey and one of milk, as emblems of abundance; he brought the moon from heaven, made it pass through his sleeve, and return to its place in heaven; he went to heaven on his horse *Al Borak*; was taught the Koran by the angel Gabriel, etc. And yet we are told that he laid no pretensions to miracles.

The *Abbé Paris*,* or more correctly François de Paris, the deacon, buried at the cemetery of St. Médard. The numberless cures performed at his tomb are said by Paley to be the best authenticated of any, except those of the Bible.

Edward the Confessor and all our sovereigns up to the time of Queen Anne are said to have cured scorbutic diseases by their touch. (*See THAUMATURGOUS.*)

Miram'olin. The title of the Emperor of Morocco. A *miraman* is a temporary Turkish officer.

Miramont. An ignorant, testy old man, an ultra-admirer of learning. (*Fletcher: The Elder Brother.*)

Miran'da. Daughter of Prospero. (*Shakespeare: Tempest.*)

Mirror of Human Salvation. An extended "*Biblia Paulærum*" (q.v.) with the subject of the picture explained in rhymes. Called in Latin "*Speculum humane salutatio'nis.*"

Mirror of King Ryence (The). This mirror was made by Merlin, and those who looked in it saw whatever they wished to see. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. iii.)

Mirror of Knighthood (The). One of the books in Don Quixote's library, a Spanish romance at one time very popular. Butler calls *Hudibras* "the Mirror of Knighthood" (book i. 15).

"The latter, taking another look, said, 'This is the Mirror of Knighthood.'" Part I, book i. a.

Mirrors.

Alasnam's mirror. The "touchstone of virtue," showed if the lady beloved was chaste as well as beautiful. (*Arabian Nights: Prince Zeyn Alasnam.*)

Cambuscan's mirror. Sent to Cambuscan by the King of Araby and Ind; it warned of the approach of ill-fortune, and told if love was returned. (*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales: The Squire's Tale.*)

Lao's mirror reflected the mind and its thoughts, as an ordinary mirror reflects the outward seeming. (*Goldsmith: Citizen of the World*, xlv.)

Merlin's magic mirror, given by Merlin to King Ryence. It informed the king of treason, secret plots, and projected invasions. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, iii. 2.)

Reynard's wonderful mirror. This mirror existed only in the brain of Master Fox; he told the queen-lion that whoever looked in it could see what was done a mile off. The wood of the frame was not subject to decay, being made of the same block as King Crampart's magic horse. (*Reynard the Fox*, ch. xii.)

Vulcan's mirror showed the past, the present, and the future. Sir John Davies tells us that Cupid gave the mirror to Antinous, and Antinous gave it to Penelopë, who saw therein "the court of Queen Elizabeth."

Mirza. *Emir Zadah* [prince's son]. It is used in two ways by the Persians; when prefixed to a surname it is simply a title of honour; but when annexed to the surname, it means a prince of the blood royal.

Miscreant (3 syl.) means a false believer. (French, *mis-creance*.) A term first applied to the Mahometans. The Mahometans, in return, call Christians *ingdels*, and associate with the word all that we mean by "miscreants."

Mise-money. An honorarium given by the people of Wales to a new "Prince of Wales," on his entrance upon his principality. At Chester a mise-book is kept, in which every town and village is rated to this honorarium.

Littleton (*Dict.*) says the annual sum is £500. Bailey has the word in his *Dictionary*.

Misers. The most renowned are:—

(1) *Baron Aguilar* or Ephraim Lopes Pereira d'Aguilar, born at Vienna and died at Islington, worth £200,000. (1740-1802.)

(2) *Dan'el Dancer.* His sister lived with him, and was a similar character, but died before him. (1716-1794.)

(3) *Colonel O'Dogherty*, though owner of large estates, lived in a windowless hut, which he entered by a ladder that he pulled up after him. His horse was mere skin and bone. He wore an old night-cap for wig, and an old brimless hat. His clothes were made up of patches, and his general appearance was that of extreme destitution.

(4) *Sir Harvey Elcus*, who died worth £250,000, but never spent more than £110 a year.

His sister-in-law inherited £100,000, but actually starved herself to death.

Her son *John*, M.P., an eminent brewer in Southwark, never bought any clothes, never suffered his shoes to be cleaned, and grudged every penny spent in food. (1711-1789.)

(5) *Foscoe*, farmer-general of Langue-doc, who hoarded his money in a secret cellar, where he was found dead.

(6) *Thomas Guy*, founder of Guy's Hospital. (1644-1724.)

(7) *Vulture Hopkins*.

(8) *Dick Jarrett* died worth £10,000, but his annual expenses never exceeded £6. The beer brewed at his christening was drunk at his funeral.

(9) *Messrs. Javlin*, of Cambridge.

(10) *William Jennings*, a neighbour and friend of Elwes, died worth £200,000. (1701-1797.)

(11) *The Rect.* — *Jonas*, of Blewbury.

(12) *John Little* left behind him £40,000, 180 wigs, 173 pairs of breeches, and an endless variety of other articles of clothing. His physician ordered him to drink a little wine for his health's sake, but he died in the act of drawing the cork of a bottle.

(13) *Ostervald*, the French banker, who died of starvation in 1790, possessed of £120,000.

(14) *John Overs*, a Southwark ferryman.

(15) *The King of Patterdale*, whose income was £800 a year, but his expenses never exceeded £30. He lived at the head of Lake Ulleswater. His last words were, "What a fortune a man might make if he lived to the age of Methuselah!" He died at the age of eighty-nine.

(16) *Guy Wilcocks*, a female miser.

(See EUGLIO, HARPAGON, etc.)

Miserere (4 syl.). Our fifty-first psalm is so called. One of the evening services of Lent is called *miserere*, because this penitential psalm is sung, after which a sermon is delivered. The under side of a folding-seat in choir-stalls is called a *miserere*; when turned up it forms a ledge-seat sufficient to rest the aged in a kneeling position.

"Misfortune will never Leave Me till I Leave It," was the expression of Charles VII., Emperor of Germany. (1742-1745.)

Mishna. Instruction. A word applied by the Jews to the oral law. It is divided into six parts: (1) agriculture; (2) Sabbaths, fasts, and festivals; (3) marriage and divorce; (4) civil and penal laws; (5) sacrifices; (6) holy persons and things. The commentary of the Mishna is called the *Gemara*. (Hebrew, *shanah*, to repeat.)

Misnomers.

Abulom means a *Father's Power*, a fatal name for David's rebellious son.

Acid (sour) applied in chemistry to a class of bodies to which sourness is only accidental and by no means a universal character—thus, rock-crystal, quartz, flint, etc., are chemical acids, though no particle of acidity belongs to them.

America. So called from Amerigo Vesputci, a naval astronomer of Florence. He wrote an account of his discoveries, which were very popular in Germany, but certainly he did not discover the New World.

Ant. Go to the ant, thou sluggard. (See ANTS, HONEYCOMB.)

Antelope is a hopeless absurdity for the Greek *anthos-ops*, beautiful eye.

Arabic figures were not invented by the Arabs, but by the Indians.

Baffin's Bay is no bay at all.

Blacklead is a compound of carbon and iron.

Blind-worms are no more blind than *molecs* are; they have very quick and brilliant eyes, though somewhat small.

Brazilian grass does not come from Brazil, or even grow in Brazil, nor is it a grass at all. It consists of strips of a palm-leaf (*Chamerops argentea*), and is chiefly imported from Cuba.

Bridegroom has nothing to do with groom. It is the old English *guma*, a man, *bryd-guma*.

Burgundy pitch is not pitch, nor is it manufactured or exported from Burgundy. The best is a resinous substance prepared from common frankincense, and brought from Hamburg; but by far the larger quantity is a mixture of rosin and palm-oil.

Canopy, as if from Canopus (the star in the southern hemisphere), is the Greek *konopceon* (from *konops*, a gnat), and means a cloth to keep off gnats.

Catgut is not the gut of cats, but of sheep.

Celandine should be *chelandon*, Greek and Latin for a swallow; so called because it was at one time supposed that swallows cured with it the blindness of their young. (Pliny, xxv. 50.)

China, as a name for porcelain, gives rise to the contradictory expressions British china, Sèvres china, Dresden china, Dutch china, Chelsea china, etc.; like wooden milestones, iron milestones, brass shoe-horns, iron pens, etc.

Cinerary, for a cemetery, should be "Cinery." *Cinerarius* is a woman's tailor.

Cuttle-bone is not bone at all, but a structure of pure chalk embedded loosely in the substance of a species of cuttlefish. It is enclosed in a membranous sac, within the body of the "fish," and drops out when the sac is opened, but it has no connection whatever with the sac or the cuttlefish.

Cleopatra's Needles were not erected by Cleopatra, or in honour of that queen, but by Thothmes III.

Crabfish for *crabs* (Latin *crabus*, a lobster, French *écrevisse*).

Cullander, a strainer, should be "colanter" (Latin *colans*, *colantis*, straining).

Custard, the food, is from the Welsh for curded milk; but "custard," for a slap on the hand, should be *custid*, from the Latin *custis*, a club.

Down for adown (the preposition) is a strange instance of caprice, in which the omission of the negative (*u*) utterly perverts the meaning. The Saxon *dun* is an upland or hill, and *a-dun* is its

opposite—i.e. a lowland or descent. Going down stairs really means "going upstairs," of ascending; and for descending we ought to say "going a-down."

Dutch clocks are not of Dutch but German (*Deutsch*) manufacture.

Elements. Fire, air, earth, and water, called the four elements, are not elements at all.

Fish, a counter, should be *fiche* (a five-sou piece), used at one time in France for card-counters. One of them, given "for the rub," was called *la fiche de consolation*.

Faerglore is not the glove of the fox, but of the fays, called *folk*—the little folk's glove; or else from *fosen*, red.

Frontispiece. A vile corruption of *frontispice* (Latin *frontispicium*, a view on the front page). The "piece" is *spectrum*. Frontispiece is an awful hybrid.

Fusiliers. These foot-soldiers now carry Enfield rifles, and not fusils.

Galvanised iron is not galvanised. It is simply iron coated with zinc, and this is done by dipping it in a zinc bath containing muriatic acid.

German silver is not silver at all, nor was the metallic mixture invented by a German, but has been in use in China time out of mind.

Gothic architecture is not the architecture of the Goths, but the ecclesiastical style employed in England and France before the Renaissance.

Guacapig. A blunder for Guiana, South America. Not a pig but a rodent.

Honeydew is neither honey nor dew, but an animal substance given off by certain insects, especially when hunted by ants.

Honey soap contains no honey, nor is honey in any way employed in its manufacture. It is a mixture of palm-oil soap and olive soap, each one part, with three parts of curd soap or yellow soap, scented.

Greyhound has no connection with the colour grey. It is the grayhound, or hound which hunts the gray or badger.

Humble pie, for *umbil pie*. The umbils of venison were served to inferior retainers and servants.

Hydrophobia (Greek, *dread of water*) applied to mad dogs is incorrect, as they will lap water and even swim in it.

Indians (American). A blunder of geography on the part of the early discoverers of the New World, who set their faces westward from Europe to find India, and believed they had done so

when they discovered Cat's Island, off the south coast of America.

Irish stew. A dish that is unknown in Ireland.

Iron-mask was made of velvet.

Wupan lacquer contains no lac at all, but is made from the resin of a kind of nut-tree called *Anacardiaceæ*.

Jerusalem artichoke has no connection with Jerusalem, but with the sunflower, *girasole*, which it resembles.

Kensington Palace is not in Kensington at all, but in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster.

Kid gloves are not kid at all, but are made of lamb-skin or sheep-skin.

Ladanum should be *ladanum*, originally made from the leaves of the *ladu*. (*Pliny*, xxvi. 47.)

Longitude and latitude, the great dimension and little or broad dimension of the earth. According to the ancient notion, the world was bounded on the west by the Atlantic, but extended an indefinite length eastward. It was similarly terminated on the south by the Tropic of Cancer, whence it extended northwards, but this extent being much less than that east and west, was called the *breadth* or latitude.

Louis de Bourbon, Bishop of Liège, is made by Sir Walter Scott, in *Quentin Durward*, an "old man," whereas he was only eighteen, and a scholar at Louvain. He made his entry into his see in a scarlet jerkin and cap set jauntily on one side. (*J. Jumas*; *Charles the Bold*.)

Lunar caustic is not a substance from the moon, but is simply nitrate of silver, and silver is the astrological symbol of the moon.

Lunatics are not affected by the changes of the moon more than other invalids. No doubt their disorder has its periodicities, but it is not affected by the moon.

Meerschäum. (See MEERSCHAUM.)

Mosaic gold has no connection with Moses or the metal gold. It is an alloy of copper and zinc, used in the ancient *mosaicum* or tessellated work.

Mother of pearl is the inner layer of several sorts of shell. It is not the mother of pearls, as the name indicates, but in some cases the matrix of the pearl.

Natives. Oysters raised in *artificial* beds. Surely oysters in their own natural beds ought to be called the natives.

Oxygen means the generator of acids, but there are acids of which it is not the

base, as hydrochloric acid. Indeed, chemists now restrict the term *acid* to compounds into which *hydrogen* enters, and oxy-acids are termed salts.

Pen means a feather. (Latin, *penna*, a wing.) A steel pen is not a very choice expression.

Philippe VI. of France was called "*Le bien fortuné*," but never was name more inappropriate. He was defeated at Sluys [*Slu-iz*], and again at Cressy; he lost Calais; and a fourth of all his subjects were carried off by the plague called the "Black Death."

Pompey's Pillar, in Alexandria, was erected neither by nor to Pompey. It was set up by the Emperor Diocletian, according to its inscription.

Prussian blue does not come from Prussia, but is the precipitate of the salt of protoxide of iron with red prussiate of potass.

Rice paper is not made from rice, but from the pith of Tung-tsau, or hollow-plant, so called because it is hollow when the pith has been pushed out.

Salt is not salt at all, and has long been wholly excluded from the class of bodies denominated salts. Table-salt is "chloride of sodium."

Salt of lemon is in reality a binoxalate of potash, with a little of the quadroxalate.

Salts. The substance of which junk bottles, French mirrors, window-panes, and opera-glasses are made is placed among the *salts*, but is no salt at all.

Sand-blind is a mere corruption of *sam* (half) blind.

Scuttle, to open a hole in a ship, means really to bolt or bar. (See SCUTTLE.)

Sealing-wax is not wax at all, nor does it contain a single particle of wax. It is made of shellac, Venice turpentine, and cinnabar.

Shrew-mouse is no mouse (*mus*), but belongs to the genus *sorex*.

Slave means noble, illustrious (*slavi*), but is now applied to the most ignoble and degraded. (See BARON.)

Sovereign. The last syllable of this word is incorrect. The word should be *soverain* (Latin, *superare*; French, *souverain*). It has no connection with "reign" (Latin, *regnare*).

Sperm oil properly means "seed oil," from the notion that it was the spawn or melt of a whale. It is chiefly taken from the *head*, not the spawn, of the "spermaceti" whale.

Titmouse (plur. *titmice*) is no mouse, but a bird. (Anglo-Saxon, *tite-máso*, little hedge-sparrow.)

Toadflax has nothing at all to do with toads. It is *tod flax*, i.e. flax with tods or clusters.

Tonquin beans. A geographical blunder for *tonka beans*, from Tonka, in Guineæ, not Tonquin, in Asia.

Turkeys do not come from Turkey, but North America, through Spain, or India. The French call them "dindon," i.e. *d'Inde* or *coq d'Inde*, a term equally incorrect.

Turkey rhubarb neither grows in Turkey, nor is it imported from Turkey. It grows in the great mountain chain between Tartary and Siberia, and is a Russian monopoly.

Turkish baths are not of Turkish origin, nor are they baths, but hot-air rooms or thermæ.

Vallombrosa. Milton says:—

"Thick as autumnal leaves that strew the brooks
In Vallombrosa," *Paradise Lost*, l. 302.

But the trees of Vallombrosa, being pines, do not shed thickly in autumn, and the brooks are not strewed with their leaves.

Ventriloquism is not voice from the stomach at all, but from the mouth.

Well-beloved. Louis XIII. A most inappropriate title for this most detestable and detested of all kings.

Whalebone is no bone at all, nor does it possess any properties of bone. It is a substance attached to the upper jaw of the whale, and serves to strain the water which the creature takes up in large mouthfuls.

Wolf's-bane. A strange corruption. Bane is the Teutonic word for all poisonous herbs. The Greeks, mistaking banes for beans, translated it *kuamos*, as they did hen-bane (*huos-kuamos*). Now wolf's-bane is an aconite, with a pale-yellow flower, and therefore called *white-bane* to distinguish it from the blue aconite. The Greek for white is *leukos*, hence "leukos-kuamos;" but *lukos* is the Greek for wolf, and by a blunder *leukos-kuamos* (white-bean) got muddled into *lukos-kuamos* (wolf-bean). Botanists, seeing the absurdity of calling aconite a *bean*, restored the original word "bane," but retained the corrupt word *lukos* (a wolf), and hence we get the name wolf's-bane for white aconite. (H. Fox Talbot.)

Wormwood has nothing to do with worms or wood; it is the Anglo-Saxon *wer mod*, man-inspiring, being a strong tonic.

Misprision. Concealment, neglect of. (French, *mépris*.)

Misprision of clerks. Mistakes in accounts arising from neglect.

Misprision of felony. Neglecting to reveal a felony when known.

Misprision of treason. Neglecting to disclose or purposely concealing a treasonable design.

Miss, Mistress, Mrs. (masteress, lady-master). Miss used to be written Mis, and is the first syllable of Mistress; Mrs. is the contraction of *mistress*, called Mis'ess. Even in the reign of George II. unmarried ladies used to be styled Mrs.: as, Mrs. Lepel, Mrs. Bellocuden, Mrs. Blount, all unmarried ladies. (See *Pope's Letters*.)

Early in Charles II.'s reign, Evelyn tells us that "lewd women began to be styled Misses;" now Mistress is more frequently applied to them. (See *LAD.*)

Miss is as Good as a Mile (A). A failure is a failure be it ever so little, and is no more be it ever so great; a narrow escape is an escape, and a more easy one is no more. If I miss the train by one minute, I miss it as much as if it had run a mile from the station; and if I escape an evil by the skin of my teeth, I escape, and he who escapes it easily does no more.

Missing Link (The). According to Darwin, the higher animals are developed from the lower ones. The lowest form of animal life is protoplasm, which develops into amoebæ (cell life), and thence, successively, into splanchnobius, gastrula, hydra, medusa, worms, hemitegæ, ascidians, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles, monotremata, marsupials, placental mammals, lemurs, monkeys [missing link], man.

Mississipp'i Bubble. The French "South-Sea Scheme," and equally disastrous. It was projected by John Law, a Scotchman, and had for its object the payment of the National Debt of France, which amounted to 208 millions sterling, on being granted the exclusive trade of Louisiana, on the banks of the Mississippi. (1717-1720.) (See *SOUTH SEA*.)

Mistletoe. Shakespeare calls it "the baleful mistletoe" (*Titus Andronicus*, ii. 3), in allusion to the Scandinavian story that it was with an arrow made of mistletoe that Balder was slain. (See *KISSING UNDER THE MISTLETOE*.)

The word mistletoe is a corruption of *mistel-ta*, where *mist* is the German for "dung," or rather the "droppings of a bird," from the notion that the plant was so propagated, especially by the

mistle-thrush. *Ta* is for *tan*, Old Norse *tein*, meaning "a plant" or "shoot."

Mistletoe Bough. The tale referred to in this song, about Lord Lovel's daughter, is related by Rogers in his *Italy*, where the lady is called "Ginevra." A similar narrative is given by Collet in his *Relics of Literature*, and another is among the *Causes Célèbres*.

Marwell Old Hall, once the residence of the Seymour, and afterwards of the Dacre family, has a similar tradition attached to it, and (according to the *Post Office Directory*) "the very chest became the property of the Rev. J. Haygarth, a rector of Upham."

Mistress Roper. The Marines, or any one of them; so called by the regular sailors, because they handle the ropes like girls, not being used to them.

Mistress of the Night (The). The tuberose is so called because it emits its strongest fragrance after sunset. Sometimes, on a sultry evening, when the atmosphere is highly electrified, the fading flowers of the tuberose emit sparks of lucid flame.

(In the language of flowers, the tuberose signifies "the pleasures of love.")

Mistress of the World. Ancient Rome was so called, because all the known world gave it allegiance.

Mita. Sister of Aude, surnamed "the Little Knight of Pearls," in love with Sir Miton de Rennes, Roland's friend. Charlemagne greeted her after a tournament with the Saracens at Fronsac, saying, "Rise, Countess of Rennes." Mita and Sir Miton were the parents of Mitaine (q.v.). (*Croque-mitaine*, xv.)

Mitaine. Godchild of Charlemagne; her parents were Mita and Miton, Count and Countess of Rennes. She went in search of Fear fortress, and found that it only existed in the minds of the fearful, vanishing into thin air as it was approached by a bold heart and clear conscience. Charlemagne made her for this achievement Roland's squire, and she followed him on her horse *Vaillant* to Spain, and fell in the attack at Roncesvalles. (*Croque-mitaine*, pt. iii.)

Mite. Sir Matthew Mite. A proud East Indian merchant, who gives his servants the most costly exotics, and overpowers everyone with the profusion of his wealth. (*S. Foote: The Nabob*.)

Lady Oldham says: "He comes amongst us preceded by all the pomp of Asia. Profusely scattering the spoils of conquered provinces, corrupting the virtue, and alienating the affections of all the old friends of the family."

Mithra or **Mith'ras**. The highest of the twenty-eight second-class divinities of the ancient Persians, and the ruler of the universe. Sometimes used as a synonym for the sun. The word means *friend*, and this deity is so called because he befriends man in this life, and protects him against evil spirits after death. He is represented as a young man with a Phrygian cap, a tunic, a mantle on his left shoulder, and plunging a sword into the neck of a bull. (Sanskrit, *mitram*, a friend.) (See *Thebais*, i.)

Mithridate (3 syl.). A confection said to be invented by Mithridates, King of Pontus and Bithynia, as an antidote to poison. It contains seventy-two ingredients.

"What brave spirit could be content to sit in his shop, selling Mithridatum and dragon's water to infected houses?"—*Knight of the Burning Pestle*. (1635.)

Mitre. The episcopal mitre symbolises the cloven tongues of fire which descended on the apostles on the day of Pentecost. (Acts ii. 1-12.) Greek and Latin, *mitra*, a turban.

Mitre Tavern (*The*). A place of resort in the time of Shakespeare: it was in Bread Street, Cheapside.

Mitten. *The Pardoner's mitten*. Whoever put this mitten on would be sure to thrive in all things.

"He that his hande put in this metayn,
He shal have multiplying of his grayn.
When he hath sowed, be it whete or otes,
So that ye offre peas (peuce) or viles growtes"
Chaucer: Prologue to The Pardoner's Tale.

To give one the mitten. To reject a sweetheart; to jilt. (Latin, *mitto*, to send [about your business], whence dismissal; to get your dismissal.) Some say, it is to get the *mitten* instead of the *hand*.

"There is a young lady I have set my heart on, though whether she is going to give me hern or give me the mitten, I ain't quite satisfied."—*Sam Slick: Humbug Nature*, p. 90.

"I don't believe but what that Hammond girl's given him the mitten, else he wouldn't a core. I wouldn't play second fiddle for any fellow."—*M. E. Wilkins: A Tardy Thanksgiving* (American).

Mittimus (Latin). A command in writing to a gaoler, to keep the person named in safe custody. Also a writ for removing a record from one court to another. So called from the first word of the writ, "Mittimus" (i.e. We send . . .).

Mitton. *The Chapter of Mitton*. So the battle of Mitton was called, because so many priests took part therein. Hailes says that "three hundred ecclesiastics

fell in this battle, which was fought September 20th, 1319."

"So many priests took part in the fight that the Scots called it the Chapter of Mitton: a meeting of the clergymen belonging to a cathedral being called a chapter."—*Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, x.

Mixon. *Better wad over the Miron than over the Moor*. (See *MIDDEN*.)

Misentop, maintop, foretop. Service in these masts has nothing whatever to do with age or merit. A "top" is a platform fixed over the head of a lower mast, resting on the trestle-tees, to spread the rigging of the topmast.

"The Mizcunnast is the aftermost mast of a ship; the foremast is in the forward part of a ship; the mainmast is between these two.

"He was put into the misentop, and served three years in the West Indies; then he was transferred to the maintop, and served five years in the Mediterranean; and then he was made captain of the foretop, and served six years in the East Indies; and at last he was rated captain's coxswain in the *Brady* frigate."—*Capt. Murrell: Poor Jack*, chap. 1.

Mjölneur (pron. *yont-ner*). Thor's hammer. (See *MIOLNER*.)

Mnemosyné (4 syl.). Goddess of memory and mother of the nine Muses. (*Classical mythology*.) The best representation of this goddess is by A. R. Mengs, the "Raphael of Germany" (1726-1779).

Moabite Stone (*The*). Presented to the British Museum by the museum of the Louvre. It was discovered by the Rev. F. Klein at Dibban in August, 1868, and is 3 feet 10 inches high, 2 feet broad, and 1½ inches thick. The Arabs resented its removal, and splintered it into fragments, but it has been restored. The inscription, consisting of forty-four lines, gives an account of the war of Mesha, King of Moab, against Omri, Ahab, and other kings of Israel. Mesha sacrificed his eldest son on the city wall in view of the invading Israelites. He set up this stone at Kermost B.C. 900.

Moakkibat. A class of angels, according to the Mahometan mythology. Two angels of this class attend every child of Adam from the cradle to the grave. At sunset they fly up with the record of the deeds done since sunrise. Every good deed is entered ten times by the recording angel on the credit or right side of his ledger, but when an evil deed is reported the angel waits seven hours, "if haply in that time the evil-doer may repent." (*The Koran*.)

Moat. (See under *BATTLE*.)

Mob. A contraction of the Latin *mobile vulgus* (the fickle crowd). The term was first applied to the people by the members of the Green-ribbon Club, in the reign of Charles II. (*Northern Examiner*, p. 574.)

Mob-cap (*A*). Is a plain cap, from Dutch *moh* = a cap. Probably *mop* is another form of the same word, and all come from the Latin *mappa* (a clout), whence our word *map* (a drawing on cloth), in contradistinction to a *cartoon* (a drawing on paper).

Mobilise. To render soldiers liable to be moved on service out of the town where they live; to call into active service men enrolled but not on the war establishment. (Latin, *mobilitas*.)

Mock-beggar Hall or Manor. A grand, ostentatious house, where no hospitality is afforded, neither is any charity given.

"No times observed, nor charitable laws.
The poor receive their answer from the daws.
Who, in their cawing language, call it plume."
Mock-begger Manor, for they come in vain.
Taylor: *Workes*.

Mockery. "*It will be a delusion, a mockery, and a snare.*" Thomas, Lord Denman, in his judgment on the case of O'Connell v. The Queen.

Modality, in scholastic philosophy, means the *modus* in which anything exists. Kant divides our judgment into three modalities: (1) *Problematic*, touching possible events; (2) *Assertoric*, touching real events; (3) *Apodictic*, touching necessary events.

Modish (*Lady Betty*), in *The Careless Husband*, by Cibber. The name explains the character. This was Mrs. Oldfield's favourite character, and *The Tattler* (No. 10) accordingly calls this charming actress "*Lady Betty Modish.*" (See NARCISSE.)

Mo'do. The fiend that urges to murder, and one of the five that possessed "Poor Tom." (See MAIT.) (*Shakespeare: King Lear*, iv. 1.)

Mo'dred, in the romance of *The Round Table*, is represented as the treacherous knight. He revolted from his Uncle Arthur, whose wife he seduced, was mortally wounded in the battle of Camlan, in Cornwall, and was buried in the island of Avalon.

Sir Modred. The nephew of King Arthur. He hated Sir Lancelot, sowed discord amongst the Knights of the Round Table, and tampered with the "lords of the White Horse," the brood

that Hengist left. When the king went to chastise Sir Lancelot for tampering with the queen, he left Sir Modred in charge of the kingdom. Modred raised a revolt, and the king was slain in his attempt to quash it. (*Tranyson: Idylls of the King; Guinevere.*)

Mods. In Oxford a contracted form of moderations. The three necessary examinations in Oxford are the Smalls, the Mods, and the Greats. No one can take a class till he has passed the Mods. There are no Mods at Cambridge.

"While I was reading for Mods I was not so unsettled in my mind." - *Grand Allen: The Backslider*, last iii.

Modus Operandi (Latin). The mode of operation; the way in which a thing is done or should be done.

Modus Vivendi (*A*). A mutual arrangement whereby persons not at the time being on friendly terms can be induced to live together in harmony. This may apply to individuals, to societies, or to peoples (as the South Africans and the Boers).

Mofuss'il (East Indies). The subordinate divisions of a district; the seat of government being called *sudder*. Provincial.

"To tell a man that fatal charges have been laid against him, and release him an opportunity for explanation, this is not even Mofuss'il justice." - *The Times*.

Mogul Cards. The best playing-cards were so called because the wrapper, or "duty card" (when cards were subject to excise duty) contained the portrait of the Great Mogul. Those cards which contained some mark, speck, or other imperfection, were called "Harrys."

Moha'di [*Mohammed*]. The twelfth Imam, who is said to be living in concealment till Antichrist appears, when he will come again and overthrow the great enemy.

Mohair. (Probably the Arabic *mukhayyar*, goat's-hair cloth.) It is the hair of the Angora goat, introduced into Spain by the Moors, and thence brought into Germany.

Mohak'abad' (*AT*). Abu-Rihan, the geographer and astronomer in the eleventh century.

Mohocks. A class of ruffians who in the 18th century infested the streets of London. So called from the Indian Mohawks. One of their "new inventions" was to roll persons down Snow Hill in a

tub; another was to overturn coaches on rubbish-heaps. (See *Gay: Trivia*, iii.)

A vivid picture of the misdoings in the streets of London by these and other brawlers is given in *The Spectator*, No. 324.

"You sent your Mohocks next abroad,
With razors armed, and knives;
Who on night-walkers made inroad,
And scared our maids and wives;
They scared the watch, and windows broke . . ."
Plot upon Plot (about 1713).

Mohun. Captain Hill and Lord Mohun made a dastardly attack on an actor named Mountford, on his way to Mrs. Bracegirdle's house in Howard Street. Hill was jealous of the actor, and induced the "noble lord" to join him in this "valiant quarrel." Mountford died next day. Hill fled, and was never heard of more; Mohun was tried for his life, but acquitted. (See ISSACHAR.) (*Howell: State Trials*, vol. xii. p. 947.)

Mohyroneus (*Edricius*). Said to cure wounds by sympathy. He did not apply his powder to the wounds, but to a cloth dipped in the blood.

Moiré Antique (French) is silk, etc., *moiré* (watered) in the antique style, or to resemble the material worn in olden times. The figuring of tin like frost-work or scales is called *moiré métallique*.

Mokan'na. [See KHORASSAN.]

Molière. *The Italian Molière.* Carlo Goldoni (1707-1793).

The Spanish Molière. Leandro Fernandez Moratin (1760-1828).

Mo'linism. The system of grace and election taught by Louis Mo'lina, the Spanish Jesuit (1535-1600).

"Those Jansenists, re-nicknamed Mohuists."
Browning: The King and the Book.

Moll (Kentsish). Mary Carlson, commonly known as the German Princess. She was sentenced to transportation, but, being found at large, was hanged at Tyburn in 1672.

Moll Cutpurse. Mary Frith, a woman of masculine vigour, who not unfrequently assumed man's attire. She was a notorious thief and cutpurse, who once attacked General Fairfax on Hounslow Heath, for which she was sent to Newgate. She escaped by bribery, and died at last of dropsy in the seventy-fifth year of her age. (Time of Charles I.)

Moll Flanders. A woman of extraordinary beauty, born in the Old Bailey. She was twelve years a courtesan, five

times a wife, twelve years a thief, eight years a transport in Virginia; but ultimately grew rich, lived honestly, and died a penitent. (Charles II.'s reign.) (See Daniel Defoe's *Moll Flanders*.)

Moll Thomson's Mark. As "Take away this bottle, it has Moll Thomson's mark on it." Moll Thomson is M. T. (*empty*).

Molly. *He's a regular Molly.* Said of a man or big boy who betties or interferes with women's work, such as kitchen business, dressmaking, personal decoration, and so on.

Molly Coddle (A). A paupered creature, afraid that the winds of heaven should visit him too roughly; though a male, a Molly; not a valetudinarian, but ever fearing lest he should be so.

Molly Maguire. An Irish secret society organised in 1843. Stout, active young Irishmen, dressed up in women's clothes, blackened faces, and otherwise disguised, to surprise those employed to enforce the payment of rents. Their victims were ducked in bog-holes, and many were beaten most unmercifully.

"The judge who tried the murderer was elected by the Molly Maguires; the jurors who assisted him were themselves Molly Maguires. A score of Molly Maguires came forward to swear that the assassin was sixty miles from the spot on which he had been seen to fire at William Dunn . . . and the jurors returned a verdict of Not Guilty."—*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, ii. 24.

Molly Mog. This celebrated beauty was an innkeeper's daughter, at Oakingham, Berks. She was the toast of all the gay sparks, in the former half of the eighteenth century, and died in 1706, at an advanced age. Gay has a ballad on this *Fair Maid of the Inn*.

Molly Mog died at the age of sixty-seven, a spinster; Mr. Standen, of Arberfield, the enamoured swain alluded to in the ballad, died 1730. It is said that Molly's sister Sally was the greater beauty. A portrait of Gay still hangs in the inn.

Molmutius. A mythical king of Britain, who promulgated the laws called the Molmutine, and established the privilege of sanctuary. He is alluded to in *Cymbeline*, iii. 1 (*Shakespeare*).

Moloch. Any influence which demands from us the sacrifice of what we hold most dear. Thus, *war* is a Moloch, *king mob* is a Moloch, the *guillotine* was the Moloch of the French Revolution, etc. The allusion is to the god of the Ammonites, to whom children were "made

to pass through the fire" in sacrifice. Milton says he was "worshipped in Rubba, in Argob, and Basan, to the stream of utmost Arnon." (*Paradise Lost*, book i. 392-398.)

Mo'ly. Wild garlic, called sorcerer's garlic. There are many sorts, all of which flower in May, except "the sweet moly of Montpellier," which blossoms in September. The most noted are "the great moly of Homer," the Indian moly, the moly of Hungary, serpent's moly, the yellow moly, Spanish purple moly, Spanish silver-capped moly, and Dioscorides's moly. Pope describes it and its effects in one of his odes, and Milton refers to it in his *Comus*. (Greek, *molin*.)

"That moly
That Hermes once to wise Ulysses gave."
Milton. *Comus*, 655-6.

Mome (French), says Cotgrave, is a Momus, find-fault, carping fellow. So called from Momus, the god of raillery.

"Or cessent doncques les momes,
De mordre les escus et mens."
J. du Bellay. *P. de Ronsard*.

Mo'miers (French, *men of mummery*). An Evangelical party of Switzerland, somewhat resembling our Methodists. They arose in 1818, and made way both in Germany and France.

Mommur. The realm of O'beron. (*Middle Age romance*.)

Mo'mus. One who carps at everything. Momus, the sleepy god, was always railing and carping.

Momus, being asked to pass judgment on the relative merits of Neptune, Vulcan, and Minerva, failed at them all. He said the horns of a bull ought to have been placed in the shoulders, where they would have been of much greater force; as for man, he said Jupiter ought to have made him with a window in his breast, whereby his real thoughts might be revealed. Hence Dr. Gray says that every unreasonable carper is called a "Momus."

Momus's Lattice or Window. Momus blamed Vulcan because he did not set a window or lattice in the human breast for discerning secret thoughts.

"Were Momus' lattice in our breasts."
Byron: *M Werner*, iii. 1.

Mo'naciel'lo [*little monk*]. A sort of incubus in the mythology of Naples. It is described as a thick little man, dressed in a monk's garment and broad-brimmed hat. Those who will follow when he beckons will be led to a spot where treasure is concealed. Sometimes, however, it is his pleasure to pull the bed-clothes off, and sometimes to sit perched on a sleeper.

Monarchiana. A theological party of the third century, who maintained

that God is one, immutable and primary. Their opponents turned upon them, and nicknamed them *Patripassians* (q.v.), saying that according to such a doctrine God the Father must have suffered on the cross.

Monarchy. *Fifth-monarchy men.* Those who believed that the second coming of Christ was at hand, and that at His second coming He would establish the fifth universal monarchy. The five are these: the Assyrian, the Persian, the Macedonian, the Roman, and the Millennium.

Monday Pops. A contraction of "Monday Populars," meaning popular concerts for classical music, introduced at St. James's Hall by Mr. Arthur Chappell in 1858. There are Saturday Pops also.

Money. Shortly after the Gallic invasion, Lucius Furius built a temple to Juno Moneta (the *Monitress*) on the spot where the house of Manlius Capitolinus stood. This spot of the Capitol was selected because Manlius was the first man alarmed by the cackling of the sacred geese. This temple was subsequently converted into a mint, and the "ases" there coined were called *moneta*.

Juno is represented on medals with instruments of coinage, as the hammer, anvil, pincers, and die. (See *Livy*, vii. 28, and Cicero, *De Divinatione*, i. 15.)

The oldest coin of Greece bore the impress of an ox. Hence a bribe for silence was said to be an "ox on the tongue." Subsequently each province had its own impress:

Athena, an owl (the bird of wisdom).
Bacchus, Bacchus (the vineyard of Greece).
Delphos, a dolphin.
Macedonia, a buckler (from its love of war).
Thodes, the disc of the sun (the Colossus was an image to the sun).

Rome had a different impress for each coin:

For the *As*, the head of Janus on one side, and the prow of a ship on the reverse.

The *Semi-as*, the head of Jupiter and the letter S.

The *Triens*, the head of a woman (? Rome or Minerva) and four points to denote four ounces.

The *Quadrans*, the head of Hercules and three points to denote three ounces.

The *Sestans*, the head of Mercury, and two points to denote two ounces.

Bowed money. Bowed coin, given as a pledge of love.

"Taking forth a bowed groat and an old penny bowed he gave it [*sic*] her."—*Coney-catching*. (Time, Elizabeth.)

Money makes the Mare to go. (See *MARE*.)

Monim'ia, in Otway's tragedy of *The Orphan*. Sir Walter Scott says, "More tears have been shed for the sorrows of Monimia, than for those of Juliet and Desdemona."

Monism. The doctrine of the oneness of mind and matter, God and the universe. It ignores all that is supernatural, and the dualism of mind and matter, God and creation; and, as this is the case, of course, there can be no opposition between God and the world, as unity cannot be in opposition to itself. Monism teaches that "all are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is, and God the soul;" hence, whatever is, only conforms to the cosmical laws of the universal ALL.

Haeckel, of Jena, in 1866, revived this theory, and explains it thus: "Monism (the correlative of Dualism) denotes a unitary conception, in opposition to a supernatural one. Mind can never exist without matter, nor matter without mind." As God is the same "yesterday, to-day, and for ever," creation must be the same, or God would not be unchangeable.

Monitor. So the Romans called the nursery teacher. The *Military Monitor* was an officer to tell young soldiers of the faults committed against the service. The *House Monitor* was a slave to call the family of a morning, etc.

Monitor. An ironclad with a flat deck, sharp stern, and one or more movable turrets.

Monk, in printing, is a black smear or blotch made by leaving too much ink on the part. Caxton set up his printing-press in the *scriptorium* of Westminster Abbey; and the associations of this place gave rise to the slang expressions *monk* and *friar* for black and white defects. (See **FRIAR**, **CHAPEL**.)

Give a man a monk (French, "*Luy bailler le moine*"). To do one's mischief. Rabelais says that Grangousier (after the battle of Picrochole) asked "what was become of Friar John;" to which Gargantua replied, "No doubt the enemy has the monk," alluding to the pugnacious feats of this wonderful churchman, who knocked men down like ninepins. (*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, book i. 45.)

Monk Lewis. Matthew Gregory Lewis is so called from his novel entitled *The Monk*. (1773-1818.)

Monk listening to a Bird. (See **FRIAR**, **HILDESHAM**.)

Monk of Westminster. Richard of Cirencester, the historian. (Fourteenth century.)

Monkey (A). £500. (See **MARYGOLD**.)

Monkey = the Devil: an imp of mischief. Hence, a meddling child is spoken to as "you little monkey;" and is called "a regular imp," or "imp of mischief." The allusion is to the old drawings of devils, with long tails and monkey ugliness.

To get (or have) one's monkey up. To be riled. Here the allusion is also to the devil or evil spirit in man; he will be "in a devil of a temper." Even taken literally, monkeys are extremely irritable and easily provoked.

Monkey, in sailor language, is the vessel which contains the full allowance of grog. Halliwell (*Archaic Dictionary*) has—

"Moncorn, 'Beere corn; barley hygge, or mon-corne.'"—(1852.)

To suck the monkey. Sailors call the vessel which contains their full allowance of grog "a monkey." Hence, to "suck the monkey" is surreptitiously to suck liquor from a cask through a straw. Again, when the milk has been taken from a cocoanut, and rum has been substituted, "sucking the monkey" means drinking this rum. Probably "monkey" in all such cases is a corruption of *moncorn* (ale or beer). (See *Marryat's Peter Simple*.) (See **MONKEY SPOONS**.)

Monkey Board. The step behind an omnibus on which the conductor stands, or rather skips about like a monkey.

Monkey Boat. A long, narrow boat.

Monkey Jacket. A coat with no more tail than a monkey, or, more strictly speaking, au ape.

Monkey-puzzle. The name given to a Chilean pine, whose twisted and prickly branches puzzle even a monkey to climb.

Monkey Spoons. Spoons at one time given in Holland at marriages, christenings, and funerals. They may still be picked up occasionally at curiosity shops. The spoon at weddings was given to some immediate relative of the bride, and just below the monkey on the handle was a heart. At funerals the spoon was given to the officiating clergyman. Among the Dutch, drinking is called "sucking the monkey"

(*zuiging de monkey*), and one fond of drink was called "a monkey sucker." The Dutchman began the day with an appetiser—i.e. rum, with a pinch of salt, served in a monkey spoon (*monkey lépel*); and these appetisers were freely used at weddings, christenings, and funerals.

Monkey with a Long Tail (A). A mortgage. A monkey (*q.v.*) is slang for £500.

Monkey's Allowance. More kicks than halfpence. The allusion is to the monkeys carried about for show; they pick up the halfpence, but carry them to the master, who keeps kicking or ill-treating the poor creatures to urge them to incessant tricks.

Monkey's Money. *I will pay you in monkey's money* ("en monnaie de singe")—in goods, in personal work, in mumbling and grimace. The French had a law that when a monkey passed the Petit Pont, of Paris, if it was for sale it was to pay four deniers (two-thirds of a penny) for toll; but if it belonged to a showman and was not for sale, it should suffice if the monkey went through his tricks.

"It was an original by Master Charles Charnois, principal painter to King Maximus (of France), paid for in court fashion with monkey's money."—*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, IV. 3.

Mon'kir and Na'kir, according to Mahometan mythology, are two angels who interrogate the dead immediately they are buried. The first two questions they ask are, "Who is your Lord?" and "Who is your prophet?" Their voices are like thunder, their aspects hideous, and those not approved of they lash into perdition with whips *half-iron and half-flame*. (See **MUNKAR**.)

"Do you not see those spectres that are stirring the burning coals? They are Monkir and Nakir."—*Beckford: Vathek*.

Monmouth. The town at the mouth of the Monnow.

Monmouth. The surname of Henry V. of England, who was born there.

Monmouth Cap. A soldier's cap.

"The soldiers that the Monmouth wear, On castles' tops their ensigns rear."

"The best caps were formerly made at Monmouth, where the cappers' chapel doth still remain."—*Philips: Worthies of Wales*, p. 50.

Monmouth Street (London) takes its name from the unfortunate son of Charles II., executed for rebellion in 1685. Now Dudley Street.

Monnaie de Bascoche. Worthless coin; coin not current; counters. "Brummagem halfpennies." Coins were

at one time made and circulated by the lawyers of Franco, which had no currency beyond their own community. (See **BASOCHIAUS**.)

Monon'ia (3 syl.). Munster.

"Remember the glories of Brien the bras
Though the days of the hero are o'er,
Though lost to Monon'ia, and cold in the grave,
He returns to Kinko'ra [his palace] no more."
T. Moore: *Irish Melodies*, No. 1.

Monoph'agous. The eater of one sort of food only. (Greek, *monos phagein*.)

Monoph'ysites (4 syl.). A religious sect in the Levant, who maintained that Jesus Christ had only one nature, and that divine and human were combined in much the same way as the body and soul in man. (Greek, *monos phusis*, one nature.)

Monoth'eism consisted in the doctrine that, although Christ has two distinct natures, He never had but *one will*, His human will being merged in the divine. (Greek, *monos-thelema*, one single will.)

Monroe Doctrine. The American States are never to entangle themselves in the broils of Europe, nor to suffer the powers of the Old World to interfere in the affairs of the New; and they are to account any attempt on the part of the Old World to plant their systems of government in any part of North America dangerous to American peace and safety. James Monroe was twice president of the United States. (1816 and 1820.)

Monsieur. Philippe, Duc d'Orléans, brother to Louis XIV., was called *Monsieur*; other gentlemen were only *Monsieur This* or *That*. (1674-1723.)

Monsieur le Coadjuteur. Paul de Gondî, afterwards Cardinal de Retz (Ress). (1614-1679.)

Monsieur le Duc. Henri-Jules de Bourbon, eldest son of the Prince de Condé. (1692-1740.)

Monsieur le Grand. The Great Equeury of France.

Monsieur le Prince. Prince de Condé (1621-1686). (See **MADAME**.)

Monsieur de Paris. The public executioner or Jack Ketch of France.

"Ricardo de Albertes was a personal friend of all the 'Messieurs de Paris,' who served the Republic. He attended all capital executions, and possessed a curious library."—*Newspaper Paragraph*, January 23th, 1882.

Monsoon is a corruption of the Malay word *moossem* (year or season). For six

months it is a north-east trade-wind, and for six months a south-west.

Monster (*The*). Renwick Williams, a wretch who used to prowl about Ligon, wounding respectable women with a double-edged knife. He was convicted of several offences in July, 1790.

The green-eyed monster. Jealousy; so called by Shakespeare in *Othello*.

* Beware of Jealousy!
It is a green-eyed monster that doth mock
The meat it feeds on." Act III. 3.

Monsters. See each under its name, as COCKATRICE, CHICHIVACHE, CHIMERA, etc.

Mont, in chiromancy, is the technical word for the eminences at the roots of the fingers.

That at the root of the
thumb is the Mont de Mars.
index finger is the Mont de Jupiter.
long finger is the Mont de Saturne.
ring finger is the Mont de Soleil.
little finger is the Mont de Venus.

* There are two others: one between the thumb and index finger, called the Mont de Mercure, and one opposite called the Mont de Lune. (See FINGER.)

Mont de Piété. A pawn *dépôt*. These *dépôts*, called "*monti di pietà*" (charity loans), were first instituted under Leo X., at Rome, by charitable persons who wished to rescue the poor and needy from usurious money-lenders. They advanced small sums of money on the security of pledges, at a rate of interest barely sufficient to cover the working expenses of the institution. Both the name and system were introduced into France and Spain. The model Loan Fund of Ireland is formed on the same system. Public granaries for the sale of corn are called in Italian *Monti frumentarii*. "Monte" means a public or State loan; hence also a "bank."

Mont St. Michel, in Normandy, formerly called Belen. Here nine Druidesses sold to sailors the arrows to charm away storms. The arrows had to be discharged by a young man twenty-one years old.

Montagnards (*the mountain party*). The extreme democratic politicians in the French Revolution; so called because they occupied the highest tier of benches in the hall of the National Convention. The opposite party sat on the level of the floor, called the "plain."

Montagne (3 syl.). The head of a faction in Verona (*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*). The device of the family

is a mountain with sharply-peaked crest (*mont-agu* or *acu*).

Montanists. Heretics of the second century; so called from Montanus, a Phrygian, who asserted that he had received from the Holy Ghost special knowledge that had not been vouchsafed to the apostles.

Montanto. *Signior Montanto.* A master of fence rather than a soldier; a tongue-doughty knight. It is a word of fence, and hence Ben Jonson says, "Your punto, your reverso, your stoccata, your imbrucata, your passada, your montanto." (*Every Man in his Humour*.)

Monteer Cap. So called from *monteros d'Espinoza* (mountaineers), who once formed the interior guard of the palace of the Spanish king. The way they came to be appointed is thus accounted for:—Sanchica, wife of Don Saücho Garcia, Count of Castile, entered into a plot to poison her husband, but one of the mountaineers of Espinoza revealed the plot and saved the count's life. Ever after the sovereigns of Castile recruited their body-guards from men of this estate.

Monteith. A scalloped basin to cool and wash glasses in; a sort of punch-bowl, made of silver or pewter, with a movable rim scalloped at the top, so called from its inventor.

"New things produce new names, and thus Monteith
Has by one vessel saved his name from death." *King.*

Montem. A custom formerly observed every three years by the boys of Eton school, who proceeded on Whit Tuesday *ad montem* (to a mound called Salt Hill), near the Bath Road, and exacted a gratuity called *salt* from all who passed by. Sometimes as much as £1,000 was thus collected. The custom was abolished in 1847.

Monte-ro-cap (4) properly means a huntsman's cap, but Sir Walter Scott tells us that Sir Jeffrey Hudson wore "a large Montero hat," meaning a Spanish hat with a feather. (*Periclit of the Peak*, chap. xxxv.)

Montesinos (*The Cave of*). Close to the castle of Rochafida, to which a knight of the same name, who had received some cause of offence at the French court, retired. Tradition ascribes the river Guadiana to this cave as its source, whence the river is sometimes called Montesinos.

Montezuma's Realm. Mexico. Montezuma, the last emperor, was seized by Cortes, and compelled to acknowledge himself a vassal of Spain (1519).

Montezuma's Watch. A curious stone, weighing twenty-four tons, of basaltic porphyry, in Mexico. This immense stone is cut into figures denoting the Mexican division of time, and may be termed their calendar.

Montfaucon Watch (A). "*Le guet de Montfaucon.*" A man hanged. Montfaucon is an eminence near Paris, once used as the Tyburn or place of execution. At one time it was crowded with gibbets, but at the Revolution they were destroyed, and it became the dust-bin of the city, "*Une voirie pour les immondières de Paris et l'écarrissage des chevaux.*" In 1841 this sink of corruption and infection was moved to "*La plaine des Vertus.*" surely a strange satire on the word.

Montgomery, in North Wales; so called from Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, who won the castle of Baldwyn, lieutenant of the marches to William the Conqueror. Before this time it was called "*Tro Faldwyn.*"

Montgomery's division, all on one side. This is a French proverb, and refers to the Free Companies of the sixteenth century, of which Montgomery was a noted chief. The booty he took was all given to his banditti, and nothing was left to the victims. (See LION'S SHARE.)

Month of Sundays (A). An indefinite long time; never. (See NEVER.)

"Such another chance might never turn up in a month of Sundays."—*Boldwood: Robbery Under Arms*, chap. x.

Month's Mind (A). An irresistible longing (for something); a great desire.

"I see you have a month's mind for them!"—*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona*, I. 2.

Months.

January. So called from "*Janus*," the Roman deity that kept the gates of heaven. The image of Janus is represented with two faces looking opposite ways. One face is *old*, and is emblematical of time past; the other is *young*, as the emblem of time future. The Dutch used to call this month *Laur-maand* (frosty-month); the Saxons, *Wulf-monath*, because wolves were very troublesome then from the great scarcity of food. After the introduction of Christianity, the name was changed to *Se æftera geola* (the after-yule); it was also

called *Forma-monath* (first month). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Nivôse* (snow-month, December 20th to 20th January).

February. So called from "*Februa*," a name of Juno, from the Sabine word *februo* (to purify). Juno was so called because she presided over the purification of women, which took place in this month. The Dutch used to term the month *Spokkel-maand* (vegetation-month); the ancient Saxons, *Sprote-rât* (from the sprouting of pot-wort or kele); they changed it subsequently to *Sol-monath* (from the returning sun). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Phévrier* (rain-month, 20th January to 20th February).

March. So called from "*Mars*," the Roman war-god and patron deity. The old Dutch name for it was *Lent-maand* (lengthening-month), because the days sensibly lengthen; the old Saxon name was *Hrêth-monath* (rough month, from its boisterous winds); the name was subsequently changed to *Length-monath* (lengthening month); it was also called *Hhyd-monath* (boisterous-month). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Ventôse* (windy-month, February 20th to March 20th).

April. So called from the Latin *aperio* (to open), in allusion to the unfolding of the leaves. The old Dutch name was *Gras-maand* (grass-month); the old Saxon, *Easter-monath* (orient or paschal-month). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Germinal* (the time of budding, March 21st to the 19th of April).

May is the old Latin *magis*, softened into *maius*, similar to the Sanskrit *mah* (to grow), that is, the growing-month. The old Dutch name was *Blou-maand* (blossoming month); the Old Saxon, *Trimilchi* (three milch), because cows were milked thrice a day in this month. In the French Republican calendar the month was called *Floral* (the time of flowers, April 20th to May 20th).

June. So called from the "*juniores*" or soldiers of the state, not from Juno, the queen-goddess. The old Dutch name was *Zomer-maand* (summer-month); the old Saxon, *Sere-monath* (dry-month), and *Lida-æra* (joy-time). In the French Republican calendar the month was called *Prairial* (meadow-month, May 20th to June 18th).

July. Mark Antony gave this month the name of Julius, from Julius Cæsar, who was born in it. It had been previously called *Quintilis* (fifth-month).

The old Dutch name for it was *Hooy-maand* (hay-month); the old Saxon, *Mad-monath* (because the cattle were turned into the meadows to feed), and *Lula aſtevr* (the second mild or genial month). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Mesidor* (harvest-month, June 19th to July 18th).

August. So called in honour of Augustus Cæsar; not because it was his birth-month, but because it was the month in which he entered upon his first consulship, celebrated three triumphs, received the oath of allegiance from the legions which occupied the Janiculum, reduced Egypt, and put an end to the civil wars. He was born in September. The old Dutch name for August was *Oost-maand* (harvest-month); the old Saxon, *Weed-monath* (weed-month, where weed signifies vegetation in general). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Thermidor* (hot-month, July 19th to August 17th).

September. The seventh month from March, where the year used to commence. The old Dutch name was *Herst-maand* (autumn-month); the old Saxon, *Geerst-monath* (barley-month), or *Heerſt-monath*; and after the introduction of Christianity *Halg-monath* (holy-month, the nativity of the Virgin Mary being on the 8th, the exaltation of the Cross on the 14th, Holy-Rood Day on the 26th, and St. Michael's Day on the 29th). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Fructidor* (fruit-month, August 18th to September 21st).

October. The eighth month of the Alban calendar. The old Dutch name was *Wyn-maand*; the Old Saxon, *Winn-monath* (wine-month, or the time of vintage); it was also called *Tee-monath* (teeth-month), and *Winter-fylleth* (winter full-moon). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Vendémiaire* (time of vintage, September 22nd to October 21st).

November. The ninth Alban month. The old Dutch name was *Slaght-maand* (slaughter-month, the time when the beasts were slain and salted down for winter use); the old Saxon, *Wind-monath* (wind-month, when the fishermen drew their boats ashore, and gave over fishing till the next spring); it was also called *Blot-monath*—the same as *Slaght-maand*. In the French Republican calendar it was called *Brumaire* (fog-month, October 22nd to November 21st).

December. The tenth month of the old Alban calendar. The old Dutch name was *Winter-maand* (winter-month); the

old Saxon, *Mid-winter-monath* (mid-winter-month); whereas June was *Mid-ſummar-monath*. Christian Saxons called December *Se ura geſla* (the anti-yule). In the French Republican calendar it was called *Frimaire* (hoar-frost month, from November 22nd to December 20th).

Monthawi (*Al*), [the destroyer]. One of Mahomet's lances, confiscated from the Jews when they were exiled from Medina.

Montjoie St. Denis. The war-cry of the French. *Montjoie* is a corruption of *Mons Joris*, as the little mounds were called which served as direction-posts in ancient times; hence it was applied to whatever showed or indicated the way, as the banner of St. Denis, called the Oriflamme. The Burgundians had for their war-cry, "Montjoie St. André;" the dukes of Bourbon, "Montjoie Notre Dame;" and the kings of England used to have "Montjoie St. George." There seems no sufficient reason to suppose that Montjoie St. Denis is a corruption of "St. Denis mon joie"—i.e. "St. Denis is my hope."

Montjoie. The cry of the French heralds in the ancient tournaments; and the title of the French king-of-arms.

Montrengon (*Baron of*), Lord of Bourglastic, Tortebesse, and elsewhere. A huge mass of muscle, who existed only to eat and drink. He was a descendant of Esau on his father's side, and of Gargantua on his mother's. He once performed a gigantic feat—he killed six hundred Saracens who happened to get in his way as he was going to dinner. He was bandy-legged, could lift immense weights, had an elastic stomach, and four rows of teeth. In *Croquemitaine* he is made one of the paladins of Charlemagne, and was one of the four knights sent in search of Croquemitaine and Fear-fortress.

Montserrat. The Catalonians aver that this mountain was riven and shattered at the Crucifixion. Every rift is filled with evergreens. Similar legends exist with regard to many other mountains. (Latin, *mons serratus*, the mountain jagged like a saw.)

Monumental City. Baltimore, U.S., is so called because it abounds in monuments: witness the obelisk, the 104 churches, etc.

Monumental Effigies. In the age of chivalry the woman in monumental brasses and effigies is placed on the

man's right hand; but when chivalry declined she was placed on his left hand.

Monumental Figures. No. 1.

(1) Those in stone, with plain sloping roofs, and without inscriptions, are the oldest.

(2) In 1160 these plain prismatic roofs began to be ornamented.

(3) In the same century the sloping roofs gave place to armorial bearings.

(4) In the thirteenth century we see flat roofs, and figures carved on the lids.

(5) The next stage was an arch, built over the monument to protect it.

(6) The sixth stage was a chapel annexed to the church.

(7) The last stage was the head bound and feet tied, with children at the base, or cherubims at the feet.

Monumental Figures. No. 2.

Figures with their hands on their breasts, and chalice, represent *priests*.

Figures with crozier, mitre, and pontificals, represent *prelates*.

Figures with armour represent *knights*.

Figures with legs crossed represent either *crusaders* or *married men*.

Female figures with a mantle and large ring represent *monks*.

Monumental Figures. No. 3.

Those in *scale* armour are the most ancient (time, Henry II.).

Those in *chain* armour or ring-mail come next (time, Richard I. to Henry III.).

- Those with children or cherubims, between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Brasses are for the most part subsequent to the thirteenth century.

Monumental Figures. No. 4.

Saints lie to the east of the altar, and are elevated above the ground; the higher the elevation, the greater the sanctity. *Martyrs* are much elevated.

Holy men not canonised lie on a level with the pavement.

Founders of chapels, etc., lie with their monument built into the wall.

Monumental Inscriptions.

Capital letters and Latin inscriptions are of the first twelve centuries.

Lombardic capitals and French inscriptions, of the thirteenth century,

German text, of the fourteenth century.

English and Roman print, subsequent to the fourteenth century.

Tablets against the wall came in with the Reformation.

Moohel. A Jew whose office it is to circumcise the young Jewish boys.

Moon means "measurer" of time (Anglo-Saxon, *mōna*, masc. gen.). It is masculine in all the Teutonic languages; in the Edda the son of Mundilfori is Māni (moon), and daughter Sól (*sun*); so it is still with the Lithuanians and Arabians, and so was it with the ancient Mexicans, Slavi, Hindus, etc.; so that it was a most unlucky dictum of Harris, in his *Hermes*, that all nations ascribe to the Sun a masculine, and to the Moon a feminine gender. (Gothic, *melu*, masc.; Sanskrit, *mās*, masc., from *mā*, to measure.) The Sanskrit *mātram* is an instrument for measuring; hence Greek *metron*; French, *metre*; English, *meter*.

The Germans have *Frau Sonne* (Mrs. Sun) and *Herr Mond* (Mr. Moon).

Moon, represented in five different phases: (1) new; (2) full; (3) crescent or decrescent; (4) half; and (5) gibbous, or more than half.

Moon, in pictures of the Assumption of the Virgin, is represented as a crescent under her feet; in the Crucifixion it is eclipsed, and placed on one side of the cross, the sun being on the other; in the Creation and Last Judgment it is also introduced by artists.

Heate. The moon before she has risen and after she has set.

Astarte. The crescent moon, "the moon with crescent horns."

Diana. The moon in the open vault of heaven, who "hunts the clouds."

Cynthia. Same as Diana.

Scelē or *Luna.* The moon personified, properly the full moon, who loved the sleeping Endymion.

Endymion. Moonlight on a bank, field, or garden.

"How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank!" *Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*, v. 1.

Phæbe. The moon as the sister of the sun. (See *ASTARTE*, *ASHTAROTH*, etc.).

Moon. Astolpho found treasured in the moon everything wasted on this earth, such as misspent time and wealth, broken vows, unanswered prayers, fruitless tears, abortive attempts, unfulfilled desires and intentions, etc. All bribes were hung on gold and silver hooks; prince's favours were kept in bellows; wasted talent was kept in vases, each marked with the proper name; etc. *Orlando Furioso*, bk. xviii. (See *Rape of the Lock*, c. v.)

Moon. (See under *MAHOMET*.)

The moon is called "*triform*," because it presents itself to us either round, or

waxing with horns towards the east, or waning with horns towards the west.

Island of the moon. Madagascar is so named by the natives.

Minions of the moon. Thieves who rob by night. (See *1 Henry IV.*, i. 2.)

Mountains of the Moon means simply White Mountains. The Arabs call a white horse "moon-coloured." (*Jackson.*)

He cries for the moon. He craves to have what is wholly beyond his reach. The allusion is to foolish children who want the moon for a plaything. The French say "He wants to take the moon between his teeth" ("Il veut prendre la lune avec le dents"), alluding to the old proverb about "the moon," and a "green cheese."

To cast beyond the moon. To make extravagant conjectures; to cast your thoughts or guesses beyond all reason.

To level at the moon. To be very ambitious; to aim in shooting at the moon.

You have found an elephant in the moon—found a mare's nest. Sir Paul Neal, a conceited virtuoso of the seventeenth century, gave out that he had discovered "an elephant in the moon." It turned out that a mouse had crept into his telescope, which had been mistaken for an elephant in the moon. Samuel Butler has a satirical poem on the subject called *The Elephant in the Moon*.

You would have me believe, I suppose, that the moon is a green cheese—i.e. the most absurd thing possible. A green cheese is a cream cheese which is eaten green or fresh, and is not kept to mature like other cheeses.

Man in the moon. (See *MAN*.)

Hares sacred to the moon, not because Diana was a great huntress, but because the Hindus affirm that the outline of a hare is distinctly visible on the moon.

Once in a blue moon. (See *BLUE*.)

Moon-calf is an inanimate, shapeless mass (*Pliny: Natural History*, x. 64). This abortion was supposed to be produced by the influence of the moon. The primary meaning of calf is not the young of a cow, but the issue arising "from throwing out," as a push, a protuberance; hence the calves of the legs.

"A false conception, called *malin*, i.e. moon-calf . . . a lump of flesh without shape or life."—*Holland: Pliny*, vii. 13.

Moon-drop. In Lath, *virus lunare*, a vaporous drop supposed to be shed by the moon on certain herbs and other objects, when influenced by incantations.

"Upon the corner of the moon,
hangs a vaporous drop profound;
I'll catch it ere it comes to ground."

Shakespeare: Macbeth, iii. 5.

Moon-maker [*Sagendū Nah*], a surname given to the Veiled Prophet (q.v.), who caused a moon to issue from a deep well, so brilliant that the real moon was eclipsed by it.

Moon-rakers. The people of Wiltshire are so called. In the "good old times" they were noted smugglers, and one day, seeing the coastguard on the watch, they sunk in the sea some smuggled whisky. When they supposed the coast was clear they employed rakes to get their goods in hand again, when lo! the coastguard reappeared and demanded of them what they were doing. Pointing to the reflection of the moon in the water, they replied, "We are trying to rake out that cream-cheese yonder."

Moon's Men. Thieves and highway-men who ply their trade by night.

"The fortune of us that are but Moon's-men doth ebb and flow like the sea."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.*, i. 2.

Moonlight Flitting (A). A clandestine removal of one's furniture during the night, to avoid paying one's rent or having the furniture seized in payment thereof.

Moonstone. A mineral so called on account of the play of light which it exhibits. Wilkie Collins has a novel called *The Moonstone*.

"The moonstone contains bluish-white spots, which, when held to the light, present a silvery play of colour not unlike that of the moon."—*Cro: Chemical Dictionary*.

Moer-alayer or Mata-moros. A name given to St James, the patron-saint of Spain, because in almost all encounters with the Moors he came on his white horse to the aid of the Christians. So, at least, it is said.

Moors. In the Middle Ages, the Europeans called all Mahometans *Moors*, in the same manner as the Eastern nations called all inhabitants of Europe *Franks*. Camoens, in the *Lusiad*, terms the Indians "Moors." (Bk. viii.)

Moore (*Thomas*), called "Anacreon Moore," because the character of his poetry resembles that of Anacreon, the Greek poet of love and wine. He also translated Anacreon's *Odes*. (1779-1852.)

Moot Point (A). A doubtful or unsettled question. The Anglo-Saxon *mōt* is "to debate," and a moot point is one *sub judice*, or under debate.

Moots were debates which formerly took place in the halls and libraries of Inns of Court. The benchers and the

barriers, as well as the students, took an active part in these moots. Sir Simonds D'Ewes, in his *Diary* (1625-1629), says:

"I had lived mooted in law French before I was called to the bar."—*Nineteenth Century*, November, 1892, p. 775.

Mop. In many places statute fairs are held, where servants seek to be hired. Carters fasten to their hats a piece of whipcord; shepherds, a lock of wool; groomsmen, a piece of sponge, etc. When hired they mount a cockade with streamers. Some few days after the statute fair, a second, called a Mop, is held for the benefit of those not already hired. This fair mops or wipes up the refuse of the statute fair, carrying away the dregs of the servants left.

Mop. One of Queen Mab's attendants. *All mops and brooms.* Intoxicated.

Mora-stone, near Upsala, where the Swedes used anciently to elect their kings.

Moral. *The moral Gower.* John Gower, the poet, is so called by Chaucer. (1320-1402.)

Father of moral philosophy. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274).

Moralist. *The great moralist of Fleet Street.* Dr. Johnson (1709-1784).

Moran's Collar which strangled the wearer if he deviated from the strict rules of equity. Moran was the wise councillor of Feredach the Just, an early king of Ireland, before the Christian era. Of course, the collar is an allegory of obvious meaning.

Morasteen [*great stone*]. The ancient Danes selected their king from the sacred line of royalty. The man chosen was taken to the Landsting, or local court, and placed on the morasteen, while the magnates ranged themselves around on stones of inferior size. This was the Danish mode of installation.

Morat. *Morat and Marathon twin names shall stand* (*Childe Harold*, iii. 61). Morat, in Switzerland, is famous for the battle fought in 1476, in which the Swiss defeated Charles le Téméraire of Burgundy.

Moratorium. A legal permission to defer for a stated time the payment of a bond, debt, cheque, or other obligation. This is done to enable the creditor to pull himself round by borrowing money, selling effects, or otherwise raising funds to satisfy obligations. The device was adopted in 1891 in the Argentine Republic during the money panic caused by

the Baring Brothers' "difficulty," a default of some twenty millions sterling.

Moravians or *Bohemian Brethren.* A religious community tracing its origin from John Huss, expelled by persecution from Bohemia and Moravia in the eighteenth century. They are often called *The United Brethren*.

Morblen! (French). A corruption of *Mort de Dieu*. (See *VENTRE ST. GRIS*.)

More. *To be no more.* To exist no longer; to be dead.

"Cassius is no more."
Shakespeare: Julius Cæsar.

More Kicks than Ha'pence. Like the monkey which plays tricks for his master. The monkey gets the kicks and the master the ha'pence.

More Last Words. When Richard Baxter lost his wife, he published a broadsheet, headed *Last Words of Mrs. Baxter*, which had an immense sale. The printer, for his own profit, brought out a spurious broadsheet, headed *More Last Words*; but Baxter issued a small handbill with this concise sentence: "Mrs. Baxter did not say anything else."

More of More Hall. A legendary hero who armed himself with an armour of spikes; and, concealing himself in the cave where the dragon of Wantley dwelt, slew the monster by kicking it on the mouth, where alone it was mortal.

More the Merrier (*The*). The author of this phrase was Henry Parrot.

More one has, the More he Desires (*The*). In French, *Plus il en a, plus il en veut*. In Latin, *Quo plus habent, eo plus cupiunt*.

"My more having would be a source
To make me hunger more."
Shakespeare: Macbeth, iv. 3.

Moreno (3 syl.). Don Antonio Moreno, a gentleman of Barcelona, who entertained Don Quixote with mock-heroic hospitality.

Morestone. *Would you remove Morestone?* (See *MORTSTONE*.)

Morgan le Fay. (See below.) W. Morris, in his *Earthly Paradise* (August), makes Morgar the bride of Ogier the Dane, after his earthly career was ended.

Morgan le Fay, Morgaine la Fée, or Morgana the Fairy. Daughter of Queen Igraine, and half-sister of King Arthur, who revealed to him the intrigues of Sir Lancelot and Guinever,

She gave him a cup containing a magic draught, and Arthur had no sooner drunk it than his eyes were opened to the perfidy of his wife and friend.

Morganatic Marriage (*.d*). A marriage in which the wife does not take the husband's rank, because legally, or according to court bye-laws, the marriage is not recognised. This sort of marriage is effected when a man of high rank marries a woman of inferior position. The children in this case do not inherit the title or entails of the father. The word is based on the Gothic *morgjan*, "to curtail" or "limit;" and the marriage settlement was called *morgengabe* or *morgengade*, whence the Low Latin *matrimonium ad legem morganaticam*, in which the dowry is to be considered all the portion the wife will receive, as the estates cannot pass to her or to her children.

A *morganatic marriage* is called "left-handed," because a man pledges his troth with his left hand instead of his right. The "hand-fasted" marriages of Scotland and Ireland were morganatic, and the "hand-fused" bride could be put away for a fresh union.

Morgane (2 syl.). A fay to whose charge Zephyr committed young Passelyon and his cousin Bennucq. Passelyon fell in love with Morgane's daughter, and the adventures of these young lovers are related in the romance of *Perceforest*, vol. iii. (See **MORGAN**.)

Morgana. A Stock Exchange term, signifying the French 6 per cents., which were floated by the Morgans.

Morgan'te. A ferocious giant, converted by Orlando to Christianity. After performing the most wonderful feats, he died at last from the bite of a crab. (See *below*.)

Morgante Maggiore. A serio-comic romance in verse, by Pulci, of Florence (1494). He was the inventor of this species of poetry, called by the French *berneque*, from Berni, who greatly excelled in it. Translated by Byron.

Morgia'na. The clever, faithful, female slave of Ali Baba, who pries into the forty jars, and discovers that every jar, but one, contains a man. She takes oil from the only one containing it, and, having made it boiling hot, pours enough into each jar to kill the thief concealed there. At last she kills the captain of the gang, and marries her master's son. (*Arabian Nights: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*.)

Morglay. A sword (*glave de la mort*, the sword of Sir Bevis of Southampton), a generic name for a sword. (See **SWORD**.)

"Had I been accompanied with my Toledo or Morglay."—*Every Woman in her Humour*.
"Carrying their Morglay in their hands."—*Beaumont and Fletcher: Honest Man*

Morgue, a dead-house, is generally associated with *mors* (death); but this is a blunder, as the word means *risage*, and was first applied to prison vestibules, where new criminals were placed to be scrutinised, that the prison officials might become familiar with their faces and general appearance.

"On me conduit donc au petit châtelet, et du guichet étant passé dans la morgue, un homme gros, court, et carré, vint à moi."—*Arsoucy: La Prison de M. Dausouche* (1670), p. 32.

"Morgue. Endroit où l'on tient quelque temps ceux que l'on croit être, afin que les guichetiers puissent les reconnaître ensuite."—*Fleming and Tibbins*, vol. II, p. 686.

Morgue la Faye, who watched over the birth of Ogier the Dane, and after he had finished his earthly career, restored him to perpetual youth, and took him to live with her in everlasting love in the isle and castle of Avalon.

Moribund. Declining; in a dying state; on its last legs. Turkey is called a moribund state. Institutions on the decline are called moribund. Applied to institutions, commercial companies, states, etc. (Latin, *moribundus*, ready to die.)

Morisonianism. The religious system of James Morison, the chief peculiarities being the doctrines of universal atonement, and the ability of man unaided to receive or reject the Gospel. James Morison, in 1811, separated from the "United Secession," now merged into the "United Presbyterian." The Morisonians call themselves the "Evangelical Union."

Morley (*Mrs.*). The name under which Queen Anne corresponded with Mrs. Freeman (the Duchess of Marlborough).

Morma, in Pepsys's *Diary*, is Elizabeth, daughter of John Dickens, who died October 22nd, 1662.

Mormon. The last of a pretended line of Hebrew prophets, and the pretended author of *The Book of Mormon*, or *Golden Bible*, written on golden plates. This work was in reality written by the Rev. Solomon Spalding, but was claimed by Joseph Smith as a direct revelation to him by the angel Mormon. Spalding died in 1816; Smith, 1844.

Mormon Creed. (1) God is a person with the form and flesh of man. (2) Man is a part of the substance of God, and will himself become a god. (3) Man was not created by God, but existed from all eternity, and will never cease to exist. (4) There is no such thing as original or birth sin. (5) The earth is only one of many inhabited spheres. (6) God is president of men made gods, angels, good men, and spirits waiting to receive a tabernacle of flesh. (7) Man's household of wives is his kingdom not for earth only, but also in his future state. (8) Mormonism is the kingdom of God on earth. (*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, i. 24.)

Mormonism. The religious and social system of the Latter-day Saints; so called from their gospel, termed *The Book of Mormon*. Joe Smith, the founder of the system, was born in Sharon, Windsor county, Vermont; his partner was Rigdon. The manuscript, which he declared to be written on gold plates, was a novel written by Spalding. He was cited thirty-nine times into courts of law, and was at last assassinated by a gang of ruffians, who broke into his prison at Carthage, and shot him like a dog. His wife's name was Emma; he lived at Nauvoo, in Illinois; his successor was Brigham Young, a carpenter by trade, who led the "Saints" (as the Mormons are called), driven from home by force, to the valley of the Salt Lake, 1,500 miles distant, generally called Utah, but by the Mormons themselves *Deseret* (Bee-country), the New Jerusalem. Abraham is their model man, and Sarai their model woman, and English their language. Young's house was called the Bee-hive. Every man, woman, and child capable of work has work to do in the community.

Morning. The first glass of whisky drunk by Scotch fishermen in salutation to the dawn. Thus one fisherman will say to another, "Hae ye had your morning, Tam?" or "I haena had my morning, yet, Jock."

"Having declined Mrs. Flockhart's compliment of a 'morning,' . . . he made his adieu."—*Sir W. Scott: Waverley*, chap. xlii.

Morning Star of the Reformation. John Wycliffe (1324-1384).

Morocco. The name of Banks's bay horse. (See **BANKS** and **HORSE**.)

Morocco. Strong ale made from burnt malt, used in the annual feast at Seven-halls, Westmoreland (the seat of the Hon. Mary Howard), on the opening of

Milnthorpe Fair. This liquor is put into a large glass of unique form, and the person whose turn it is to drink is called the "colt." He is required to stand on one leg, and say "Luck to Sevens as long as Kent flows," then drain the glass to the bottom, or forfeit one shilling. The act is termed "drinking the constable." The feast consists of radishes, oaten cake, and butter.

Morocco Men (The). Public-house and perambulating touts for lottery insurances. Their rendezvous was a tavern in Oxford Market, on the Portland estate, at the close of the eighteenth century. In 1796 the great State lottery employed 7,500 Morocco men to dispose of their tickets.

Morosa. The fool in the play entitled *The Longer Thou Livest the More Fool Thou Art*, by William Wager.

Morpheus (2 syl., the *Sleeper*). Son of Sleep, and god of dreams: so called because he gives these airy nothings their form and fashion.

Morrel. One of the shepherds in the *Shepherd's Calendar*, by Spenser.

Morrice (*Gil* or *Child*). The natural son of an earl and the wife of Lord Barnard or John Stewart, "brought forth in her father's house wi' mickle sin and shame," and brought up "in the gude grene wode." One day he sent Willie to the baron's hall, requesting his mother to come without delay to Greenwood, and by way of token sent with him a "gay mantel" made by herself. Willie went into the dinner-hall, and blurted out his message before all who were present, adding, "and there is the silken surke your ain hand sewd the sleive." Lord Barnard, thinking the Child to be a paramour of his wife, forbade her to leave the hall, and, riding himself to Greenwood, slew Morrice with a broadsword, and setting his head on a spear, gave it to "the meanest man in a' his train" to carry it to the lady. When the baron returned Lady Barnard said to him, "Wi' that same spear, O pierce my heart, and put me out o' pain;" but the baron replied, "Enough of blood by me's hin spilt, sair, sair I rew the deid," adding—

"I'll ay lament for Gil Morrice,
As glu he were mine ain;
I'll neir forget the dreiry day
On which the youth was slain."

Reliques of Ancient English Poetry, ser. iii. 1.

Dr. Percy says this pathetic tale suggested to Home the plot of *Douglas* (a tragedy).

Morris Dance, brought to England in the reign of Edward III., when John of Gaunt returned from Spain. In the dance, bells were jingled, and staves or swords clashed. It was a military dance of the Moors or Moriscos, in which five men and a boy engaged; the boy wore a *morione* or head-piece, and was called Mad Morion. (See MAID MARIAN.)

Morse Alphabet (*The*). An alphabet used in telegraphic messages, invented by Professor Samuel F. B. Morse, of Massachusetts. The right-hand deflection of the electric needle corresponds to a dash, and the left-hand to a dot; and by means of dashes and dots every word may be spelt at length. Military signalling is performed in England by short and long flashes of a flag or some other instrument; the short flash corresponds with the dot, and the long with the dash. The following ten varieties will show how these two symbols are capable of endless combinations, · | · · | · · · | · · · · | — | — · | — · | · · · — | etc.

Mort-safe. A wrought-iron frame to prevent dead bodies from being exhumed by resurrectionists. (See *Notes and Queries*, March 14th, 1891, p. 210.)

Mortal. *I saw a mortal lot of people*—i.e. a vast number. Mortal is the French *à mort*, as in the sentence, "*Il y avait du monde à mort*." Legonidec says, "*Ce mot [mort] ne s'emploie jamais au propre, mais seulement au figuré, avec la signification de multitude, grand nombre, foule.*"

Mortar-board. A college cap. A corruption of the French *mortier*, the cap worn by the ancient kings of France, and still used officially by the chief justice or president of the court of justice. As a college cap has a square board on the top, the mortier-board was soon transformed into mortar-board.

Mortals differ from guns, in having their trunnions placed behind the vent. They are short pieces, intended to project shells at high angles (45°), and the shells thus projected fall almost vertically on the object struck, forcing in the strongest buildings, and (bursting at the same time) firing everything around. Their splinters are very destructive.

Morte d'Arthur, compiled by Sir Thomas Malory, from French originals; edited by Southey, the poet-laureate. The compilation contains—

The Prophecies of Merlin.

The Quest of the St. Graal.

The Romance of Sir Lancelot of the Lake.

The History of Sir Tristram; etc. etc. Tennyson has a *Morte d'Arthur* among his poems.

Mortgage. (See WELSH MORTGAU.)

Morther. *Well, Mor, where have you been this long while?* (Norfolk). *I'sy, Mor, come hither!* (Norfolk). Mor or Morther means a lass, a wench. It is the Dutch *moer* (a woman). In Norfolk they call a lad a *bor*, from the Dutch *boer* (a farmer), English *boor*. "Well, bor!" and "Well, mor!" are to be heard daily in every part of the county.

"When once a giggling morther you,
And a red-faced chubby boy,
Sly tricks you played me not a few,
For mischief was your greatest joy."
Bloomfield: Richard and Kate.

Mortimer. So called from an ancestor in crusading times, noted for his exploits on the shores of the Dead Sea. (*De Mortuo Mari*.)

Mortlake Tapestry. The best English tapestry made at Mortlake (Middlesex), in the reign of James I.

"Why, budy, do you think me
Wrought in a loom, some Dutch-piece weaved at
Mortlake?" *City Mah.*

Mortstone. *He may remove Mort-stone*. A Devonshire proverb, said incredulously of husbands who pretend to be masters of their wives. It also means, "If you have done what you say, you can accomplish anything."

Morven. Fingal's realm; probably Argyllshire and its neighbourhood.

Mosaic Work is not connected with the proper name Moses, but with the Muses (Latin, *opus musæum*, *musium*, or *musæum*; Greek, *mosaion*; French, *mosaïque*; Italian, *mosaico*). Pliny says it was so called because these tessellated floors were first used in the grottoes consecrated to the Muses (xxxv. 21, s. 42). The most famous workman in mosaic work was Sosos of Pergamos, who wrought the rich pavement in the common-hall, called Asaroton ocon. (*Pliny: Natural History*, xxxvi. 4, 61.)

Moscōw. So called from the river Moscowa, on which it is built.

The monarch of Moscov. A large bell weighing 193 tons, 21 feet high, and 21 feet in diameter.

[*So-and-So*] was my *Moscow*. The turning-point of my good fortune, leading to future shoals and misery. The

reference is to Napoleon's disastrous expedition, when his star hastened to its setting.

"Juan was my Moscow [the ruin of my reputation]." *Byron: Don Juan*, xl. 56.

Mosen (Spanish). A corruption of Mio Señor, corresponding to the Castilian *Don*.

Moses' Horns. Exodus xxxiv. 30, "All the children of Israel saw Moses, and the skin of his face shone," translated in the Vulgate, "*Corvuta esset facies sua*." Rays of light were called horns. Hence in Habakkuk (iii. 4) we read of God, "His brightness was as the light, and He had horns [rays of light] coming out of His hand." Michel Angelo depicted Moses with horns, following the Vulgate.

The French translation of Habakkuk, iii. 4 is—"*La splendeur étoit comme la lumière même, et des rayons sortaient de sa main.*"

Moses' Rod. So the divining-rod was usually called. The divining-rod was employed to discover water or mineral treasure. In *Blackwood's Magazine* (May, 1850) we are told that nobody sinks a well in North Somersetshire without consulting the *joiver* (as the rod-diviner is called). The Abbé Richard is stated in the *Monde* to be an extremely expert diviner of water, and amongst others discovered the "Christmas Fountain" on M. de Metterich's estate, in 1863. In the *Quarterly Review* (No. 44) we have an account of Lady Noel's divining skill. (See *World of Wonders*, pt. ix. p. 283.)

Moses Slow of Speech. The account given in the *Talmud* (vi.) is as follows:—Pharaoh was one day sitting on his throne with Moses on his lap, when the child took off the king's crown and put it on his own head. The "wise men" tried to persuade the king that this was treason, for which the child ought to be put to death; but Jethro, priest of Midian, replied, "It is the act of a child who knows no better. Let two plates" (he continued) "be set before him, one containing gold and the other red-hot coals, and you will readily see he will prefer the latter to the former." The experiment being tried, the little boy snatched up the live coal, put it into his mouth, and burnt his tongue so severely that he was ever after "heavy or slow of speech."

Moses Primrose. Son of the Rev. Dr. Primrose, very green, and with a good opinion of himself. He is chiefly known for his wonderful bargain with a

Jew at the neighbouring fair, when he gave a good horse in exchange for a gross of worthless green spectacles, with copper rims and shagreen cases. (*Goldsmith: Fear of Wakefield*.)

Mos'lem or Moslemin. Plural of Mussulman, sometimes written Mussulmans. The word is Turkish, and means true believer.

Mosse. Napping, as *Mosse* took his mare. Wilbraham says *Mosse* took his mare napping, because he could not catch her when awake.

"Till day come, catch him as *Mosse* his grey mare, napping."—*Christmas Prince*.

Mosstrooper. A robber, a bandit. The marauders who infested the borders of England and Scotland were so called because they encamped on the *masses*.

Mote and Beam (Matt. vii. 3-5). *In alio pediculus video, in te ricinum non vides* (Petronius). Here *pediculus* means a louse, and *ricinum* a tyke.

Moth. Page to Don Adriano de Arma'do, all jest and playfulness, cunning and versatile. (*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost*.)

Mother. *Mother and Head of all Churches.* So is St. John Lateran of Rome called. It occupies the site of the splendid palace of Plantius Lateranus, which escheated to the Crown from treason, and was given to the Church by the Emperor Constantine. From the balcony of this church the Pope blesses the people of the whole world.

Mother Ann. Ann Lee, the "spiritual mother" of the Shakers. (1735-1784.)

Mother Bunch. (1) Mother Bunch whose fairy tales are notorious. These tales are in *Pasquill's Jest*, with the *Merriments of Mother Bunch*. (1653.)

(2) The other Mother Bunch is called *Mother Bunch's Closet newly Broke Open*, containing rare secrets of art and nature, tried and experienced by learned philosophers, and recommended to all ingenious young men and maids, teaching them how to get good wives and husbands. (1760.)

Mother Carey's Chickens. Stormy petrels. Mother Carey is *Mater Cara*. The French call these birds *oiseaux de Notre Dame* or *ares Sanctæ Mariæ*. Chickens are the young of any fowl, or any small bird.

"They are called the 'sailer's' friends, come to warn them of an approaching storm; and it is most unlucky to kill them. The legend is that each bird contains the soul of a dead seaman."

(See *Captain Marryat: Poor Jack*, where the superstition is fully related.)

Mother Carey's Goose. The great Black Petrel or Fulmar of the Pacific Ocean.

Mother Carey is plucking her goose. It is snowing. (See *HULDA*.)

Mother Country. One's native country, but the term applies specially to England, in relation to America and the Colonies. The inhabitants of North America, Australia, etc., are for the most part descendants of English parents, and therefore England may be termed the mother country. The Germans call their native country *Fatherland*.

Mother Douglas. A noted procuress, introduced in *The Minor* by Foote. She also figures in Hogarth's *March to Finchley*. Mother Douglas resided at the north-east corner of Covent Garden; her house was superbly furnished and decorated. She grew very fat, and with pious up-turned eyes used to pray for the safe return of her "babes" from battle. She died 1761.

Mother Earth. When Junius Brutus (after the death of Lucretia) formed one of the deputation to Delphi to ask the Oracle which of the three would succeed Tarquin, the response was, "He who should first kiss his mother." Junius instantly threw himself on the ground, exclaiming, "Thus, then, I kiss thee, Mother Earth," and he was elected Consul.

Mother Goose. A name associated with nursery rhymes. She was born in Boston, and her eldest daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Fleet, the printer. Mrs. Goose used to sing the rhymes to her grandson, and Thomas Fleet printed the first edition in 1719.

Mother Hubbard. The old lady whose whole time seems to have been devoted to her dog, who always kept her on the trot, and always made game of her. Her temper was proof against this wilfulness on the part of her dog, and her politeness never forsook her, for when she saw Master Doggie dressed in his fine clothes—

"The dame made a curtsy, the dog made a bow;
The dame said, 'Your servant,' the dog said,
'Bow-wow!'"

Mother Huddle's Oven. Where folk are huddled up so that they live for ever. (*Howard Pyle: Robin Hood*, 211.)

Mother Shipton lived in the reign of Henry VIII., and was famous for her prophecies, in which she foretold the death of Wolsey, Lord Percy, etc.,

and many wonderful events of future times. All her "prophecies" are still extant.

Mother-sick. Hysterical.

Mother-wit. Native wit, a ready reply; the wit which "our mother gave us." In ancient authors the term is used to express a ready reply, courteous but not profound. Thus, when Louis XIV. expressed some anxiety lest Polignac should be inconvenienced by a shower of falling rain, the mother-wit of the cardinal replied, "It is nothing, I assure your Majesty; the rain of Marly never makes us wet."

Mother of Believers. Ay-e'-shah, the second and favourite wife of Mahomet; so called because Mahomet being the "Father of Believers," his wife of wives was Mother of Believers.

Mother of Books. Alexandria was so called from its library, which was the largest ever collected before the invention of printing.

Mother of Cities [*Amu-al-Bulul*]. Balkh is so called.

Mother of Pearl. The inner iridescent layers of the shells of many bivalve molluscs, especially that of the pearl oyster.

Mother of the Gracchi. A hard, strong-minded, rigid woman, without one soft point or effeminate weakness. Always in the right, and maintaining her right with the fortitude of a martyr.

Mother's Apron Strings. (See *TIED* . . .)

Mothering Sunday is Sunday in Mid-Lent, a great holiday, when the Pope blesses the golden rose, and children go home to their mothers to feast on "mothering cakes." It is said that the day received its appellation from the ancient custom of visiting their "mother church," and making offerings on the altar on that day. Used by school-children it means a holiday, when they went home to spend the day with their mother or parents.

Motion. *The laws of motion*, according to Galileo and Newton.

(1) If no force acts on a body in motion, it will continue to move uniformly in a straight line.

(2) If force acts on a body, it will produce a change of motion proportionate to the force, and in the same direction (as that in which the force acts).

(3) When one body exerts force on another, that other body reacts on it with equal force.

Motley. *Men of motley.* Licensed fools; so called because of their dress.

"Motley is the only wear."

Shakespeare: *As You Like It*, II. 7.

Motu Pro'prio. A law brought in by Consalvi, to abolish monopolies in the Papal States (1757).

Mouch (To). To live as a vagrant.

Mouchard (French). A spy, "*qui fait comme les mouches, qui voient si bien sans en avoir l'air.*" At the close of the seventeenth century, those *petits-maitres* who frequented the Tuileries to see and be seen were called *mouchards* (fly-men). (*Dictionnaire Étymologique de Ménage.*)

Moulds. *In the moulds.* In the grave.

"After Sir John and her [the minister's wife] were . . . bathed in the moulds."—Sir W. Scott: *Redgumlet* (Letter XI.).

Mound. The largest artificial mound in Europe is Silbury Hill, near Avebury (Wiltshire). It covers 5 acres, 34 perches, and measures at the base 2,027 feet; its diameter at top is 120 feet; its slope is 316 feet; perpendicular height, 107 feet; and it is altogether one of the most stupendous monuments of human labour in the world.

Alyattes, in Asia Minor, described by Herodotus, is somewhat larger than Silbury Hill.

Mount Zion. The Celestial City or Heaven. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress.*)

"I am come from the City of Destruction, and am going to Mount Zion." (Part I.)

Mountain (The) or Montagnards. The extreme democratical party in the first French Revolution; so called because they seated themselves on the highest benches of the hall in which the National Convention met. Their leaders were Danton and Robespierre, but under them were Marat, Couthon, Thuriot, St. André, Legendre, Camille-Desmoulins, Carnot, St. Just, and Collot d'Herbois, the men who introduced the "Reign of Terror." Extreme Radicals are still called in France the "Mountain Party," or *Montagnards*.

Old Man of the Mountain. Imaum Hassan ben Sabbah el Homairi. The Sheik Al Jebal was so called, because his residence was in the mountain fastnesses of Syria. He was the prince of a Mahometan sect called Assassins (*q.v.*), and founder of a dynasty in Syria, put an end to by the Moguls in the twelfth

century. In Rymer's *Fœdera* (vol. i.) two letters of this sheik are inserted. It is not the province of this *Book of Fables* to dispute their genuineness.

If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain. If what I seek will not come to me without my stir, I must exert myself to obtain it; if we cannot do as we wish, we must do as we can. When Mahomet first announced his system, the Arabs demanded supernatural proofs of his commission. "Moses and Jesus," said they, "wrought miracles in testimony of their divine authority; and if thou art indeed the prophet of God, do so likewise." To this Mahomet replied, "It would be tempting God to do so, and bring down His anger, as in the case of Pharaoh." Not satisfied with this answer, he commanded Mount Sufa to come to him, and when it stirred not at his bidding, exclaimed, "God is merciful. Had it obeyed my words, it would have fallen on us to our destruction. I will therefore go to the mountain, and thank God that He has had mercy on a stiff-necked generation."

The mountain in labour. A mighty effort made for a small effect. The allusion is to the celebrated line of Horace, "*Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus,*" which Creech translates, "The travailing mountain yields a silly mouse;" and Boileau, "*La montagne en travail enfante une souris.*"

Mountain Ash (*The*), or "Rowan-tree," botanically called *Pyrus aucuparia*, which does not belong to the same family of plants as the *fraxinus*, or Common Ash. The Mountain Ash is *icosandria*, but the Common Ash is *dian-dria*. The Mountain Ash is *pentagynia*, but the Common Ash is *monogynia*. The Mountain Ash is of the Natural Order *rosaceæ*, but the common Ash is of the Natural Order *sepiaria*; yet the two trees resemble each other in many respects. The Rowan or Row-tree is called in Westmoreland the "Wiggen-tree." It was greatly venerated by the Druids, and was called the "Witcher" by the early Britons, because it was supposed to ward off witches.

"Their spells were vain. The hags returned

To their queen in sorrowful mood,

Crying that witches have no power

Where thrives the Rowan-tree wood."

Laidley Worm of Spindleston Heughs (a ballad).

Mountain-dew. Whisky.

Mountains of Mole-hills. To make mountains of mole-hills. To make a

great fuss about trifles. "*Ex clodca areom factre*" (Cicero).

Mountebank. The bank or bench was the counter on which shopkeepers of yore displayed their goods. Street-vendors used to *mount* on their *bank* to patter to the public. The French word is "*saïlin banque*;" and the Italian word "*Cantabanco*" (i.e. *canta in banco*, one who patters from his bank).

* In Italian, *montabanco* (a quack-doctor) is also in use.

"... Se disant estre quelque trabe, ou quelque Juit convers, il se feignoit medecin du roi de Perse, et comme tel il n'ontoit la banque. C'estoit là que, pour delater ses drogues, il étourdissent de son habil toute l'assemblée."—*Histoire Generale des Iarrons*, book 1, chap. xlix.

There were temporary mountebanks as well as more regular merchants. In Attica, the names of Dolon and Sisionon of Icaria are distinguished. In France, Talaria, Talarin, Turupin, Gauthier-Garguille, Gros-Guilhaume, Enilok-Gorju, Bo-bèche, Gahmaufre, and Grun-talet (a marvellous number of 6's). In England, Andrew Borden, and some few others of inferior note.

Mourning.

Black. To express the privation of light and joy, the midnight gloom of sorrow for the loss sustained. The colour of mourning in Europe. It was also the colour of mourning in ancient Greece and in the Roman Empire.

Black and white striped. To express sorrow and hope. The mourning of the South-Sea Islanders.

Greyish brown. The colour of the earth, to which the dead return. The colour of mourning in Ethiopia.

Pale brown. The colour of withered leaves. The mourning of Persia.

Sky-blue. To express the assured hope that the deceased has gone to heaven. The colour of mourning in Syria, Cappadocia, and Armenia.

Deep blue, in Bokhara, is the colour of mourning (Hanway). The Romans in the Republic wore dark blue for mourning.

Purple and violet. To express royalty. "kings and priests to God." The colour of mourning for cardinals and the kings of France. The colour of mourning in Turkey is violet.

White. Emblem of "white-handed hope." The colour of mourning in China. Henry VIII. wore *white* for Anne Boleyn. The ladies of ancient Rome and Sparta wore *white* for mourning. It was the colour of mourning in Spain till 1498. In England it is still customary in some of the provinces to wear white silk hat-bands and white gloves for the unmarried.

Yellow. The scar and yellow leaf. The colour of mourning in Egypt and in

Burmah, where also it is the colour of the monastic order. In Brittany, widows' caps among the *paysannes* are yellow. Anne Boleyn wore yellow mourning for Catherine of Aragon. Some say yellow is in token of exultation.

Mournival. Four cards all alike, as four aces, four kings, etc., in a game of cards called *Gleeck*. Gleeck is three cards alike.

"A mournival of aces, gleeck of knives,
Just nine a-piece." *Albion*, iii. 5.

Poole in his *English Parnassus* called the four elements *Nature's first mournival*.

Mouse. The soul or spirit was often supposed in olden times to assume a zoomorphic form, and to make its way at death through the mouth of man in a visible form, sometimes as a pigeon, sometimes as a mouse or rat. A red mouse indicated a pure soul; a black mouse, a soul blackened by pollution; a pigeon or dove, a saintly soul.

Exorcists used to drive out evil spirits from the human body, and Harsnet gives several instances of such expulsions in his *Popular Impositions* (1604).

* No doubt pigeons were at one time trained to represent the departing soul, and also to represent the Holy Ghost.

Mouse, Mousie, terms of endearment. Other terms of endearment from animals are, *bird* or *birds* (as "My bonnie bird"); *puss*, *pussy*; *lamb*, *lambkin*; "You little monkey" is an endearing reproof to a child. Dog and pig are used in a bad sense, as "You dirty dog;" "You filthy pig." Brave as a lion, surly as a bear, crafty as a fox, proud as a peacock, fleet as a hare, and several phrases of a like character are in common use.

"God bless you, mouse," the hedge-groom said,
And snuck her on the lips."
Warner's Alb. Eng., p. 17

Mouse Tower (*The*), on the Rhine, said to be so called because Bishop Hatto (7.r.) was there devoured by mice. The tower, however, was built by Bishop Siegfried, two hundred years after the death of Bishop Hatto, as a toll-house for collecting the duties upon all goods which passed by. The word *maus* or *mauth* means "toll," and the toll collected on corn being very unpopular, gave rise to the tradition referred to. The catastrophe was fixed on Bishop Hatto, a noted statesman and councillor of Otho the Great, proverbial for his cunning perfidy. (*See* HATTO.)

Moussa. Moses.

Moussali. A Persian musician. Haroun al Raschid was going to divorce his late favourite Mariadah or Marinda, but the poet Moussali sang some verses to him which so touched his heart, that he went in search of the lady and made peace with her. (*D'Herbelot.*)

Mouth. Down in the mouth. (*See under Down.*)

His mouth was made, he was trained or reduced to obedience, like a horse trained to the bit.

"At first, of course, the fireworker showed flight. . . but in the end 'his mouth was made,' his paces formed, and he became a very serviceable and willing animal."—*Le Fanu: House in the Chou chyard*, ch. xcix.

Mouth Waters. *That makes my mouth water.* "*Cela fait venir l'eau à la bouche.*" The fragrance of appetising food excites the salivary glands. The phrase means—that makes me long for or desire it.

Moutons. *Revenons à nos moutons.* Return we to our subject. The phrase is taken from an old French play, called *L'Arcaet*, by Patelin, in which a woollen-draper charges a shepherd with stealing sheep. In telling his grievance he kept for ever running away from his subject; and to throw discredit on the defendant's attorney, accused him of stealing a piece of cloth. The judge had to pull him up every moment with, "*Mais, mon ami, revenons à nos moutons*" (What about the sheep, tell me about the sheep, now return to the story of the sheep).

Movable. *The first morable.* Sir Thomas Browne (*Religio Medici*, p. 56, 27) uses the phrase, "Beyond the first movable," meaning outside the material creation. According to Ptolemy the "*primum mobile*" (the first movable and first mover of all things) was the boundary of creation, above which came the empyrean heaven, or seat of God.

Moving the Adjournment of the House. This is the only method which the rules of the house leave to a member for bringing up suddenly, and without notice, any business which is not on the order paper.

Moving the Previous Question. A parliamentary dodge for burking an obnoxious bill. The method is as follows:—A "question," or bill, is before the house, an objector does not wish to commit himself by moving its rejection, so he moves "the previous question," and the Speaker moves, from the chair, "that the question be *not* put"—that

is, that the house be not asked to come to any decision on the main question, but be invited to pass to the "orders of the day." In other words, that the subject be shelved or burked.

N.B. A motion for "the previous question" cannot be made on an amendment, nor in a select committee, nor yet in a committee of the whole house. The phrase is simply a method of avoiding a decision on the question before the House.

Moving the World. *Give me where to stand, and I will move the world.* So said Archimedes of Syracuse; and the instrument he would have used is the lever.

Mow, a heap, and **Mow,** to cut down, are quite different words. Mow, a heap, is the Anglo-Saxon *moue*; but mow, to cut down, is the Anglo-Saxon *māw-an*.

There is a third *Mow* (a wry face), which is the French *moue*, as "*Faire la moue à [quel qu'un]*," to make faces at someone, and "*Faire la moue*," to pout or sulk. (Dutch, *moue*.)

Mowis. The bridegroom of snow, who (according to American Indian tradition) wooed and won a beautiful bride; but when morning dawned, Mowis left the wigwam, and melted into the sunshine. The bride hunted for him night and day in the forests, but never saw him more.

Mozalde (2 syl.) or **Monzalda.** The "Moor," settled in Calicut, who befriended Vasco da Gama when he first landed on the Indian continent.

"The Moor attends, Mozalde, whose zealous care, To Gama's eyes revealed each treacherous snare." *Cantoens: Lunad*, bk. ix.

Much or Mudge. The miller's son, in Robin Hood dances, whose great feat was to bang with a bladder of peas the heads of the gaping spectators. Represents the Fool.

Much Ado about Nothing. The plot is from a novel of Belleforest, copied from one by Bandello (18th vol., vi.). There is a story resembling it in Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*, bk. vi., another in the *Geneura* of G. Turberville, and Spenser has a similar one in the *Faerie Queene*, book ii. canto iv.

Much Ado about Nothing. After a war in Messina, Claudio, Benedick, and some other soldiers went to visit Leonato the governor, when the former fell in love with Hero, the governor's daughter; but Benedick and Beatrice, being great rattle-pates, fell to jesting, and each

positively disliked the other. By a slight artifice their hatred was converted into love, and Beatrice was betrothed to the Paduan lord. In regard to Hero the day of her nuptials was fixed; but Don John, who hated Claudio and Leonato, induced Margaret, the lady's maid, to dress up like her mistress, and to talk familiarly with one Borachio, a servant of Don John's; and while this chit-chat was going on, the Don led Claudio and Leonato to overhear it. Each thought it to be Hero, and when she appeared as a bride next morning at church, they both denounced her as a light woman. The friar, being persuaded that there was some mistake, induced Hero to retire, and gave out that she was dead. Leonato now challenged Claudio for being the cause of Hero's death, and Benedick, urged on by Beatrice, did the same. At this crisis Borachio was arrested, and confessed the trick; Don John fled, the mystery was duly cleared up, and the two lords married the two ladies.

Muc'na Cautio. A law-quirk, so called from Mucius Scaevola, a Roman pontifex, and the most learned of jurists.

Muck'lebackit. *Elspeth Mucklebackit*, mother of Saunders.

Little Jennie Mucklebackit. Child of Saunders.

Maggie Mucklebackit. Wife of Saunders.

Saunders Mucklebackit. The old fisherman at Musslecrag.

Stennie Mucklebackit. Eldest son of Saunders (drowned). (*Sir Walter Scott: The Antiquary.*)

Muck'lewrath. *Habakkuk Mucklewrath.* A fanatic preacher. (*Sir Walter Scott: Old Mortality.*)

John Mucklewrath. Smith at Cairn-vrockan village. Dame Mucklewrath, his wife, is a perfect virago. (*Sir Walter Scott: Waverley.*)

Mun'-honey. So Tennyson calls the dirty pleasures of men-about-town. (*Maud.*)

Mudar'ra. Son of a Moorish princess and Gonçalo Bustos de Salas de Lara, who murdered his uncle Rodrigo, while hunting, to avenge the death of his seven half-brothers. (*See LARA, The seven infants of Lara.*)

Muff (A). A dull, stupid person. Sir Henry Muff, one of the candidates in Dudley's interlude, called *The Rival Candidates* (1774), is a stupid, blundering

dolt. He is not only unsuccessful in his election, but he finds that his daughter has engaged herself during his absence.

Muffins and Crumpets. Muffins is *pain-moufflet*. Du Cange describes the *pains moifletus* as bread of a more delicate nature than ordinary, for the use of prebends, etc., and says it was made fresh every day. Crumpets is *crumple-ettes*, cakes with little crumples.

Muffed Cats catch no Mice. (In Italian, "*Catta quantata non piglia sorice.*") Said of those who work in gloves for fear of soiling their fingers.

Mufti. *We went in mufti*—out of uniform, *incog.*

The French say *en pékin*, and French soldiers call civilians *pékins*. An officer who had kept Talleyrand waiting, said he had been detained by some pékins. "What are they?" asked Talleyrand. "Oh," said the officer, "we call everybody who is not *militaire* a pékin." "And we," said Talleyrand, "call everybody military that is not *civil*." Mufti is an Eastern word, signifying a judge.

Mug-house. An ale-house was so called in the eighteenth century. Some hundred persons assembled in a large tap-room to drink, sing, and sport. One of the number was made chairman. Ale was served to the guests in their own mugs, and the place where the mug was to stand was chalked on the table.

Mugello. The giant slain by Averardo de Medici a commander under Charlemagne. The tale is interesting, for it is said that the Medici took the three balls of this giant's mace for their device. Everyone knows that pawn-brokers have adopted the three balls as a symbol of their trade. (*See under BALLS* for another account.)

Muggins. A small borough magnate, a village leader. To *mug* is to drink, and Mr. Muggins is Mr. Drinker.

Muggletonian. A follower of one Lodovic Muggleton, a journeyman tailor, who, about 1651, set up for a prophet. He was sentenced to stand in the pillory, and was fined £500.

Mugwump (A). A word borrowed from the Algonquin, meaning one who acts and thinks independently. In Elliot's Indian Bible the word "centurion" in the Acts is rendered *mugwump*. Those who refuse to follow the dictum of a caucus are called in the United States *mugwumps*. The chief of

the Indians of Esopus is entitled the *Mugwump*. Turncoats are mugwumps, and all political Pharisees whose party vote cannot be relied on.

"I suppose I am a political mugwump," said the Englishman. "Not yet," replied Mr. Reed. "You will be when you have returned to your allegiance." — *The Liverpool Echo*, July 10th, 1886.

Mugwump Press (*The*). Those newspapers which are not organs of any special political party, but being "neither hot nor cold," are disliked by all party men."

"The Mugwump Press, whose function it is to enlighten the feeble-minded. . . ." — *The New York Tribune*, 1892

Mulat to (Spanish). A mule, a mongrel; applied to the male offspring of a negress by a white man. A female offspring is called a "Mulatta." (See CREOLE.)

Mulberry. The fruit was originally white, and became blood-red from the blood of Pyramus and Thisbe. The tale is, that Thisbe was to meet her lover at the white mulberry-tree near the tomb of Ninus, in a suburb of Babylon. Being scared by a lion, Thisbe fled, and, dropping her veil, it was besmeared with blood. Pyramus, thinking his lady love had been decoured by a lion, slew himself, and Thisbe, coming up soon afterwards, stabbed herself also. The blood of the lovers stained the white fruit of the mulberry-tree into its present colour.

The botanical name is *Morus*, from the Greek *morus* (a food); so called, we are told in the *Horæ* *Austriacæ*, because "it is reputed the wisest of all flowers, as it never buds till the cold weather is past and gone."

In the *Satanstoe* *Chambers* (pt. I. chap. iv.) we are told that Eglantine, daughter of the King of Thebes, was transformed into a mulberry-tree.

Mulciber -- i.e. Vulcan. It is said that he took the part of Juno against Jupiter, and Jupiter hurled him out of heaven. He was three days in falling, and at last was picked up, half-dead and with one leg broken, by the fishermen of the island of Legnos. (See *Milton: Paradise Lost*, book i., 740, etc.)

Mule. Mahomet's favourite white mule was Daldah. (See FADDA.)

To shew one's mule. To appropriate part of the money committed to one's trust. This is a French locution--

"*Ferret la mule* -- *fe*, l'action d'un domestique qui trompe son maître sur le prix réel des choses qu'il achète en son nom. Elle doit son origine au proverbe, facile à employer, de la dépense faite pour *ferret la mule*." — *Encyclopédie des Proverbes Français*.

"He had the keeping and disposal of the moneys, and yet shod not his own mule." — *History of France* (1655).

Mull. To make a mull of a job is to fail to do it properly. The failure of a peg-top to spin is called a mull, hence also any blunder or failure. (Scotch, mull, dust, or a contraction of muddle.) The people of Madras are called "Mulls," because they are in a less advanced state of civilisation than the other two presidencies, in consequence of which they are held by them in low estimation. (Anglo-Saxon, *myl*, dust.)

Mulla. Awbeg, a tributary of the Blackwater, in Ireland, which flowed close by Spenser's home. Spenser is called by Shenstone "the bard of Mulla's silver stream."

Mul'mutine Laws. The code of Dunvallo Mulmutius, sixteenth King of the Britons (about B.C. 400). This code was translated by Gildas from British into Latin, and by Alfred into Anglo-Saxon. These laws obtained in England till the Conquest. (*Hollinshead: History of England*, iii. 1.)

"Mulmutius made our laws,
Who was the first of Britain which did put
His brows within a golden crown, and called
Himself a king."

Shakespeare: *Cymbeline*, iii. 1.

"Mulmutius was the son of Cloten, King of Cornwall (8th century of Monmouth, British History, ii. 17.)

Mulready's Envelope (*The*, 1840), is an envelope resembling a half-sheet of letter-paper, when folded. The space left for the address formed the centre of an ornamental design by Mulready, the artist. When the penny postage envelopes were first introduced, these were the stamped envelopes of the day, which, however, remained in circulation only one year, and were more fit for a comic annual than anything else.

"A set of those odd-looking envelope-things,
Where Britannus (who seems to be crucified)
flings
To her right and her left, funny people with
wings
Amongst elephants Quakers, and Catalaw
kings,
And a tayer and wax, and small Queen's-heads
in packs,
Which, when notes are too big you must stick
on their backs." — *Ingoldsby Legends*.

Multipliers. Alchemists, who pretended to multiply gold and silver. An act was passed (2 Henry IV., c. iv.) making the "act of multiplication" felony. In the *Canterbury Tales*, the Chanoun Yeman says he was reduced to poverty by alchemy, adding: "Lo, such advantage is't to multiply." (*Prologue to Chaucer's Tale*.)

Multitudes. Dame Juliana Berners, in her *Bookes of St. Albans*, says, in designating companies we must not use the

names of multitudes promiscuously, and examples her remark thus:—

"We say a *congregation* of people, a *hoast* of men, a *felshyppynge* of jomen, and a *bevy* of ladies; we must speak of a *herde* of dere, swannys, cranya, or wrenys, a *sege* of herons or bytoursys, a *muster* of peockes, a *scutche* of nyghtyngales, a *flypthe* of doves, a *clateryng* of choughes, a *pryde* of lyons, a *stewthe* of heres, a *gagle* of geys, a *sculle* of foxes, a *sculle* of freys, a *ponteficacye* of prestys, and a *superfytte* of nouces."—*Booke of St. Albans* (1486).

She adds, that a strict regard to these niceties better distinguishes "gentylmen from ungentylmen," than regard to the rules of grammar, or even to the moral law. (See NUMBERS.)

Multum in Parvo (Latin). Much [information] condensed into few words or into a small compass.

Mum. A strong beer made in Brunswick; so called from Christian Mummer, by whom it was first brewed.

Mum (a mask), hence mummer.

Mum's the word. Keep what is told you a profound secret. (See MUMCHANCE.)

"Seal up your lips, and give no words hut—mum."
Shakespeare: 2 Henry VI., l. 2.

Mumbo Jumbo. A bogie or bugbear in the Mandingo towns of Africa. As the Kaffirs have many wives, it not unfrequently happens that the house becomes quite unbearable. In such a case, either the husband or an agent dresses himself in disguise, and at dusk approaches the unruly house with a following, and makes the most hideous noises possible. When the women have been sufficiently scared, "Mumbo" seizes the chief offender, ties her to a tree, and scourges her with Mumbo's rod, amidst the derision of all present. Mumbo is not an idol, any more than the American Lynch, but one disguised to punish unruly wives. (See *Mungo Park: Travels in the Interior of Africa.*)

Mumchance. Silence. Mumchance was a game of chance with dice, in which silence was indispensable. (Mum is connected with mumble; German, *mumme*, a muffle; Danish, *mumle*, to mumble.)

"And for 'mumchance,' how'er the cohan may fall,
You must be mum for fear of spolling all."
Machiavelli's Dogg.

Mummy is the Egyptian word *mum*, wax; from the custom of anointing the body with wax and wrapping it in cer-cloth. (Persian, *nomia*, wax; Italian, *mumma*; French, *monie*.) (See BEATEN.)

Mummy Wheat. Wheat said to have been taken from some of the Egyp-

tian mummies, and sown in British soil. It is, however, a delusion to suppose that seed would preserve its vitality for some hundreds of years. No seed will do so, and what is called mummy wheat is a species of corn commonly grown on the southern shores of the Mediterranean.

Mumpers. Beggars. Leland calls it a gipsy word. In Norwich, Christmas waits used to be called "Mumpers." In Lincolnshire, "Boxing-day" is called *Mumping-day* (q.v.). To mump is to beg. Beggars are called the "Mumping Society."

"A parcel of wretches hopping about by the assistance of their crutches, like so many Lincoln's Inn Fields mumpers, drawing into a body to attack (infect or beset) the coach of some charitable lord."—*Ned Ward: The London Spy*, part v.

Mumping Day. St. Thomas's Day, December 21. A day on which the poor used to go about begging, or, as it was called, "going a-gooding," that is, getting gifts to procure good things for Christmas (*mump*, to beg).

"In Warwickshire the term used was "going a-corning," i.e. getting gifts of corn. In Staffordshire the custom is spoken of simply as "a-gooding." (See MUMPERS.)

Munchausen (Baron). The hero of a volume of travels, who meets with the most marvellous adventures. The incidents have been compiled from various sources, and the name is said to have pointed to Hieronymus Karl Friedrich von Münchhausen, a German officer in the Russian army, noted for his marvellous stories (1720-1797). It is a satire either on Baron de Tott, or on Bruce, whose *Travels in Abyssinia* were looked upon as mythical when they first appeared. The author is Rudolf Erich Raspe, and the sources from which the adventures were compiled, are Bebel's *Fuettie*, Castiglione's *Cortegiano*, Bildermann's *Utopia*, and some of the baron's own stories.

Mundane Egg (*The*). In the Phœnician, Egyptian, Hindu, and Japanese systems, it is represented that the world was hatched from an egg. In some mythologies a bird is represented as laying the mundane egg on the primordial waters.

Mundilfori. One of the giant race, who had a son and daughter of such surpassing beauty that their father called them Mani and Sol (*moon* and *sun*). (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Mundungus. Bad tobacco.

Mundungus, in Sterne's *Sentimental Journey* (1769), is meant for Samuel Sharp, a surgeon, who published *Letters from Italy*. Tobias Smollett, who published *Travels through France and Italy* (1766), "one con inual, sourt," was called "Smel-fungus."

Mu'nera. The daughter of Pollente, the Saracen, to whom he gave all the spoils he unjustly took from those who fell into his power. Talus, the iron page of Sir Ar'tegal, chopped off her golden hands and silver feet, and tossed her over the castle wall into the moat. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. v. 2.)

Munkar and Nakir. Two black angels of appalling aspect, the inquisitors of the dead. The Koran says that during the inquisition the soul is united to the body. If the scrutiny is satisfactory, the soul is gently drawn forth from the lips of the deceased, and the body is left to repose in peace; if not, the body is beaten about the head with iron clubs, and the soul is wrenched forth by racking torments.

Munnin. Memory; one of the two ravens that sit perched on the shoulders of Odin; the other is Hugin (thought). (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Munta'bur [*Mount Tabur*]. The royal residence of the sultan whose daughter married Otuit, King of Lombardy.

Mu'rad. Son of Hadra'ma and Marsillus, King of Portugal, Castile, Aragon, Leon, and Valence, when those countries were held by the Moors. He was called "Lord of the Lion," because he always led about a lion in silken fetters. When he carried defiance to Charlemagne at Fronsac, the lion fell in love with Aude the Fair; Murad chastised it, and the lion tore him to pieces. (*Croquemitaine*, vii.)

Muscadins of Paris. French dudes or exquisites, who aped the London mashers in the first French Revolution. Their dress was top-boots with thick soles, knee-breeches, a dress-coat with long tails, and a high stiff collar, and a thick cudgel called a *constitution*. It was thought to be John Bullish to assume a huskiness of voice, a discourtesy of manners, and a swaggering vulgarity of speech and behaviour. Probably so called from being "perfumed like a popinjay."

"Cockneys of London, Muscadins of Paris."
Byron: Don Juan, viii. 124.

Muscular Christianity. Healthy or strong-minded religion, which braces a man to fight the battle of life bravely

and manfully. This expression has been erroneously attributed to Charles Kingsley. (*See his Life*, ii. 74, 75.)

Muses. Nine daughters of Jupiter and Mnemosyne, goddesses of poetry, history, and other arts and sciences. The paintings of Herculaneum show all nine in their respective attributes. In the National-Museum of Paris is the famous collection with which Pius VI. enriched the Vatican. Lesueur left a celebrated picture of the same subject.

Museum. The most celebrated are the British Museum in London; the Louvre at Paris; the Vatican at Rome; the Museum of Florence; that of St. Petersburg; and those of Dresden, Vienna, Munich, and Berlin.

A walking museum. So Longinus, author of a work on *The Sublime*, was called. (A.D. 213-273.)

Mushroom (an archaic form is *mushrump*). (French, *mousseron*, a white mushroom; Latin, *muscus*, moss.)

"Vocatur fungus muscarius, eo quod in lacte putrefactus interficit muscas."—*Albertus Magnus*, vii. 345.

Music. *Father of music.* Giovanni Battista Pietro Aloisio da Palestrina. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was "the prince of musicians." (1529-1594.) *Father of Greek music.* Terpander. (*Flourished* B.C. 675.)

The prince of music. G. Pietro A. da Palestrina (1529-1594).

Music hath charms, etc.; from Congreve's *Mourning Bride*, i. 1.

Music. *Men of genius averse to music.* The following men of genius were actually averse to music: Edmund Burke; Byron had no ear for music, and neither vocal nor instrumental music afforded him the slightest pleasure. Charles Fox, Hume, Dr. Johnson, Daniel O'Connell, Robert Peel, William Pitt; Pope preferred a street organ to Handel's oratorios; the poet Rogers felt actual discomfort at the sounds of music; Sir Walter Scott, the poet Southey, and Tennyson. Seven of these twelve were actually poets, and five were orators. The Princess Mathilde (Demichoff), an excellent artist, with a veritable passion for art, may be added to those who have had a real antipathy to music.

Music of the Spheres. Pythagoras was the first who suggested the notion so beautifully expressed by Shakespeare—

"There's not the smallest orb which thou behold'st
But in his motion like an angel sings,
Still quivering to the young-eyed cherubims."
Metrodorus of Venice, v. 1.

Plato says that a siren sits on each planet, who carols a most sweet song, agreeing to the motion of her own particular planet, but harmonising with all the others. Hence Milton speaks of the "celestial syrens' harmony, that sit upon the nine enfolded spheres." (*Ar-cades*.) (See NINE SPHERES.)

Maximus Tyrius says that the mere proper motion of the planets must create sounds, and as the planets move at regular intervals the sounds must harmonise. ϵ

Musical Notation. (See DO.)

Musical Small-coal Man (*The*). Thomas Britton (1654-1714).

Musicians. *Father of musicians.* Jubal, "the father of all such as handle the harp and organ" (Gen. iv. 21).

Musidora. (See DAMON.)

Mu'sits or Museta. Gaps in a hedge; places through which a hare makes his way to escape the hounds.

"The many musits through the which he goes
Are like a labyrinth to amaze his foes."
Shakespeare: Venus and Adonis.

The passing of the hare through these gaps is termed *musings*. The word is from *musse* (old French), a little hole.

Musket is the Spanish *mosquete*, a musket.

Muslin. So called from Mosul, in Asia, where it was first manufactured. (French, *mouseline*; Italian, *musolino*.)

Musnud. Cushioned seats, reserved in Persia for persons of distinction.

Muspel. A region of fire, whence Surtur will collect flames to set fire to the universe. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Muspelheim (3 syl.). The abode of fire which at the beginning of time existed in the south. It was light, warm, and radiant; but was guarded by Surt with a flaming sword. Sparks were collected therefrom to make the stars. (*Scandinavian mythology*.) (See MANHEIM.)

"The Muspelheim is a noted Scandinavian poem of the 4th century. Muspelheim is the Scandinavian hell, and the subject of the poem is the Last Judgment. The great Surt or Surtur is Anti-christ, who at the end of the world will set fire to all creation. The poem is in alternate verse, and shows both imagination and poetic talent."

Mustard. Connected with *must*. In 1382 Philip the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, granted to the town of Dijon, noted for its mustard, armorial bearings with the motto MOULT ME TARDE (*Multum ardes*, I ardently desire). The arms and motto, engraved

on the principal gate, were adopted as a trade-mark by the mustard merchants, and got shortened into Moul-t-tarde (to burn much).

The nomenclature is of the mustard family, in Spanish *mostarda*; and the Italian *mostarda* is mustard.

Mustard. *After meat, mustard.* I have now no longer need of it. "C'est de la montarde après dîner."

Musulman (plural, *Musulmans* or *Moslems*)—that is, *Moslem*, plural of *Moslem*. A Mahometan; so called from the Arabic *muslim*, a believer.

Mutantur. "*Omnia mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis*," is by Nicholas Bourbonius, a Latin poet of the sixteenth century. Dr. Sandys says that the Emperor Lothair, of the Holy Roman Empire, had already said, "*Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis*."

Mute as a Fish. Quite silent. Some fish make noises, but these are mechanical, not organic.

Mutes at Funerals. This was a Roman custom. The undertaker, attended with lictors dressed in black, marched with the corpse; and the undertaker, as master of the ceremonies, assigned to each follower his proper place in the procession.

Mutton (French, *mouton*). A gold coin impressed with the image of a lamb.

Mutton-eating King (*The*). Charles II. of England. The witty Earl of Rochester wrote this mock epitaph on his patron.—

"Here lies our mutton-eating king,
Whose word no man relies on;
He never said a foolish thing,
And never did a wise one."

*Come and eat your mutton with me.
Come and dine with me.*

Mutton-fat. A large, coarse, red fist.

Muttons. A Stock Exchange term for the Turkish '65 loan, partly secured by the sheep-tax.

Reverens a nos montons. (See MOUTONS.)

Mutual Friends. Can two persons be called *mutual* friends? Does not the word of necessity imply three or more than three? (See the controversy in *Notes and Queries*, June 9, 1894, p. 461.)

"A mutual flame was quickly caught,
Was quickly, too, revealed;
For neither bosom lodged a thought
Which virtue keeps concealed."

Edwin and Emma.

(Mutual = reciprocal.)

Muzzle. *To muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.* Not to pay for work done; to expect other persons will work for nothing. The labourer is worthy of his hire, and to withhold that hire is to muzzle the ox that treadeth out your corn.

My Eye (*All*). (*See under ALL*.)

Mynheer Cosh. A Dutchman. *Cosh* or *Chaus* is an abbreviation of Nicholas, a common name in Holland. Sandy, a contraction of Alexander, is a similar nickname for a Scotchman.

My'nian Sails. The ship *Argo*; so called because its crew were natives of Mynia.

"When his black whirlwinds o'er the ocean rolled
And rent the Mynian sails"
Cyclops: Luciad, bk. vi.

Myrmidons of the Law. Bailiffs, sheriff's officers, and other law menials. Any rough fellow employed to annoy another is the employer's myrmidon.

The Myrmidons were a people of Thessaly who followed Achilles to the siege of Troy, and were distinguished for their savage brutality, rude behaviour, and thirst for rapine.

Myron. A Greek statuary and sculptor, born in Boeotia, B.C. 480. A fellow-disciple of Polykletus, and a younger contemporary of Phidias. His great works are in bronze. By far the most celebrated of his statues were his *Discobolus* and his *Cow*. The cow is represented lowing. (*Discobolus* is a quoit or discus player.) It is said that the cow was so true to nature that a bull mistook it for a living animal.

There are several similar legends. Thus it is said that Apelles painted Alexander's horse so realistically that a living horse mistook it and began to neigh. Velasquez painted a Spanish admiral so true to life, that Felipe IV. mistook the painting for the man and rejoiced at it severely for not being with the fleet. Zeuxis painted some grapes so well that birds flew at them to peck them. Quentin Matsys painted a fly on a man's leg so intimately that Mandrin, the artist, tried to brush it off with his handkerchief. Parrhasios, of Ephesus, painted a curtain so well that Zeuxis was deceived by it, and told him to draw it aside that he might see the picture behind it.

Myrra. An Ionian slave, the beloved concubine of Sardanapalus, the Assyrian king. She roused him from his indolence to oppose Arbaces the Mede, who aspired to his throne, and when she found that his cause was hopeless induced him to place himself on a funeral pile, which she fired with her own hand, and springing into the flames, perished with her beloved lord and master. (*Byron: Sardanapalus.*)

Myrrhophores (3 syl.; the *myrrh bearers*). The three Marys who went to see the sepulchre, bearing myrrh and spices. In Christian art they are represented as carrying vases of myrrh in their hands.

Myrtle (*Thr*). If you look at a leaf of myrtle in a strong light, you will see that it is pierced with innumerable little punctures. According to fable, Phædra, wife of Theseus, fell in love with Hippolotus, her step-son; and when Hippolotus went to the arena to exercise his horses, Phædra repaired to a myrtle-tree in Træzen to await his return, and beguiled the time by piercing the leaves with a hair-pin. The punctures referred to are an abiding memento of this tradition.

In the *Orlando Furioso* Astolpho is changed into a myrtle-tree by Acricia.

Myrtle. The ancient Jews believed that the eating of myrtle leaves conferred the power of detecting witches; and it was a superstition that if the leaves crackled in the hands the person believed would prove faithful.

The myrtle which dropped blood. *Æneās* (book iii.) is represented as tearing up the Myrtle which dropped blood. Polydorus tells us that the barbarous inhabitants of the country pierced the Myrtle (then a living being) with spears and arrows. The body of the Myrtle took root and grew into the bleeding tree.

Mysteries of Woods and Rivers. The art of hunting and fishing.

Mystery. A kind of mediæval drama, the characters and events of which were drawn from sacred history.

Mystery or Mystorium. Said to make up the number 666 referred to in Rev. xvii. 5. This would not be worthy notice, except for the fact that the word "mystery" was, till the time of the Reformation, inscribed on the Pope's mitre.

"Almost any phrase or long name can be twisted into this number. (*See NUMBER OF THE BEAST.*)

Mysteries. *The three greater mysteries* (in Christianity). The Trinity, Original Sin, and the Incarnation.

"Surely the resurrection of the body should be added."

Mysterious Three (*The*) of Scandinavian mythology were "Har" (the Mighty), the "Like-Mighty," and the "Third Person," who sat on three thrones above the rainbow. Then came

the "Æsir," of which Odin was chief, who lived in Asgard (between the rainbow and earth); next come the "Vanir," or gods of the ocean, air, and clouds, of which deities Niörd was chief.

N

N. This letter represents a wriggling eel, and is called in Hebrew *nun* (a fish).

N, in Spanish, has sometimes a mark over it, thus—ñ. This mark is called a *tilde*, and alters the sense and pronunciation of a word. Thus, "pena" means *punishment*, but "peña," a *rock*. (See MARKS IN GRAMMAR.)

N. (One whose name is not given.) (See M or N.)

N, a numeral. Greek ν = 50, but ς = 50,000. Ñ (Rom.) = 900, but N̄ = 900,000.

N added to Greek words ending in a short vowel to lengthen it "by position," and "N" added to French words beginning with a vowel, when they follow a word ending with a vowel (as *ni Pon* for *ni on*), is called **N** or **L** "epheleystic" (tagged-on); Greek, *epi helko*. (See MARKS IN GRAMMAR.)

N. H. Bugs. The letters are the initials of Norfolk Howard, in allusion to a Mr. Bugg who, in 1863, changed his name to Norfolk Howard.

nth, or **nth plus One**, in University slang, means to the utmost degree. Thus, *Cut to the nth* means wholly unnoticed by a friend. The expression is taken from the index of a mathematical formula, where *n* stands for any number, and *n* + 1, one more than any number.

Nab. The fairy which offers Orpheus for food in the infernal regions a roasted ant, a flea's thigh, butterflies' brains, some sucking mites, a rainbow-tart, and other delicacies of like nature, to be washed down with dewdrops, beer made from seven barleycorns, and the supernaculum of earth-born toppers. (*King: Orpheus and Eurydice*.)

Nab. To seize without warning. A contraction of *apprehend*. (Norwegian, *nappe*, to catch at, *nap*, snatch; Swedish, *nappa*.) Our *nap* (to filch or steal) is a variety of the same word.

The keeper or catch of a latch or bolt is called the *nab*.

Nab-man. A sheriff's officer. (See NAB.)

"Old Dornton has sent the nabman after him at last,"—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering* (dramatized by Terry, ii. 3).

Nabo or Nebo. One of the divinities of the Assyrians, supposed to be the moon. (See Isa. xlv. 1.) Many of the kings of Babylon assumed the name.

Nabonassar is Nabo-nassar, Nabo-of-Asshur or Assyria.

Nabochadnassar is Nabo-chadon (or adon)-(n)-nassar, i.e. Nabo-king-of-Asshur or Assyria.

Nabopolassar is Nabo-(son of) pul-Assyrian.

Nabochadnezzar is Nebo-chad (or adon) n-assur, i.e. Nabo or Nebo-king-of-Asshur.

* Belchazzar is Baal-ch'-azzar, i.e. Baal-chadon-n-assar, or Baal-king-of-Asshur.

Nabob' (generally called Na'bob). Corruption of the Hindu word *nawab*, the plural of *nath*. An administrator of a province and commander of the Indian army under the Mogul Empire. These men acquired great wealth and lived in Eastern splendour, so that they gave rise to the phrase, "Rich as the nawab," corrupted into "*Rich as a nabob*." In England we apply the phrase to a merchant who has attained great wealth in the Indies, and has returned to live in his native country.

Nabonassar or **Nebo-adon-Assur**. (Nebo, Prince of Assyria.) Founder of the Babylonian and Chaldean kingdom, and first of the dynasty of Nabonassar.

Era of Nabonassar began Wednesday, February 26th, 747 B.C., the day of Nabonassar's accession. It was used by Ptolemy, and by the Babylonians, in all their astronomical calculations.

Naboth's Vineyard. The possession of another coveted by one able to possess himself of it. (1 Kings xxi. 1-10.)

"The little Manor House property had always been a Naboth's vineyard to his father."—*Good Words*, 1867.

Nadab, in Dryden's satire of *Abdulom and Achitophel*, is meant for Lord Howard, of Esrick or Eserick, a profligate who laid claim to great piety. Nadab offered incense with strange fire, and was slain by the Lord (Lev. x. 2); and Lord Howard, while imprisoned in the Tower, is said to have mixed the consecrated wafer with a compound of roasted apples and sugar, called lamb's-wool.

"And casting Nadab let oblivion damn,
Who made now porridge of the paschal lamb."
Abdulom and Achitophel, part I. 539-4.

Nad'ir. An Arabic word, signifying that point in the heavens which is directly opposite to the zenith.

From zenith down to nadir. From the

highest point of elevation to the lowest depth.

Nadir. A representation of the planetary system.

"We then lost (1661) a most beautiful table, fabricated of different metals. . . . Return was of copper, Jupiter of gold, Mars of iron, the Sun of latten, Mercury of amber, Venus of tin, and the Moon of silver. . . . It was the most celebrated nadir in all England."—*Inguiphus*.

Nadir Shah. Kouli Khan, a Persian warrior. (1687-1747.)

Nag. A horse. This is an example of *n* of the article joined to the following noun, as in the word newt = an ewt. (Danish and Norwegian, *og*; Anglo-Saxon, *coh* or *eh*; Latin, *eq[ui]us*); Dutch, *negge*.) Taylor (1630) has *naggon*, as—

"Wert thou George with thy naggon,
That foughtest with the dragon."

Shakespeare's *nunt* and *nuncle* are mine-aunt and mine-uncle.

Nag, Nagging. Constant fault-finding. (Anglo-Saxon, *nag-an*, to gnaw, bite.) We call a slight but constant pain, like a tooth-ache, a *nagging pain*.

Nag's Head Consecration. On the passing of the first Act of Uniformity in Queen Elizabeth's reign, fourteen bishops vacated their sees, and all the other sees, except Llandaff, were at the time vacant. The question was how to obtain consecration so as to preserve the succession called "apostolic" unbroken, as Llandaff refused to officiate at Parker's consecration. In this dilemma (the story runs) Scory, a deposed bishop, was sent for, and officiated at the *Nag's Head* tavern, in Cheapside, thus transmitting the succession.

Such is the tale. Strype refutes the story, and so does Dr. Hook. We are told that it was not the consecration which took place at the *Nag's Head*, but only that those who took part in it dined there subsequently. We are furthermore told that the Bishops Barlow, Scory, Coverdale, and Hodgkins, all officiated at the consecration.

Naga. Serpents; the king of them is Sesha, the sacred serpent of Vishnu. (*Hindu mythology*.)

Na'gifar. The giants' ship, in which they will embark on "the last day" to give battle to the gods. It is made of the nails of the devil. (Old Norse, *nagl*, a human nail, and *fara*, to make.) (*Scandinavian mythology*.) Piloted by Hrymer.

Nahushtan. Trumpery bits of brass. (2 Kings xviii. 4.)

Naiada. Nymphs of lakes, fountains, rivers, and streams. (*Classical mythology*.) (See FAIRY.)

Nail.

Down on the nail, Pay down on the nail. In ready money. In Latin: "*Super unguem*"; in French: "*Sur l'ongle*"; as, "*Boire la goutte sur l'ongle*" (see SUPERNACULUM), "*Payer rubis sur l'ongle*," where *rubis* means red wine. The Latin *ungulus* (from *unguis*) means a "shot" or reckoning, hence *ungulum dare*, to pay one's reckoning.

"Quo quibus prisa, et cariniis plena fiat solutio super unguem."—An Indenture dated July 15th, 1320 (*Scot's Act*).

O'Keefe says: "In the centre of Limerick Exchange is a pillar with a circular plate of copper about three feet in diameter, called *The Nail*, on which the earnest of all stock-exchange bargains has to be paid." (*Recollections*.)

A similar custom prevailed at Bristol, where were four pillars, called *nails*, in front of the Exchange for a similar purpose. In Liverpool Exchange there is a plate of copper called *The Nail*, on which bargains are settled.

Hung on the nail. Up the spout, put in pawn. The custom referred to is that of hanging each pawn on a nail, with a number attached, and giving the customer a duplicate thereof. Very similar to the custom of guarding hats, cloaks, walking-sticks, and umbrellas, in public exhibitions and assemblies.

To hit the nail on the head. To come to a right conclusion. In Latin, "*Rem tenes*." The Germans have the exact phrase, "*Den Nagel auf den kopf treffen*."

Nail (*For want of a*). "For want of a nail, the shoe is lost; for want of a shoe, the horse is lost; and for want of a horse, the rider is lost." (*Herbert: Jacula Prudentum*.)

Nail-money. Six crowns given to the "roy des harnois" for affixing the arms of a knight to the pavilion.

Nail fixed in the Temple (*of Jupiter*). On September 13th a nail was annually driven into the wall of the temple of Jupiter. This was originally done to tally the year, but subsequently it lapsed into a religious ceremony for warding off calamities from the city. Originally the nail was driven in the wall by the prætor maximus, subsequently by one of the consuls, and lastly by the dictator. (See *Livy*, vii. 3.)

Nail in One's Coffin. To drive a nail into one's coffin. To shorten life by anxiety, drink, etc. Toppers call a dram

"a nail in their coffin," in jocular allusion to the testotal axiom.

"Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt;
But every grin so merry draws one out."
Peter Pindar (John Wolcott): *Kypostulatory Odes*, Ode xv.

Nail One's Colours to the Mast (*To*). To refuse to surrender. When the colours are nailed to the mast they cannot be lowered in proof of submission.

Nailed. Caught and secured in jail. (*See CLOU.*)

I nailed him (or it.) I hooked him, I pinned him, meaning I secured him. Isaiah (xxii. 23) says, "I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place." However, the idea may still be, I secured him by making him pay down the earnest on *The Nail*. (*See Pay on the Nail*, second clause.)

Nails driven into Cottage Walls. This was a Roman practice, under the notion that it kept off the plague. L. Manlius was named dictator (A.U.C. 390) "to drive the nail."

Our cottagers still *nail horseshoes* to thresholds to ward off evil spirits. Mr. Coutts, the banker, had two rusty horseshoes fastened on the highest step outside Holly Lodge.

Nails of the Cross. The nails with which our Lord was fastened to the cross were, in the Middle Ages, objects of great reverence. Sir John Maundeville says, "He had two in his hands, and two in his feet; and of one of these the emperour of Constantinoble made a brydille to his horse, to bere him in bataylle; and throghe vertue thereof he overcam his enemies" (c. vii.). Fifteen are shown as relics. (*See IRON CROWN.*)

Nain Rouge. A Lutin or goblin of Normandy, kind to fishermen. There is another called *Le petit homing rouge*.

Naïveté (pron. *nah'-eev'-ty*). Ingenious simplicity; the artless innocence of one ignorant of the conventions of society. The term is also applied to poetry, painting, and sculpture. The word is formed from the Latin *natus*, *natura*, etc., meaning nature without art.

Naked Lady. Meadow saffron (*Colchicum Autumnale*). Called naked because, like the almond, peach, etc., the flowers come out before the leaves. It is poetically called "the leafless orphan of the year," the flowers being orphaned or destitute of foliage. Some call it

"Naked Boy," and the "Naked Boy Courts" of London were places where meadow saffron was sold.

Naked Truth. The fable says that Truth and Falsehood went bathing; Falsehood came first out of the water, and dressed herself in Truth's garments. Truth, unwilling to take those of Falsehood, went naked.

Nakeer. (*See MUNKAR.*)

Nala, a legendary king of India, whose love for Damayanti and subsequent misfortunes have supplied subjects for numerous poems. Dean Milman has translated into English the episode from the *Mahabharata*, and W. Yates the famous Sanskrit poem called *Nalodaya*.

Na'ma. A daughter of the race of man, who was beloved by the angel Zaraph. Her one wish was to love purely, intensely, and holily; but she fixed her love on a seraph, a creature, more than on her Creator; therefore, in punishment, she was condemned to abide on earth, "unchanged in heart and frame," so long as the earth endureth; but when time is no more, both she and her angel lover will be admitted into those courts "where love never dies." (*Moore: Loves of the Angels*, story iii.)

Namby Pamby Philips. Ambrose Philips (1671-1749). His nickname was bestowed upon him by Harry Carey, the dramatist, for his verses addressed to Lord Carteret's children, and was adopted by Pope. This was not John Philips, author of the *Splendid Shilling*. "Namby" is a baby way of pronouncing Ambrose, and "Pamby" is a jingling reduplication.

Macaulay says: "This sort of verse has been called [Namby Pamby] after the name of its author."

Name.

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose,
By any other name would smell as sweet."
Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, ii. 2.

To take God's name in vain. To use it profanely, thoughtlessly, or irreverently.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."—Exod. xx. 7.

Name. Fairies are extremely averse to having their names known, indeed there seems to be a strange identity between personality and name. Thus we are forbidden to take God's "name in vain," and when Jacob wrestled with the angel, he was anxious to know his opponent's name. (Compare the Greek *onoma* and the Latin *anima*.)

Name-son. Name-sake; also name-child, etc.

"God for ever bless your honour, I am your name-son, sure enough."—*Smollett: Adventures of Sir Launcelot Greaves.*

Name the Day. Fix the day of marriage.

Names.

To call a person names. To blackguard a person by calling him nicknames.

Names of the Puritans.

Praise-God Barebones. A leather-seller in Fleet Street.

If-Jesus-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-hadst-been-damned Barebones. His son; usually called Damned Dr. Barebones.

Nancy. The sailor's choice in Dibdin's exquisite song beginning, "'Twas past meridian half-past four." At half-past four he parted by signal from his Nancy; at eight he bade her a long adieu; next morn a storm arose, and four sailors were washed overboard, "but love forbade the waves to snatch our tar from Nancy"; when the storm ceased an enemy appeared, but when the battle was hottest our gallant friend "put up a prayer and thought on Nancy."

Miss Nancy. Mrs. Anna Oldfield, a celebrated actress, buried in Westminster Abbey. She died in 1730, and her remains lay in state, attended by two noblemen. She was buried in a very fine Brussels lace head-dress, a holland shift, with a tucker and double-ruffles of the same lace, new kid gloves, etc.

"Oulous! In woollen? 'Twould a saint provoke!"
Were the last words that poor Narcissa spoke."
Pope: Moral Essays.

Miss Nancy. An effeminate young man.

Nancy of the Vale. A village maiden who preferred Strephon to the gay lordlings who sought her. (*Shenstone.*)

Nankeen. So called from Nankin, in China. It is the natural colour of Nankin cotton.

Nanna. Wife of Balder. When the blind-god slew her husband, she threw herself upon his funeral pile and was burnt to death.

Nannie, to whom Burns has addressed several of his songs, was Miss Fleming, daughter of a farmer in the parish of Tarbolton, Ayrshire.

Nantes (1 syl.). *Edict of Nantes.* The decree of Henri IV. of France, published from Nantes in 1598, securing

freedom of religion to all Protestants. Louis XIV. repealed this edict in 1685.

Nap. To go nap. To stake all the winnings on the cards in hand; hence, to risk all on one venture. Nap is a game of cards; so called from Napoleon III.

Nap (A), a doze or short sleep, as "To take a nap," is the Anglo-Saxon *hnæppian* or *hnæpp-ian* (to take a nap; the nap of cloth is the Anglo-Saxon *hnoppa*.)

Naphtha. The drug used by Mede's for anointing the wedding robe of Glaucé, daughter of King Cre'on, whereby she was burnt to death on the morning of her marriage with Jason.

Na'pier's Bones. A method invented by Baron Napier, of Merchiston, for shortening the labour of trigonometrical calculations. Certain figures are arranged on little slips of paper or ivory, and simply by shifting these slips the result required is obtained. They are called *bones* because the baron used bone or ivory rods instead of cardboard.

Napoleon III. Few men have had so many nicknames.

MAN OF DECEMBER, so called because his coup d'état was December 2nd, and he was made emperor December 2nd, 1852.

MAN OF SERAS, and, by a pun, *M. Séduisance*. It was at Sedan he surrendered his sword to William I. King of Prussia (1870).

MAN OF SIL ESCE, from his great taciturnity.
COMTE D'ARENENBERG, the name and title he assumed when he escaped from the fortress of Ham.

BADINQUET, the name of the mason who changed clothes with him when he escaped from Ham. The emperor's partisans were called *Badinquiers*, those of the empress were *Montjoieuses*.

BOUSTRAPA is a compound of Boulogne, Strasbourg, and Paris, the places of his noted escape.

BAITROLEK — barum-scarum, half-fool and half-madman.

VERMUEL. A patronymic which cannot be explained.

There are some very curious numerical coincidences connected with Napoleon III. and Eugénie. The last complete year of their reign was 1869. (In 1870 Napoleon was dethroned and exiled.)

Now, if to the year of coronation (1852), you add either the birth of Napoleon, or the birth of Eugénie, or the capitulation of Paris, or the date of marriage, the sum will always be 1869. For example:

1852 { Cor- na- tion.	1852	1852	1852
1) Birth of Napoleon.	1) Birth of Eugénie. 2) Mar- riage.	1) Date of mar- riage.	1) Capitu- lation of Paris.
1869	1869	1869	1869

And if to the year of *marriage* (1853) these dates are added, they will give 1870, the fatal year.

Napping. To catch one napping. To find a person unprepared or off his guard. (Anglo-Saxon, *hnapping*, slumbering.)

Nappy Ale. Strong ale is so called because it makes one nappy, or because it contains a nap or frothy head.

Naraka. The hell of the Hindus. It has twenty-eight divisions, in some of which the victims are mauled by ravens and owls; in others they will be doomed to swallow cakes boiling hot, or walk over burning sands. Each division has its name: *Kurava* (fearful) is for liars and false witnesses; *Rodha* (obstruction) for those who plunder a town, kill a cow, or strangle a man; *Nukwa* (swine) for drunkards and stealers of gold; etc.

Narcissa, in the *Night Thoughts*, was Elizabeth Lee, Dr. Young's step-daughter. In Night iii. the poet says she was clandestinely buried at Montpellier, because, being a Protestant, she was "denied the charity that dogs enjoy." (For Pope's Narcissa see NANCY.)

Narcissus (*The*). This charming flower is named from the son of Cepheus. This beautiful youth saw his reflection in a fountain, and thought it the presiding nymph of the place. He tried to reach it, and jumped into the fountain, where he died. The nymphs came to take up the body that they might pay it funeral honours, but found only a flower, which they called Narcissus, after the name of the son of Cepheus. (*Ovid's Metamorphoses*, iii. 346, etc.)

Plutarch says the plant is called Narcissus from the Greek *narke* (numbness), and that it is properly *narcosis*, meaning the plant which produces numbness or palsy.

"Sweet Echo, sweetest nymph that liv'st unseen

Canst thou not tell me of a gentle pair,
That likest thy Narcissus are?"

Milton: Comus, 235, etc.

¶ Echo fell in love with Narcissus.

Nardac. The highest title of honour in the realm of Lilliput. Gulliver received this distinction for carrying off the whole fleet of the Blefuscu'dians. (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels; Voyage to Lilliput*, v.)

Narrow House or Home. A coffin: the grave. Gray calls the grave a "narrow cell."

"Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

Narrowdale Noon (*Till*). To defer a matter till Narrowdale noon is to defer

it indefinitely. "Christmas is coming." *Ans.*, "So is Narrowdale Noon." Your . . . was deferred or delayed, like Narrowdale Noon. Narrowdale is in Derbyshire. The Dovedale is a valley about three miles long, and nowhere more than a quarter of a mile broad. It is approached from the north by a "narrow dale," in which dwell a few cotters, who never see the sun all the winter, and when its beams first pierce the dale in the spring it is only for a few minutes in the afternoon.

Narses (2 syl.). A Roman general against the Goths; the terror of children. (473-568.) (See BOGIE.)

"The name of Narses was the formidable sound with which the Assyrian mothers were accustomed to terrify their infants."—*Gibbon: Decline and Fall*, etc., viii. 219.

Narwhal. Drinking-cups made of the bone of the narwhal used to be greatly valued, from the supposition that they counteracted the fatal effects of poison.

Naseby (Northamptonshire) is the Saxon *nafela* (the navel). It is so called because it was considered the navel or centre of England. Similarly, Delphi was called the "navel of the earth," and in this temple was a white stone kept bound with a red ribbon, to represent the navel and umbilical cord.

Nasi. The president of the Jewish Sanhedrim.

Na'so. The "surname" of Ovid, the Roman poet, author of *Metamorphoses*. Naso means "nose," hence *Holofernes'* pun: "And why Naso, but for smelling out the odoriferous flowers of fancy." (*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost*, iv. 2.)

Nasser. The Arabian merchant whose fables are the delight of the Arabs. D'Herbelot tells us that when Mahomet read to them the history of the Old Testament, they cried out with one voice that Nasser's tales were the best; upon which Mahomet gave his malediction on Nasser, and all who read him.

Na'strond [*dead-man's region*]. The worst marsh in the infernal regions, where serpents pour forth venom incessantly from the high walls. Here the murderer and the perjured will be doomed to live for ever. (Old Norse, *na*, a dead body, and *strond*, a strand.) (*Scandinavian mythology*.) (See LIE-STROND.)

Nathan'iel (*Sir*). A grotesque curate in *Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Lost*.

Nation of Gentlemen. So George IV. called the Scotch when, in 1822, he visited that country.

Nation of Shopkeepers. Napoleon was not the first to call the English "a nation of shopkeepers" in contempt.

National Anthem. Both the music and words were composed by Dr. Henry Carey in 1740. However, in Antwerp cathedral is a MS. copy of it which affirms that the words and music were by Dr. John Bull; adding that it was composed on the occasion of the discovery of Gunpowder Plot, to which the words "frustrate their knavish tricks" especially allude.

National Anthems.

OF AUSTRIA. Haydn's *Hymn to the Emperor*.

BRITAIN. The *Brabançonne*.

DENMARK. *Song of Danebrog* [a flag with a white cross, which fell from heaven in the 13th century at the prayer of Waldemar II.].

ENGLAND. *Rule Britannia*, words by Thomson, music by Handel, and *God Save the King*. (See above.)

FRANCE. Ancient, the *Chanson de Roland*. Since the Revolution, the *Marseillaise* and the *Chant du Départ*.

GERMANY. Arndt's *Des Deutschen Vaterland*: "Heil Dir im Siegerkranz."

HUNGARY. The *Rakoczy March*.

ITALY. *Daghele Avanti im Pusso* [i.e. Move a step onward], 1821. Garibaldi's warlike *Hymn*, and Godfredo Mameli's *Italian Brethren, Italy has Awakened*, composed by Mercantini.

RUSSIA. *God Protect the Czar*.

SCOTLAND. Several Jacobite songs, the most popular being *The King shall Enjoy his own Again*, *When the King Comes o'er the Water*, and *Lilliburlero* of 1688.

National Colours. (See COLOURS.)

National Convention. The assembly of deputies which assumed the government of France on the overthrow of the throne in 1792. It succeeded the National Assembly.

National Debt. Money borrowed by the Government, on the security of the taxes, which are pledged to the lenders for the payment of interest.

The National Debt in William III.'s reign was £15,730,439.

At the commencement of the American war, £128,583,635.

At the close thereof, £249,851,628.

At the close of the French war, £840,850,491.

Cancelled between 1817 and 1854, £85,538,790.

Created by Crimean war, £68,623,199.

In 1866, £802,842,949.

In 1872 it was £792,740,000.

In 1875 it was £714,797,715.

In 1879 it was £702,430,594.

In 1892 it was £877,679,571.

In 1893 it was £671,042,842.

National Exhibition. So Douglas Jerrold called a public execution at the Old Bailey. These scandals were abolished in 1868. Executions now take place in the prison yard.

National Workshops.—The English name of "Ateliers nationaux," established by the French provisional government in February, 1848, and which were abolished in three months, after a sanguinary contest.

Native. In feudal times, one born a serf. After the Conquest, the natives were the serfs of the Normans. Wat Tyler said to Richard II.:

"The firste petition was that he scholde make alle men fre thro Ynglonde and quere, so that there scholde not be eny native man after that time."—*Hyden's Polychronicon*, vii. 457.

Nativity (*The*) means Christmas Day, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

The Care of the Nativity is under the chancel of the "church of the Nativity." In the recess, a few feet above the ground is a stone slab with a star cut in it, to mark the spot where the Saviour was born. Near it is a hollow scraped out of the rock, said to be the place where the infant Jesus was laid.

To cast a man's nativity is to construct a plan or map out of the position, etc. of the twelve houses which belong to him, and to explain the scheme.

Natty. Tidy, methodical, and neat. (*Italian netto*, French *net*, Welsh *nith*.)

Natty Bumppo, called "Leather Stocking." He appears in five of Fenimore Cooper's novels: as the Deer-slayer; the Pathfinder; the Hawk-eye (*La Longue Carabine*), in the *Last of the Mohicans*; Natty Bumppo, in the *Pioneers*; and the Trapper in the *Prairie*, in which he dies.

Natural (*A*). A born idiot; one on whom education can make no impression. As nature made him, so he remains.

A natural child. One not born in lawful wedlock. The Romans called the children of concubines *natura'les*,

children according to nature, and not according to law.

"Cui pater est populus, pater est aild nullus omnia;
Cui pater est populus not habet ille patrem."
Ovid.

Nature. In a state of nature. Nude or naked.

Naught (not "nought"). Naught is *Ne* (negative), *ought* (anything). Saxon *náht*, which is *ne áht* (not anything).

"A headless man had a letter [o] to write.
He who read it [naught] had lost his sight.
The dumb repeated it [naught] word for word.
And deaf was the man who listened and heard [naught]."
Dr. Whewell.

Naught, meaning bad.

"The water is naught."—2 Kings, ii. 19.

Naughty Figs (Jeremiah xxiv. 2). Worthless, vile (Anglo-Saxon *náht*, i.e. *n* negative, *áht* ought). We still say a "naughty boy," a "naughty girl," and a "naughty child."

"One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe. . . . The other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten."

Navigation. *Father of navigation.* Don Henrique, Duke of Viseo, the greatest man that Portugal ever produced. (1394-1460.)

Father of British inland navigation. Francis Egerton, Duke of Bridgewater (1736-1803).

Navy. A contraction of navigator. One employed to make railways.

"Canals were thought of as lines of inland navigation, and a tavern built by the side of a canal was called a 'Navigation Inn.' Hence it happened that the men employed in excavating canals were called 'navigators,' shortened into 'navvies.'"
Spencer: *Principles of Sociology*, vol. i. appendix C, p. 334.

Nay-word. Pass-word. Slender, in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, says—

"We have a nay-word how to know each other. I come to her in white and cry *Mum*, she cries *Budget*, and by that we know one another."
Shakespeare.

Nayres (1 syl.). The aristocratic class of India. (See POLEAS.)

Nazarans or **Nazarones** (3 syl.). A sect of Jewish Christians, who believed Christ to be the Messiah, that He was born of the Holy Ghost, and that He possessed a Divine nature; but they nevertheless conformed to the Mosaic rites and ceremonies. (See below.)

Nazarene (3 syl.). A native of Nazareth; hence our Lord is so called (John xviii. 5, 7; Acts xxiv. 5).

Nazareth. Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? (John i. 46). A general insinuation against any family or place of ill repute. Can any great

man come from such an insignificant village as Nazareth?

Nazarite (3 syl.). One separated or set apart to the Lord by a vow. These Nazarites were to refrain from strong drinks, and to suffer their hair to grow. (Hebrew, *nazar*, to separate. Numb. vi. 1-21.)

No plus Ultra (Latin). The perfection or most perfect state to which a thing can be brought. We have *Ne-plus-ultra* corkscrews, and a multitude of other things.

No Sutor, etc. (See COBBLER.)

Nesra. Any sweetheart or lady-love. She is mentioned by Horace, Virgil, and Tibullus.

"To sport with Amaryllis in the shade,
Or with the tangles of Nesra's hair."
Milton: *Lycidas*

Neapolitan. A native of Naples; pertaining to Naples.

Near, meaning *mean*, is rather a curious play on the word *close* (close-fisted). What is "close by" is near.

Near Side and **Off Side.** Left side and right side. "Near wheel" means that to the coachman's left hand, and "near horse" (in a pair) means that to the left hand of the driver. In a four-in-hand the two horses on the left side of the coachman are the near wheeler and the near leader. Those on the right hand side of the coachman are "off horses." This, which seems an anomaly, arose when the driver walked beside his team. The teamster always walks with his right arm nearest the horse, and therefore, in a pair of horses, the horse on the left side is nearer than the one on his right.

Thus, 2 is the near wheeler and 1 the near leader, 4 is the off wheeler and 3 the off leader.

Neat as a Bandbox. A band-box is a slight box for caps, hats, and other similar articles.

Neat as a Pin, or **Neat as a New Pin.** Very prim and tidy.

Neat as Wax. Certainly the waxen cells of bees are the perfection of neatness and good order.

Nebo, the god of science and literature, is said to have invented cuneiform writing. His temple was at Borsippa, but his worship was carried wherever Babylonian letters penetrated. Thus we

had Mount Nebo in Moab, and the city of Nebo in Judea.

Nebraska, U.S. A word of Indian origin, meaning the "shallow river."

Nebuchadnezzar. A correspondent of *Notes and Queries* (July 21, 1877) says that the compound Russian word *Nebuch-ad-ne-tzar* means, "There is no god but the czar." Of course this is not the meaning of the Babylonian proper name, but the coincidence is curious. The -*tzar* of Nebuchadnezzar means Assyria, and appears in such words as Nabon-assar, Bel-ch-azzar, Nebo-pol-assar, Tiglath-Pil-eser, Esar-haden, and so on.

Nabonassar is *Nebo-adan-Assur* (Nebo prince of Assyria); Nebuchadnezzar is *Nebo-chah-adan-Assur* (Nebo, royal prince of Assyria). Nebo was probably an Assyrian god, but it was no unusual thing for kings to assume the names of gods, as Bel-ch-azzar, where Bel = Baal (Baal king of Assyria.) (*See NABO.*)

Nebuchadnezzar. The prophet Daniel says that Nebuchadnezzar walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon and said, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built . . . by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" And "the same hour . . . he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws" (iv. 29-33).

Necessity. *Make a virtue of necessity.* (*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona*, iv. 1.)

"Quintilian has *laudem rationis necessitati* dantis." St. Jerome (epistle 54 section 6), *Fide de necessitate rationis.* In the *Roman de la Rose*, line 1068, we find *si ce ne fut de necessity* puis, and the *Canace* has *si come s'era fatta della necessitate*.

Necessity the tyrant's plea. (*Malton: Paradise Lost*, book iv. verso 393.)

Neck. "Oh that the Roman people had but one neck, that I might cut it off at a blow!" The words of Caligula, the Roman emperor.

To break the neck of an enterprise. To begin it successfully, and overcome the first difficulties. Well begun is half done. The allusion is to killing fowls by breaking their necks.

Neck-verse (Psalm li. 1). "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." This verse was so called because it was the trial-verse of those who claimed benefit of clergy;

and if they could read it, the ordinary of Newgate said, "*Leyt ut clerics*," and the convict saved his neck, being only burnt in the hand and set at liberty.

"If a clerk had been taken
For stealing of bacon,
For burglary, murder, or rape,
If he could but rehearse
(Well prompt) his neck-verse,
He never could fail to escape."
British Apollo (1710).

Neck-weed. A slang term for hemp, of which the hangman's rope is made.

Neck and Crop. Entirely. The crop is the gorge of a bird.

Neck and Heels. *I bundled him out neck and heels.* There was a certain punishment formerly in vogue which consisted in bringing the chin and knees of the culprit forcibly together, and then thrusting the victim into a cage.

Neck and Neck. Very near together in merit; very close competitors. A phrase used in horse races, when two or more horses run each other very closely.

Neck or Nothing. Desperate. A racing phrase; to win by a neck or to be nowhere - i.e. not counted at all because unworthy of notice.

Neckod. *A stiff-necked people.* Obstinate and self-willed. In the Psalms we read, "Speak not with a stiff neck" (lxxv. 5); and in Jeremiah xvii. 23, "They obeyed not, but made their necks stiff;" and Isaiah (xlvi. 4) says, "Thy neck is an iron sinew." The allusion is to a wilful horse, ox, or ass, which will not answer to the reins.

Necklace. A necklace of coral or white bryony beads used to be worn round the necks of children to aid their teething. Necklaces of hyoscyamus or henbane-root have been recommended for the same purpose. In Italy coral becloques are worn as a charm against the "evil eye."

The diamond necklace (1785). (*See DIAMOND NECKLACE.*)

The fatal necklace. Cadmos received on his wedding-day the present of a necklace, which proved fatal to everyone who possessed it. Some say that Vulcan, and others that Euro'pa, gave the necklace to Cadmos. Harmonia's necklace (*q.v.*) was a similar fatal gift. (*See FATAL GIFTS.*)

Necromancy means prophesying by calling up the dead, as the witch of Endor called up Samuel. (Greek, *nēkros*, the dead; *manteia*, prophecy.)

Nec'tar. Wine conferring immortality, and drunk by the gods. The Koran tells us "the righteous shall be given to drink pure wine sealed with musk." The food of the gods is *Ambrosia*. (Greek *nektar*.)

Neddy (a man's name). A contraction and diminutive of Mine Edward—Mine Eddy, My N'Eddy. *Teddy* is the French *tu, toi*, form; and *Neddy* the nunation form. (Ed', Ted, Ned.)

Neddy. A donkey; a low cart used in Dublin; so called because its jolting keeps the riders eternally nodding.

"The 'Set-down' was succeeded by the Noddy, so called from its oscillating motion backwards and forwards."—*Sketches of Ireland* (1847).

Neddy. A dunce; a euphemism for "an ass."

Need Makes the old Wife Trot. In German, "*Die noth macht ein alte weib traben*;" in Italian, "*Bisogna fà trotter la vecchia*;" in French, "*Besoin fait trotter la vieille*;" the Scotch say, "*Need gars naked men run*."

Needs must when the Devil Drives. The French say: "*Il faut marcher quand le diable est aux trousses*;" and the Italians say: "*Bisogna andare, quando il diavolo è nella coda*." If I must, I must.

"He must needs go that the Devil drives." *Shakespeare: All's Well That Ends Well*, i. 3.

Needfire. Fire obtained by friction. It has been supposed to defeat sorcery, and cures diseases assigned to witchcraft. (Danish, *gnide*, to rub.)

Needful (*The*). Ready money, cash. The one thing needful for this life.

Needham. *You are on the high-road to Needham*—to ruin or poverty. The pun is on the word need. Needham is in Suffolk. (See LAND OF NOD.)

Needle. *To hit the needle.* Hit the right nail on the head, to make a perfect hit. A term in archery, equal to hitting the bull's-eye.

Eye of a needle. (See EYE.)

Negative Pregnant (*A*). A denial which implies an affirmative, and is so interpreted. A law term.

Ne'gro. Fuller says a negro is "God's image cut in ebony."

Negro Offspring.

White father and negro mother. Offspring, mulatto, mulatta.

White father and mulatta mother. Offspring, *cuarteron*, *-rona*.

White father and *cuarterona* mother. Offspring, *quintero*, *quintera*.

White father and *quintera* mother. Offspring, white.

Negro'ni. A princess, a friend of Lucrezia di Borgia, Duchess of Ferrara. She invited to a banquet the nobles who had insulted her friend, and killed them with poisoned wine. (*Donisetti: Lucrezia di Borgia*, an opera.)

Ne'gus. So called from Colonel Francis Negus, who first concocted it, in the time of George I.

Nehalle'nia. The Flemish deity who presided over commerce and navigation.

Nehushtan (2 Kings xviii. 4). Bits of brass, worthless fragments. When Hezekiah broke in pieces the brazen serpent, he called the broken pieces *Nehushtan*.

"Such matters to the agitators are *Nehushtan*."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1892, p. 628.

Neiges d'Antan (*The*). A thing of the past. Literally, "last year's snows."

"Where are the snows of yester-year?"

Russell.
"The whole has melted away like the *neiges d'antan*."—*Nineteenth Century*, June, 1891, p. 303.

Neken. (See NEC.)

Neksheb. The city of Transoxiana.

Nell's Point, in Barry Island. Famous for a well to which women resort on Holy Thursday, and having washed their eyes with the water of the well, each woman drops into it a pin.

Nem. Con. Unanimously. A contraction of the Latin *nemine contradicente* (no one opposing).

Nem. Diss. Without a dissentient voice. (Latin, *nemine dissente.*)

Nem'ean Games (*The*). One of the four great national festivals of Greece, celebrated at Nem'ea, in Argolis, every alternate year, the first and third of each Olympiad. The victor's reward was at first a crown of olive-leaves, but subsequently a garland of ivy. Pindar has eleven odes in honour of victors at these games.

Nem'ean Lion (*The*). The first of the labours of Hercules was to kill the Nemean lion (of Argolis), which kept the people in constant alarm. Its skin was so tough that his club made no impression on the beast, so Hercules caught it in his arms and squeezed it to death. He ever after wore the skin as a mantle.

"Ero Nemes's boast resigned his shaggy spoils." *Statius*, l.

Nemesis. Retribution, or rather the righteous anger of God. A female Greek deity, whose mother was Night.

Nemo Me Impune Lacessit. No one injures me with impunity. The motto of the Order of the Thistle. It was first used on the coins of James VI. of Scotland (James I. of England). A strange motto for Puritans to adopt (Matt. xviii. 21, 22).

Neology. The Rationalistic interpretation of Scripture. The word is Greek, and means new-(theo)-logy. Those who accept this system are called *Neologists*.

Neoptolomos or Pyrrhos. Son of Achilles; called *Pyrrhos* from his yellow hair, and *Neoptolomos* because he was a new soldier, or one that came late to the siege of Troy. According to Virgil, it was this young man that slew the aged Priam. On his return home he was murdered by Orestes, at Delphi.

Nepenthe (3 syl.) or *Nepenthēs*, a drug to drive away care and superinduce love. Polydamna, wife of Thonis (or Thone, 1 syl.), King of Egypt, gave nepenthe to Helen (daughter of Jove and Leda). Homer speaks of a magic potion called *nepenthē*, which made persons forget their woes. (*Odyssey*, iv. 228.)

"That nepenthes which the wife of Thone
In Egypt gave the Jove-born Helens."
Milton: Comus, 693, 695.

• "The water of Ardenne had the opposite effect.

Neper's Bones. (See *NAPIER*.)

Nephelo-coccygia. A town in the clouds built by the cuckoos. It was built to cut off from the gods the incense offered by man, so as to compel them to come to terms. (*Aristophanes: The Birds*.)

"Without flying to Nephelo-coccygia we can meet with sharper and bullies."—*Macaulay*.

Nephew (French *neveu*, Latin *nepos*). Both in Latin and in archaic English the word means a grandchild, or descendant. Hence, in 1 Tim. v. 4, we read—"If a woman have children or nephews [grandchildren]." Propertius has it, "*Me inter soros laudabit Roma nepotes* [posterity]."

"Niece (Latin *neptis*) also means a granddaughter or female descendant. (See *NEPOTISM*.)

Nepomuk. St. John Nepomuk, a native of Bohemia, was the almoner of Wenceslas IV., and refused to reveal to the emperor the confession of the empress. After having heroically endured

torture, he was taken from the rack and cast into the Moldau. Nepomuk is the French *né*, born, and Pomuk, the village of his birth. A stone image of this saint stands on the Carl Bridge over the Moldau, in Prague. (1330-1383.)

Nepotism. An unjust elevation of our own kinsmen to places of wealth and trust at our disposal. (Latin, *nepos*, a nephew or kinsman.)

Neptune (2 syl.). The sea. In Roman mythology, the divine monarch of the ocean. (See *BEN*.)

A son of Neptune. A seaman or sailor.

Neptune's Horse. Hippocampus; it had but two legs, the hinder part of the body being that of a fish. (See *HORSE*.)

Neptunian or Neptunist. One who follows the opinion of Werner, in the belief that all the great rocks of the earth were once held in solution in water, and have been deposited as sediment. The *Vulcanists* or *Plutonians* ascribe them to the agency of fire.

Ne'reids (2 syl.). Sea-nymphs, daughter of Nereus (2 syl.), fifty in number.

Nereids or *Nereides* (4 syl.). Sea-nymphs. Camoens, in his *Lusiad*, gives the names of three—Doto, Nyse, and Nerino; but he has spiritualised their office, and makes them the sea-guardians of the virtuous. They went before the fleet of Ga'ma, and when the treacherous pilot supplied by Zacc'ia, King of Mozambique, steered the ship of Vasco da Gama towards a sunken rock, these guardian nymphs pressed against the prow, lifting it from the water and turning it round. The pilot, looking to see the cause of this strange occurrence, beheld the rock which had nearly proved the ruin of the whole fleet (bk. ii.)

Nereus (2 syl.) A sea-god, represented as a very old man, whose special dominion was the *Ægean* Sea.

Neri'ne (3 syl.). One of the Nereids. (See *NYSE*.)

Nerissa. Portia's waiting-maid; clever, self-confident, and coquettish. (*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*.)

Nero. Emperor of Rome. Some say he set fire to Rome to see "how Troy would look when it was in flames;" others say he forbade the flames to be put out, and went to a high tower, where he sang verses to his lute "Upon the Burning of Old Troy."

A Nero. Any bloody-minded man, relentless tyrant, or evil-doer of extraordinary savagery.

Nero of the North. Christian II. of Denmark (1480, 1534-1558, 1559).

Nero's Friend. After Nero's fall, when his statues and monuments were torn down by order of the Senate, and every mark of dishonour was accorded to his memory, some unknown hand during the night went to his grave and strewed it with violets.

Near. An idol of the ancient Arabs. It was in the form of a vulture, and was worshipped by the tribe of Hemyor.

Nesrem. A statue some fifty cubits high, in the form of an old woman. It was hollow within for the sake of giving secret oracles. (*Arabian mythology.*)

Nessus. *Shirt of Nessus.* A source of misfortune from which there is no escape; a fatal present; anything that wounds the susceptibilities. Thus Renan has "the Nessus-shirt of ridicule." Hercules ordered Nessus (the centaur) to carry his wife Dejanira across a river. The centaur ill-treated the woman, and Hercules shot him with a poisoned arrow. Nessus, in revenge, gave Dejanira his tunic, saying to whomsoever she gave it would love her exclusively. Dejanira gave it to her husband, who was devoured by poison as soon as he put it on; but, after enduring agony, the hero threw himself on a funeral pile, and was consumed. (*See HARMONIA'S ROBE.*)

"While to my limbs th' envenomed mantle clings,
Drenched in the centaur's black, malignant
gore."

West: T. Lumps of the Gout (Lucian).

Nest. *To feather one's nest.* (*See FEATHER.*)

Nest-egg (A). Some money laid by. The allusion is to the custom of placing an egg in a hen's nest to induce her to lay her eggs there. If a person has saved a little money, it serves as an inducement to him to increase his store.

Nestor. King of Pylos, in Greece; the oldest and most experienced of the chieftains who went to the siege of Troy. A "Nestor" means the oldest and wisest man of a class or company. (*Homor: Iliad.*)

Nestor of the chemical revolution. A term applied by Lavoisier to Dr. Black. (1728-1799.)

Nestor of Europe. Leopold, King of Belgium (1790, 1831-1865).

Nesto'rians. Followers of Nesto'rius, Patriarch of Constantinople in the fifth century. He maintained that Christ had two distinct natures, and that Mary was the mother of His human nature, which was the mere shell or husk of the divine.

Neth'inim. The hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of God, an office which the Gibeonites were condemned to by Joshua (Joshua ix. 27). The word means *given* to God.

Nettle. Camden says the Romans brought over the seed of this plant, that they might have nettles to chafe their limbs with when they encountered the cold of Britain.

Nettles. *It is ill work plucking nettles with bare hands,* or belling the cat. It is ill work to interfere in matters which cannot but prove disagreeable or even worse. In French, "*Attacher le grelot.*"

Nettoyer (French). "*Nettoyer une personne, c'est à dire lui gagner tout son argent.*" (*Oudin: Curiositez Françaises.*)

Our English phrase, "I cleaned him out," is precisely tantamount to it.

Never. There are numerous locutions to express this idea; as—

At the coming of the Coqueligues (*Rabbits: Pouterquet*).

At the latter Lammas. (*See LAMMAS*)

On the Greek Calends (*q. v.*)

On the reign of Queen Dick. (*See DICK*)

On St. Tib's Eve. (*See Tib's Eve*)

In a month of five Sundays

(In) le semaine des trois jeudis.

When two Fridays come together

When three Sundays come together

When Pover and Calais meet (*See DICK*)

When Dudman and Hatched meet (*See DUDMAN*)

When the world grows honest.

When the Yellow River runs clear.

Never Say Die. Never despair; never give up.

Nevers. Il Conte di Nevers, the husband of Valentina. Being asked by the Governor of the Louvre to join in the massacre of the Protestants, he replied that his family contained a long list of warriors, but not one assassin. He was one of the Catholics who fell in the dreadful slaughter. (*Meyerbeer: Gli Ugonotti, an opéra.*)

New Brooms sweep Clean. New servants work hard; new masters keep a sharp look out. (In French, "*Il n'est rien tel que balai neuf.*")

New Christians. Certain Jews of Portugal, who yielded to compulsion and suffered themselves to be baptised,

New Jerusalem

but in secret observed the Mosaic ceremonies. (Fifteenth century.)

New Jerusalem. The paradise of Christians, in allusion to Rev. xxi.

New Man. The regenerated man. In Scripture phrase the unregenerated state is called the old man (q.v.).

New Style. The reformed or Gregorian calendar, adopted in England in September, 1752.

New Testament. The oldest MSS. extant are:—(1) The Codex Sinaiticus (**S**), published at the expense of Alexander II. of Russia since the Crimean war. This codex contains nearly the whole of the Old and New Testaments, and was discovered in the convent of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, by Constantius Tischendorf. It is ascribed to the fourth century. (2) The Codex Vaticanus (**B**), in the Vatican Library. Written on vellum in Egypt about the fourth century. (3) The Codex Alexandrinus (**A**), belonging to the fifth century. It was presented to Charles I. in 1628 by Cyrillus Lucaris, Patriarch of Alexandria, and is preserved in the British Museum. It consists of four folio volumes on parchment, and contains the Old and New Testaments (except the first twenty-four chapters of St. Matthew) and the Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians.

New World. America: the Eastern Hemisphere is called the Old World.

New Year's Day. January 1st. The ancient Romans began their year in March; hence such words as September, October, November, December, meaning the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th month, had a rational meaning. Since the introduction of the Christian era, Christmas Day, Lady Day, Easter Day, and March 1st have in turns been considered as New Year's Day; but since the reform of the calendar in the sixteenth century, January 1st has been accepted as New Year's Day, because it was the eighth day after the Nativity, when Jesus was circumcised (Luke ii. 21). (See **NEW STYLE**.)

* The civil and legal year began March 25th till after the alteration of the style, in 1752, when it was fixed, like the historic year, to January 1st. In Scotland the legal year was changed to January 1st as far back as 1600; the proclamation was made Nov. 27, 1599.

New Year's Gifts. The Greeks transmitted the custom to the Romans,

Newgate

and the Romans to the early Britons. The Roman presents were called *strenæ*, whence the French term *étrenne* (a New Year's gift). Our forefathers used to bribe the magistrates with gifts on New Year's Day—a custom abolished by law in 1290, but even down to the reign of James II. the monarchs received their *tokens*.

N.B. Nouius Marcellus says that Tatius, King of the Sabines, was presented with some branches of trees cut from the forest sacred to the goddess Strenia (*strength*), on New Year's Day, and from this happy omen established the custom.

News. The letters ^NW_S used to be prefixed to newspapers to show that they obtained information from the four quarters of the world, and the supposition that our word news is thence derived is at least ingenious; but the old-fashioned way of spelling the word, *newes*, is fatal to the conceit. The French *nouvelles* seems to be the real source. (See **NOTARICA**.)

"News is conveyed by letter, word, or mouth,
And comes to us from North, East, West, and South."
Walt's Recreations.

Newcastle (Northumberland) was once called Moncaster, from the monks who settled there in Anglo-Saxon times; it was called Newcastle from the castle built there by Robert, son of the Conqueror, in 1080, to defend the neighbourhood from the Scots.

Newcastle (Staffordshire) is so called from the new castle built to supply the place of an older one which stood at Chesterton-under-Line, about two miles distant.

Carry coals to Newcastle. A work of supererogation, Newcastle being the great seat of coals. The Latins have "*Aquam mari infundere*" ("To pour water into the sea"); "*Si'dera celo addere*" ("To add stars to the sky"); "*Noctibus Athénas*" ("To carry owls to Athens," which abounds in them).

Newcastle Programme. (See **PEOPLE'S CHARTER**.)

Newcome (Colonel). A character in Thackeray's novel called *The Newcomes*.

Newcomes. Strangers newly arrived.

Newgate. Before this was set up, London had but three gates: Aldgate, Aldersgate, and Ludgate. The new one was added in the reign of Henry I.

Newgate. Nash, in his *Pierre Penitence*,

says that Newgate is "a common name for all prisons, as *homo* is a common name for a man or woman."

Newgate Fashion. Two by two. Prisoners used to be conveyed to Newgate coupled together in twos.

"Must we all march?"

Yes, two and two, Newgate fashion."

Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., iii. 3.

Newgate Fringe. The hair worn under the chin, or between the chin and the neck. So called because it occupies the position of the rope when men are about to be hanged.

Newgate Knockers (A). A lock of hair twisted into a curl, usually worn by costermongers and other persons of similar stations in life. So called because it resembles a knocker, and the wearers of it are too often inmates of Newgate. Newgate as a prison is abolished, but many phrases referring to the prison still remain.

Newland. An Abraham Newland. A bank-note, so called from Abraham Newland, one of the governors of the Bank of England in the early part of the nineteenth century, to whom the notes were made payable.

"I've often heard say

Sham Abraham you may,

But must not sham Abraham Newland."

The Eagle.

"Trees are notes issued from the bank of Nature, and as current as those payable to Abraham Newland."—*G. Colman: The Poor Gentleman, l. 2.*

Newton (Sir Isaac) discovered the prismatic colours of light. (1642-1727.)

"Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night,
God said, 'Let Newton be,' and all was light."

Pope.

The Newton of Harmony. Jean Philippe Rameau was so called from his work entitled *A Dissertation on the Principles of Harmony*. (1683-1764.)

Newtonian Philosophy. The astronomical system at present received, together with that of universal gravitation. So called after Sir Isaac Newton, who established the former and discovered the latter. (*See* APPLE.)

Next Door to. . . . Very nearly; as "next door to a fool."

Next to Nothing. A very little. As, "It will cost next to nothing," "He eats next to nothing."

Nibelung. A mythical king of Norway, whose subjects are called Nibelungs and territory the Nibelungenland. There were two contemporary kings in this realm, against whom Siegfried,

Prince of the Netherlands, fought. He slew the twelve giants who formed their paladins with 700 of their chiefs, and made their country tributary (*Lay iii.*). The word is from *nebel* (darkness), and means the children of mist or darkness. (*See* NIBELUNGEN-LIED.)

Nibelungen Hoard. A mythical mass of gold and precious stones, which Siegfried obtained from the Nibelungs, and gave to his wife Kriemhild as her marriage portion. It was guarded by Albric the dwarf. After the murder of Siegfried, his widow removed the hoard to Worms; here Hagan seized it, and buried it secretly beneath "the Rhine at Loehham," intending at a future time to enjoy it, "but that was ne'er to be." Kriemhild married Etzel with the view of avenging her wrongs. In time Günther, with Hagan and a host of Burgundians, went to visit King Etzel, and Kriemhild stirred up a great broil, at the end of which a most terrible slaughter ensued. (*See* KRIEMHILD.)

"'Twas much as twelve huge waggons in four whole nights and days
Could carry from the mountain down to the salt sea lay;
Though to and fro each waggon thrice journeyed every day."

"It was made up of nothing but precious stones and gold;
Were all the world bought from it, and down the value told,
Not a mark the less would there be left than erst there was I ween."

Nibelungen-Lied, xiv.

Nibelungen-Lied. A famous German epic of the thirteenth century, probably a compilation of different lays. It is divided into two parts, one ending with the death of Siegfried, and the other with the death of Kriemhild, his widow. The first part contains the marriage of Günther, King of Burgundy, with Queen Brunhild; the marriage of Siegfried with Kriemhild, his death by Hagan, the removal of the "Nibelungen hoard" to Burgundy, and its seizure by Hagan, who buried it somewhere under the Rhine. This part contains nineteen lays, divided into 1,188 four-line stanzas. The second part contains the marriage of the widow Kriemhild with King Etzel, the visit of the Burgundians to the court of the Hunnish king, and the death of all the principal characters, including Hagan and Kriemhild. This part, sometimes called *The Nibelungen-Nüt*, from the last three words, contains twenty lays, divided into 1,271 four-line stanzas. The two parts contain thirty-nine lays, 2,459 stanzas, or 9,836 lines. The tale is based on a legend in the *Völsunga Saga*.

Nibelungen-Nöt. The second part of the famous German epic called the *Nibelungen-Lied* (q.v.).

Nibelungers. Whoever possessed the "Nibelungen hoard" (q.v.). Thus at one time certain people of Norway were so called, but when Siegfried possessed himself of the hoard he was called King of the Nibelungers; and at the death of Siegfried, when the hoard was removed to Burgundy, the Burgundians were so called. (See NIBELUNG.)

"In all these Teutonic names is = e, and ei = i.

Nic Frog. (See FROG.)

Nice. *The Council of Nice.* The first œcumenical council of the Christian Church, held under Constantine the Great at Nice, or Nicæa, in Asia Minor, to condemn the Arian heresy (325). The seventh œcumenical council was also held at Nice (787).

Nice as Ninepence. A corruption of "Nice as nine-pins." In the game of nine-pins, the "men" are set in three rows with the utmost exactitude or nicety. Nine-pence is an Irish shilling of 1561. (See NINEPENNY.)

Nicean Barks or Nycean Barks. Edgar Poe, in his lyric *To Helen*, says—

"Helen, thy beauty is to me
Like those Nicean barks of yore,
That gently o'er a perfumed sea
The weary, way-worn wanderer bore
To his own native shore."

The way-worn wanderer was Dionysos or Bacchus, after his renowned conquests. His native shore was the Western Horn, called the Amalthœan Horn. And the Nicean barks were vessels sent from the island Nyssa, to which in infancy Dionysos was conveyed to screen him from Rhea. 'The perfumed sea was the sea surrounding Nyssa, a paradisaical island.

Nicene Creed. (See NICE, COUNCIL OF.)

Niche. *A niche in the Temple of Fame.* The Temple of Fame was the Pantheon, converted (1791) into a receptacle for illustrious Frenchmen. A niche in the temple is a place for a monument recording your name and deeds.

Nicholas (St.). The patron saint of boys, as St. Catherine is of girls. In Germany, a person assembles the children of a family or school on the 6th December (the eve of St. Nicholas), and distributes gilt nuts and sweetmeats; but if any naughty child is present, he

receives the redoubtable punishment of the *klaubauf*. The same as *Santa Claus* and the Dutch *Kris Kringle* (q.v.). (See SANTA KLAUS.)

St. Nicholas. Patron saint of parish clerks. This is because he was the patron of scholars, who used to be called *clerks*.

St. Nicholas. Patron saint of sailors, because he allayed a storm on a voyage to the Holy Land.

St. Nicholas. The patron saint of Russia.

St. Nicholas. The patron saint of Aberdeen.

St. Nicholas, in Christian art, is represented in episcopal robes, and has either three purses or golden balls, or three children, as his distinctive symbols. The three purses are in allusion to the three purses given by him to three sisters to enable them to marry. The three children allude to the legend that an Asiatic gentleman sent his three boys to school at Athens, but told them to call on St. Nicholas for his benediction; they stopped at Myra for the night, and the innkeeper, to secure their baggage, murdered them in bed, and put their mangled bodies into a pickling-tub with some pork, intending to sell the whole as such. St. Nicholas had a vision of the whole affair, and went to the inn, when the man confessed the crime, and St. Nicholas raised the murdered boys to life again. (See HONE'S *Everyday Book*, vol. i. col. 1556; *Maitre Wace, Metrical Life of St. Nicholas*.)

Clerks or Knights of St. Nicholas. Thieves; so called because St. Nicholas was their patron saint; not that he aided them in their wrong-doing, but because on one occasion he induced some thieves to restore their plunder. Probably St. Nicholas is simply a pun for Nick, and thieves may be called the devil's clerks or knights with much propriety.

"I think yonder come prancing down the hills
from Kingston a couple of St. Nicholas's clerks."
—Rowley: *Match at Midnight* (1633).

Nick, in Scandinavian mythology, is a water-wraith or kelpie. There are nicks in sea, lake, river, and waterfall. Both Catholic and Protestant clergy have laboured to stir up an aversion to these beings. They are sometimes represented as half-child, half-horse, the hoofs being reversed, and sometimes as old men sitting on rocks wringing the water from their hair. This kelpie must not be confounded with the *nix* (q.v.).

Old Nick is the Scandinavian wraith under the form and fashion of an old

-man. Butler says the word is derived from Nicholas Machiavel, but this can be only a poetical satire, as the term existed many years before the birth of that Florentine.

"Nick Machiavel had ne'er a trick
(Though he gives name to our old Nick)
But was below the least of these."

Hudibras, iii. 1.

Old Nick. Grimm says the word Nick is Neken or Nikken, the evil spirit of the North. In Scandinavia there is scarcely a river without its Nikr or wraith. (See NICKAR and NICOR. Anglo-Saxon *nicor*, a monster.)

He nicked it. Won, hit, accomplished it. A nick is a winning throw of dice. Hence Florio (p. 280) says: "To tye or nicke a caste of dice."

To nick the nick. To hit the exact moment. Tallies used to be called "nicksticks." Hence, to make a record of anything is "to nick it down," as publicans nick a score on a tally.

In the nick of time. Just at the right moment. The allusion is to tallies marked with nicks or notches. Shakespeare has, "Tis now the prick of noon" (*Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4), in allusion to the custom of pricking tallies with a pin, as they do at Cambridge University still. If a man enters chapel just before the doors close, he would be just in time to get nicked or pricked, and would be at the nick or prick of time.

Nicka-Nan Night. The night preceding Shrove Tuesday is so called in Cornwall, because boys play tricks and practical jokes on that night.

Nickar or Huekar. The name assumed by Odin when he impersonates the destroying principle. (*Grimm: Deutsche Mythologie*.)

Nickel Silver. A mixed metal of copper, zinc, and nickel, containing more nickel than what is called "German silver." From its hardness it is well adapted for electroplating. (German, *nickel*, which also means a strumpet.)

Nicker. One who nicks or hits a mark exactly. Certain night-larkers, whose game was to break windows with halfpence, assumed this name in the early part of the eighteenth century.

"His scattered pence the flying Nicker rings,
And with the copper shower the casement rings."

Gay: Trivia, iii.

Nickleby (Mrs.). An endless talker, always introducing something quite foreign to the matter in hand, and pluming herself on her penetration. (*Dickens: Nicholas Nickleby*.)

Nickname. "An eke name," written *A neke name*. An additional name, an ag-nomen. The "eke" of a beehive is the piece added to the bottom to enlarge the hive. (See NOW-A-DAYS.)

Nicknames. National Nicknames:

For an *American* of the United States, "Brother Jonathan" (*q.v.*).

For a *Dutchman*, "Nic Frog" (*q.v.*), and "Mynheer Cosh" (*q.v.*).

For an *Englishman*, "John Bull." (See BULL.)

For a *Frenchman*, "Crapaud" (*q.v.*), Johnny or Jean, Robert Macaire.

For *French Canadians*, "Jean Baptiste."

For *French reformers*, "Brissotins."

For *French peasantry*, "Jacques Bonhomme."

For a *Glascwegian*, "Glasgow Keddie."

For a *German*, "Cousin Michael" or "Michel" (*q.v.*).

For an *Irishman*, "Paddy."

For a *Liverpudlian*, "Dicky Sam."

For a *Londoner*, "A Cockney" (*q.v.*).

For a *Russian*, "A bear."

For a *Scot*, "Sawney" (*q.v.*).

For a *Swiss*, "Colin Tampon" (*q.v.*).

For a *Turk*, "Infidel."

Nick-noven. A gigantic malignant hag of Scotch superstition. Dunbar has well described this spirit in his *Flyting of Dunbar and Kennedy*.

Nicodemused into Nothing. that is, the prospects of one's life ruined by a silly name; according to the proverb, "Give a dog a bad name and hang him." It is from Sterne's *Tristram Shandy* (vol. i. 19), on the evil influence of a silly name on the mind of the bearer of it.

"How many Cæsars and Pompeys . . . by mere inspiration of the names have been rendered worthy of them; and how many . . . might have done . . . well in the world . . . had they not been Nicodemused into nothing."
(This is, to call a man Nicodemus would be enough to sink a navy.)

Nicola'itans. The followers of Nicolaus (second century). They were Gnostics in doctrine and Epicureans in practice.

Nicolaus. (See NICHOLAS.)

Nicor (A). A sea-devil, in Scandinavian mythology, who eats sailors.

"My brother saw a nicor in the Northern sea. It was three fathoms long, with the head of a bloun-hull, and the head of a cat, the beard of a man, and tucks an ell long, lying down on its breast. It was watching for the fishermen." — *Kingsley: Hypatia*, chap. xii.

Nic'otine (3 syl.) is so named from Jean Nicot, Lord of Villemain, who

purchased some tobacco at Lisbon in 1560, introduced it into France, and had the honour of fixing his name on the plant. Our word tobacco is from the Indian *tabaco* (the tube used by the Indians for inhaling the smoke).

Nidhögg. The monster serpent, hid in the pit Hvergelmer, which for ever gnaws at the roots of the mundane ash-tree Yggdrasil'. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Niece. (*See NEPHEW.*)

Nifheim (2 syl., *mist-home*). The region of endless cold and everlasting night, ruled over by Hela. It consists of nine worlds, to which are consigned those who die of disease or old age. This region existed "from the beginning" in the North, and in the middle thereof was the well Hvergelmeer, from which flowed twelve rivers. (Old Norse, *nif*, mist; and *heim*, home.) In the South was the world called Muspelheim (*q.v.*). (*Scandinavian mythology.*) (*See HVERGELMER MANHEIM.*)

Night. The celebrated statue of *Night*, in Florence, is the *chef d'œuvre* of Michael Angelo. In the gallery of the Luxembourg, Paris, is the famous picture of *Night* by Rubens; and at Versailles is the painting of Mignard.

Nightcap (*A*). A glass of grog before going to bed. Supposed to promote sleep.

"The nightcap is generally a little whisky left in the decanter. To do it honour it is taken neat. Then all get up and wish 'good-night.'"—*Max O'Rell: Friend Macdonald*, iii.

Nightingale. Tereus, King of Thrace, fetched Philomela to visit his wife; but when he reached the "solitudes of Hebeas" he dishonoured her, and cut out her tongue that she might not reveal his conduct. Tereus told his wife that Philomela was dead, but Philomela made her story known by weaving it into a peplus, which she sent to her sister, the wife of Tereus, whose name was Procne. Procne, out of revenge, cut up her own son and served it to Tereus; but as soon as the king discovered it he pursued his wife, who fled to Philomela, her sister. To put an end to the sad tale, the gods changed all three into birds; Tereus (2 syl.) became the *hawk*, his wife the *swallow*, and Philomela the *nightingale*.

Arcadian nightingales. Asses.

Cambridgeshire nightingales. Edible frogs. Liege and Dutch "nightingales" are edible.

Nightmare (*A*). A sensation in sleep as if something heavy were sitting on our breast. (Anglo-Saxon, *mara*, an incubus.) This sensation is called in French *cauchemar*. Anciently it was not unfrequently called the *night-hag*, or the *riding of the witch*. Fu'seli used to eat raw beef and pork chops for supper to produce nightmare, that he might draw his horrible creations. (*See MARE'S NEST.*)

"I do believe that the witch we call Mara has been dealing with you."—*Sir Walter Scott: The Betrothed*, chap. xv.

Nightmare of Europe. Napoleon Bonaparte (1769, 1804-1814, 1821).

Nihilists. A radical society of the maddest proclivities, which started into existence in 1848, under the leadership of Herzen and Bakunin. Their professed object was to annihilate all laws of social community, and reform the world *de novo*. The following is their code:—

(1) Annihilate the idea of a God, or there can be no freedom.

(2) Annihilate the idea of right, which is only might.

(3) Annihilate civilisation, property, marriage, morality, and justice.

(4) Let your own happiness be your only law.

Nihilo. *Ex nihilo nihil fit*. From nothing comes nothing—i.e. every effect must have a cause. It was the dictum of Xenophanes, founder of the Eleatic school (sixth century), to prove the eternity of matter. We now apply the phrase as equivalent to "You cannot get blood from a stone." You cannot expect clever work from one who has no brains.

When all is said, "deity" is an exception.

Nil Admirari. To be stolidly indifferent. Neither to wonder at anything, nor yet to admire anything.

Nil Desperandum. Never say die; never give up in despair.

Nile. The Egyptians used to say that the swelling of the Nile was caused by the tears of Isis. The feast of Isis was celebrated at the anniversary of the death of Osiris, when Isis was supposed to mourn for her husband.

The hero of the Nile. Horatio, Lord Nelson (1758-1805).

Nillica or Sephalica. A plant in the blossoms of which the bees sleep.

Nimble as a Cat on a hot Bake-stone. In a great hurry to get away. The bake-stone in the north is a large stone on which bread and oat-cakes are baked.

Nimble as Ninepence. (See NINEPENCE.)

Nimbus characterises authority and power, not sanctity. The colour indicates the character of the person so invested:—The nimbus of the Trinity is gold; of angels, apostles, and the Virgin Mary, either red or white; of ordinary saints, violet; of Judas, black; of Satan, some very dark colour. The form is generally a circle or half-circle, but that of Deity is often triangular.

The nimbus was used by heathen nations long before painters introduced it into sacred pictures of saints, the Trinity, and the Virgin Mary. Prosperine was represented with a nimbus; the Roman emperors were also decorated in the same manner, because they were *dicti*.

Nim'ini Pim'ini. Affected simplicity. Lady Emily, in the *Hires*, tells Miss Alscrip the way to acquire the paphian Mimp is to stand before a glass and keep pronouncing *nim'ini pim'ini*. "The lips cannot fail to take the right place." (*General Burgoyne*, iii. 2.)

This conceit has been borrowed by Charles Dickens in his *Little Dorrit*, where Mrs. General tells Amy Dorrit—

"Papa gives a pretty form to the lips. *Papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes, and prism*. You will find it serviceable if you say to yourself an entering a room, *Papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes, and prism, prunes and prism*."

Nimrod. "A mighty hunter before the Lord" (Gen. x. 9), which the Targum says means a "sinful hunting of the sons of men." Pope says of him, he was "a mighty hunter, and his prey was man;" so also Milton interprets the phrase. (*Paradise Lost*, xii. 24, etc.)

The legend is that the tomb of Nimrod still exists in Damascus, and that no dew ever "falls" upon it, even though all its surroundings are saturated with it.

Nimrod. Any tyrant or devastating warrior.

Nimrod, in the *Quarterly Review*, is the *nom-de-plume* of Charles James Apperley, of Denbighshire, who was passionately fond of hunting. Mr. Pittman, the proprietor, kept for him a stud of hunters. His best productions are *The Chase, the Turf, and the Road*. (1777-1843.)

Ninecompoo. A poor thing of a man. Said to be a corruption of the Latin *non compos* [mentis], but of this there is no evidence.

Nine. Nine, five, and three are mystical numbers—the *diapason*, *diapente*, and *diatriton* of the Greeks. Nine consists of a trinity of trinities. According to the Pythagorean numbers, man is a full chord, or eight notes, and deity

comes next. Three, being the trinity, represents a perfect unity; twice three is the perfect dual; and thrice three is the perfect plural. This explains the use of nine as a mystical number, and also as an exhaustive plural, and consequently no definite number, but a simple representative of plural perfection. (See DIAPASON.)

(1) *Nine* indicating perfection or completion:—

Deucalion's ark, made by the advice of Prometheus, was tossed about for nine days, when it stranded on the top of Mount Parnassus.

Rigged to the nines or *Dressed up to the nines*. To perfection from head to foot.

There are nine earths. Hela is goddess of the ninth. Milton speaks of "nine-enfolded spheres." (*Arcades*.)

There are nine worlds in Niflheim.

There are nine heavens. (See HEAVENS.)

Gods. Macaulay makes Porséna swear by the nine gods. (See NINE GODS.)

There are nine orders of angels. (See ANGELS.)

There are the nine korrigans or fays of Armorica.

There were nine muses.

There were nine Gallicæ or virgin priestesses of the ancient Gallic oracle. The serpents or Nagas of Southern Indian worship are nine in number.

There are nine worthies (q.v.); and nine worthies of London. (See WORTHIES.)

There were nine rivers of hell, according to classic mythology. Milton says the gates of hell are "thrice three-fold; three folds are brass, three iron, three of adamantine rock. They had nine folds, nine plates, and nine linings." (*Paradise Lost*, ii. 645.)

Fallen angels. Milton says, when they were cast out of heaven, "Nine days they fell." (*Paradise Lost*, vi. 871.)

Vulcan, when kicked out of heaven, was nine days falling, and then lighted on the island Lemnos.

Nine as ninepence. (See NINEPENCE.)

(2) Examples of the use of nine as an exhaustive plural:—

Nine tailors make a man does not mean the number nine in the ordinary acceptation, but simply the plural of tailor without relation to number. As a tailor is not so robust and powerful as the ordinary run of men, it requires more than one to match a man. (See TAILORS.)

A nine days' wonder is a wonder that lasts more than a day; here nine equals "several."

A cat has nine lives—i.e. a cat is popularly supposed to be more tenacious of life than animals in general.

Possession is nine points of the law—i.e. several points, or every advantage a person can have short of right.

There are *nine crowns* recognised in heraldry. (See CROWNS.)

A *fee* asked a Norman peasant to change babes with her, but the peasant replied, "No, not if your child were nine times fairer than my own." (*Fairy Mythology*, p. 473.)

(3) *Nine* as a mystic number. Examples of its superstitious use:—

The Abracadabra was worn nine days, and then flung into a river.

Cadency. There are nine marks of cadency.

Cat. The whip for punishing evil-doers was a *cat-o'-nine-tails*, from the superstitious notion that a flogging by a "trinity of trinities" would be both more sacred and more efficacious.

Diamonds. (See "Diamond Jousts," under the word DIAMOND.)

Fairies. In order to see the fairies, a person is directed to put "nine grains of wheat on a four-leaved clover."

Hel has dominion over nine worlds.

Hydra. The hydra had nine heads. (See HYDRA.)

Leases used to be granted for 999 years, that is *three times three-three-three*. Even now they run for ninety-nine years, the dual of a trinity of *trinities. Some leases run to 9,999 years.

At the *Lenu'ria*, held by the Romans on the 9th, 11th, and 13th of May, persons haunted threw black beans over their heads, pronouncing nine times the words: "Avaunt, ye spectres from this house!" and the exorcism was complete. (See *Ovid's Fasti*.)

Magpies. To see nine magpies is most unlucky. (See MAGPIE.)

Odin's ring dropped eight other rings every ninth night.

Ordeals. In the ordeal by fire, nine hot ploughshares were laid lengthwise at unequal distances.

Pens. If a servant finds nine green pens in a penscod, she lays it on the lintel of the kitchen door, and the first man that enters in is to be her cavalier.

Seal. The people of Feroes say that the seal casts off its skin every ninth month, and assumes a human form to sport about the land. (*Thiele*, iii. 51.)

Styx encompassed the infernal regions in nine circles.

Trust. We drink a *Three-times-three* to those most highly honoured.

Witches. The weird sisters in *Macbeth* sang, as they danced round the cauldron, "Thrice to thine, and thrice to mine, and thrice again to make up nine;" and then declared "the charm wound up."

Wristing thread. Nine knots are made on black wool as a charm for a sprained ankle.

(4) *Promiscuous examples*:—

Niobe's children lay nine days in their blood before they were buried.

Nine buttons of official rank in China.

Nine of Diamonds (q.v.): *The curse of Scotland.

There are nine mandarins (q.v.).

Planets. The nine are: (1) Mercury, (2) Venus, (3) Earth, (4) Mars, (5) the Planetoids, (6) Jupiter, (7) Saturn, (8) Uranus, (9) Neptune.

According to the Ptolemaic system, there were seven planets, the Firmament or the Firm, and the Crystalline. Above these nine came the Primum Mobile or First Moved, and the Empyrean or abode of Deity.

The followers of Jai'na, a heterodox sect of the Hindus, believe all objects are classed under nine categories. (See JAINAS.)

Shakespeare speaks of the "ninth part of a hair."

"I'll caviil on the ninth part of a hair." *1 Hen. IV.*, iii. 1.

Nine. To look nine ways. To squint.

Nine. The superlative of superlatives in Eastern estimation. It is by nines that Eastern presents are given when the donor wishes to extend his bounty to the highest pitch of munificence.

"He [Dakianos] caused himself to be preceded by nine superb camels. The first was loaded with 9 suits of gold adorned with jewels; the second bore 9 sabres, the hilts and scabbards of which were adorned with diamonds; upon the third camel were 9 suits of armour; the fourth had 9 suits of horse furniture; the fifth had 9 cases full of sapphires; the sixth had 9 cases full of rubies; the seventh, 9 cases full of emeralds; the eighth had 9 cases full of amethysts; and the ninth had 9 cases full of diamonds."—*Comte de Caylus: Oriental Tales; Dakianos and the Seven Sleepers*.

Nine Crosses. Altar crosses, processional crosses, rods on lofts, reliquary crosses, consecration crosses, marking crosses, pectoral crosses, spire crosses, and crosses pendant over altars. (*Pugin: Glossary of Ecclesiastical Ornaments*.)

Nine Crowns. (See CROWNS.)

Nine Days' Wonder (A). Something that causes a great sensation for a few days, and then passes into the limbo of things forgotten. In *Bohu's Handbook of Proverbs* we have "A wonder lasts nine days, and then the puppy's eyes are open," alluding to cats and dogs, which

are born blind. As much as to say, the eyes of the public are blind in astonishment for nine days, but then their eyes are open, and they see too much to wonder any longer.

"King: You'd think it strange if I should marry her.

Gloucester: That would be ten days' wonder, at the least.

King: That's a day longer than a wonder lasts." *Shakespeare: 3 Henry VI., li. 2.*

Nine Gods (The). (1) Of the Etruscans: Juno, Minerva, and Tin'ia (*the three chief*); the other six were Vulcan, Mars, and Saturn, Hercules, Summānus, and Vodus.

"Lars Porēna of Clusnum
By the nine gods he swore
That the great house of Tarquin
Should suffer wrong no more."

Macaulay: Lays of Ancient Rome (Horatius, i.).

(2) Of the Sabines (2 syl.). ° Hercules, Romulus, Esculapius, Bacchus, Encas, Vesta, Santa, Fortuna, and Fidēs.

Nine Points of the Law. Success in a law-suit requires (1) a good deal of money; (2) a good deal of patience; (3) a good cause; (4) a good lawyer; (5) a good counsel; (6) good witnesses; (7) a good jury; (8) a good judge; and (9) good luck.

Nine Spheres (The). Milton, in his *Arcades*, speaks of the "celestial syrens' harmony that sit upon the nine enfolded spheres." The nine spheres are those of the Moon, of Mercury, of Venus, of the Sun, of Mars, of Jupiter, of Saturn, of the Firmament, and of the Crystalline. Above these nine heavens or spheres come the Primum Mobile, and then the Heaven of the heavens, or abode of Deity and His angels.

The earth was supposed to be in the centre of this system.

Nine Worthies. Joshua, David, and Judas Maccabeus; Hector, Alexander, and Julius Cæsar; Arthur, Charlemagne, and Godfrey of Bouillon.

"Nine worthies were they called, of different ages—
Three Jews, three pagans, and three Christian knights."

Dryden: The Flower and the Leaf.

Nine worthies (privy councillors to William III.):—

Whigs: Devonshire, Dorset, Monmouth, and Edward Russell.

Tories: Caermarthen, Pembroke, Nottingham, Marlborough, and Lowther.

Nine worthies of London. (See **WORTHIES**.)

Ninepence. *Nimble as ninepence.* Silver ninepences were common till the year 1806, when all unmilled coin was

called in. These ninepences were very *pliable* or nimble, and, being bent, were given as love tokens, the usual formula of presentation being *To my love, from my love.* (See **NICE AS NINEPENCE**.)

Nin'ian (St.). The apostle of the Picts (fourth and fifth centuries).

Ninon de l'Enclos, noted for her beauty, wit, and gaiety. She had two natural sons, one of whom fell in love with her, and blew out his brains when he discovered the relationship. (1615-1706.)

Ni'rus. Son of Belus, husband of Semir'amis, and the reputed builder of Nineveh.

Niobe (3 syl.). The personification of female sorrow. According to Grecian fable, Niobe was the mother of twelve children, and taunted Lato'na because she had only two—namely, Apollo and Diana. Lato'na commanded her child-rear to avenge the insult, and they caused all the sons and daughters of Niobe to die. Niobe was inconsolable, wept herself to death, and was changed into a stone, from which ran water. "Like Niobe, all tears" (*Hamlet*.)

The group of Niobe and her children, in Florence, was discovered at Rome in 1583, and was the work either of Scopas or Praxiteles.

The Niobe of nations. So Lord Byron styles Rome, the "lone mother of dead empires," with "broken thrones and temples;" a "chaos of ruins;" a "desert where we steer stumbling o'er recollections." (*Childe Harold*, canto iv. stanza 79.)

Njord. The Scandinavian sea-god. He was not one of the Æsir. Njord's son was Frey (the fairy of the clouds), and his daughter was Freyja. His home was Noatun. Njord was not a sea-god, like Neptune, but the Spirit of water and air. The Scandinavian Neptune was Ægir, whose wife was Skadi.

Nip (A). As a "nip of whisky," a "nip of brandy," "just a nip." A nipperkin was a small measure. (Dutch, *nippen*, a sip.)

Nip in the Bud. Destroy before it has developed. "Nip sin in the bud," Latin, "*Obsta principiis*," "*Vementi occurrere morbo*," "*Resist beginnings*."

Nip-cheese or **Nip-farthing.** A miser, who nips or pinches closely his cheese and farthings. (Dutch, *nippen*.)

Nipperkin (*N*). A small wine and beer measure. Now called a "nip."

"His hawk-economy won't thank him for't.
Which stops his pretty nipperkin of port."
Peter Poudre: Hair Powder.

Nirva'na. Annihilation, or rather the final deliverance of the soul from transmigration (in Buddhism). Sanskrit, *nir*, out; *vana*, blow. (See GAUTAMA.)

Nishapoor and Tous. Mountains in Khorassan where turquoises are found.

Nisi Prius. A *Nisi Case*, a cause to be tried in the assize courts. *Sittings at Nisi Prius*, sessions of Nisi Prius Courts, which never try criminal cases. *Trial at Nisi*, a trial before judges of assize. An action at one time could be tried only in the court where it was brought, but Magna Charta provided that certain cases, instead of being tried at Westminster in the superior courts, should be tried in their proper counties before judges of assize. The words "Nisi Prius" are two words on which the following clause attached to the writs entirely hinges: "We command you to come before our justices at Westminster on the morrow of All Souls', NISI PRIUS iusticiarii domini regis ad assisas capiendas venerint -- i.e. unless previously the justices of our lord the king come to hold their assizes at (the court of your own assize town)."

Nis'rooch. An idol of the Ninevites represented in their sculptures with a hawk's head. The word means *Great Eagle*.

Nit. One of the attendants of Queen Mab.

Nitouche (*St.*) or *Mie Touche* (Touch-me-not). A hypocrite, a demure-looking pluri-see. The French say, *Faire la Sainte Nitouche*, to pretend to great sanctity, or look as if butter would not melt in your mouth.

"It is certainly difficult to believe hard things of a woman who looks like *Saint Nitouche* in profile." *J. O. Hobbes: Some Emotions and a Moral*, chap. iii.

Nix (mas.), **Nixie** (fem.). Kind busy-body. Little creatures not unlike the Scotch *branne* and German *lobold*. They wear a red cap, and are ever ready to lend a helping hand to the industrious and thrifty. (See NICK.)

"Another tribe of water-fairies are the Nixes, who frequently assume the appearance of beautiful maidens." *T. F. T. Dyer: Folk-lore of Plants*, chap. vii, p. vi.

Nixon. Red-faced.

"Like a red-faced Nixon." *Pickwick*.

Nizam'. A title of sovereignty in Hyderabad (India), derived from *Nizam-ul-mulk* (regulator of the state), who obtained possession of the Deccan at the beginning of the 18th century. The name *Nizam* was by the Romans used precisely in the same manner, and has descended to the present hour in the form of *Kaiser* (of the German Empire).

Njörd. God of the winds and waves. (*Edda*.)

No Man is a Hero to his own Valet. Montaigne (1533-1592) said: "*Peu d'hommes ont esté admirés par leurs domestiques*." Mad. Cornuel (who died 1694) wrote to the same effect: "*Il n'y a pas de grand homme pour son valet de chambre*."

"A prophesie is not without honour save in . . . his own house." -- Matt. xiii, 54.

No More Poles. Give over work. The cry in hop-gardens when the pickers are to cease working.

"When the sun set, the cry of 'No more poles' resounded, and the work of the day was done." -- *The Ludgate Monthly: Hops and Hop-pickers*, November, 1901.

No-Popery Riots. Those of Edinburgh and Glasgow, February 5th, 1779. Those of London, occasioned by Lord George Gordon, in 1780.

Noah's Ark (Genesis vi. 15) was about as big as a medium-sized church, that is, from 450 to 500 feet long, from 75 to 85 feet broad, and from 45 to 50 feet high, with one window in the roof. Toy arks represent it with rows of windows on each side, which is incorrect.

Noah's Ark. A white band spanning the sky like a rainbow; if east and west expect dry weather, if north and south expect wet.

Noah's Wife [Noraida], according to legend, was unwilling to go into the ark, and the quarrel between the patriarch and his wife forms a very prominent feature of *Noah's Flood*, in the Chester and Townley Mysteries.

"Hastow nought herd, quod Nicholas, also
The sorow of Noe with his fleischliche
That he had or he wot his wyf to schyve." --
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 3531.

Noakes (*John*) or **John o' Noakes**. A fictitious name, formerly made use of by lawyers in actions of ejectment. His name was generally coupled with that of *Tom Styles*. Similarly, *John Doe* and *Richard Roe* were used. The Roman names were *Titius* and *Seius* (*Jur. Sat.* iv. 13). All these worthies are the hopeful sons of Mrs. Harris.

Nob (*The*). The head. For *knob*.

Nob of the First Water (*A*). A mighty boss; a grand panjandrum (*q.v.*). First water refers to diamonds. (See **DIAMONDS**.)

Nobs and Snobs. Nobles and pseudo-nobles. (See **MOB**, **SNOB**.)

Noble. An ancient coin, so called on account of the superior excellency of its gold. Nobles were originally disposed of as a reward for good news, or important service done. Edward III. was the first who coined rose nobles (*q.v.*), and gave 100 of them to Gobin Agace of Picardy, for showing him a ford across the river Somme, when he wanted to join his army.

The Noble. Charles III. of Navarre (1361-1425). Soliman *Tcheli*; Turkish prince at Adrianople (died 1410).

Noble Soul. The surname given to Khosrû I., the greatest monarch of the Sassanian dynasty. (*, 531-579.)

Noblesse Oblige (French). Noble birth imposes the obligation of high-minded principles and noble actions.

Noctes Ambrosianæ. While Lockhart was writing *Valerius*, he was in the habit of taking walks with Professor Wilson every morning, and of supping with Blackwood at Ambrose's, a small tavern in Edinburgh. One night Lockhart said, "What a pity there has not been a short-hand writer here to take down all the good things that have been said!" and next day he produced a paper from memory, and called it *Noctes Ambrosianæ*. That was the first of the series. The part ascribed to Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, is purely supposititious.

Noctuas Athe'nas Ferre. To carry coals to Newcastle. Athens abounded with owls, and Minerva was therefore symbolised by an owl. To send owls to Athens would be wasteful and extravagant excess.

Nod. A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse. Whether you nod or whether you wink, if a horse is blind he knows it not; and a person who will not see takes no notice of hints and signs. The common use of the phrase, however, is the contrary meaning, viz. "I twig your meaning, though you speak darkly of what you purpose; but mum's the word."

"A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse; and there are certain understandings, in public as well as in private life, which it is better for all parties not to put into writing."—*The Nineteenth Century* (July, 1898, p. 6).

Nod (*The Land of*). (See **LAND OF NOD**.)

Noddy. A *Tom Noddy* is a very foolish or half-witted person, "a noodle." The marine birds called Noddies are so silly that anyone can go up to them and knock them down with a stick. A donkey is called a Neddy Noddy.

"Minshew has a capital guess derivation, well fitted for a Dictionary of Fable. He says, 'Noddy, a fool, so called because he *nods* his head when he ought to speak.' Just as well derive wise-man from why, because he wants to know the *why* of everything."

Nodel. The lion in the beast-epic called *Reynard the Fox*. Nodel represents the regal element of Germany; Isengrim, the wolf, represents the baronial element; and Reynard represents the church element.

Noël. Christmas day, or a Christmas carol. A contraction of *nouvelles* (tidings), written in old English, *nowells*.

"A child this day is born,
A child of high renown,
Most worthy of a sceptre,
A sceptre and a crown.
Nowells, nowells, nowells:
Sing all we may,
Because that Christ, the King,
Was born this blessed day."

Old Carol.

Noko'mis. Daughter of the Moon. Sporting one day with her maidens on a swing made of vine canes, a rival cut the swing, and Nokomis fell to earth, where she gave birth to a daughter named Wenonah.

Nolens Vo'lens. Whether willing or not. Two Latin participles meaning "being unwilling (or) willing."

Noli me Tangere. Touch me not. The words Christ used to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection. It is the motto of the Order of the Thistle. A plant of the genus *impatiens*. The seed-vessels consist of one cell in five divisions, and when the seed is ripe each of these, on being touched, suddenly folds itself into a spiral form and leaps from the stalk. (See *Darwin: Loves of the Plants*, ii. 3.)

Noll. *Old Noll*. Oliver Cromwell was so called by the Royalists. Noll is a familiar contraction of Oliver—i.e. *Ol'* with an initial liquid.

Nolle Prosequi [*Don't prosecute*]. A petition from a plaintiff to stay a suit. (See **NON PROS**.)

Nolo Episcopari. [*I am unwilling to accept the office of bishop.*] A very general notion prevails that every bishop at consecration uses these words. Mr. Christian, in his notes to Blackstone, says, "The origin of these words and of this vulgar notion I have not been able to discover; the bishops certainly give no such refusal at present, and I am inclined to think they never did at any time in this country." When the see of Bath and Wells was offered to Beveridge, he certainly exclaimed, "*Nolo episcopari*;" but it was the private expression of his own heart, and not a form of words, in his case. Chamberlayne says in former times the person about to be elected bishop modestly refused the office twice, and if he did so a third time his refusal was accepted. (*Present State of England.*)

Nom. "*Nom de guerre*" is French for a "war name," but really means an assumed name. It was customary at one time for everyone who entered the French army to assume a name; this was especially the case in the times of chivalry, when knights went by the device of their shields or some other distinctive character in their armour, as the "Red-cross Knight."

"*Nom de plume.*" English-French for the "pen name," and meaning the name assumed by a writer who does not choose to give his own name to the public; as *Peter Pindar*, the *nom de plume* of Dr. John Wolcot; *Peter Parley*, of Mr. Goodrich; *Currer Bell*, of Charlotte Brontë; *Althbert Bede*, of the Rev. Edward Bradley, etc.

Nom'ads. Wanderers who live in tents; pastoral tribes without fixed residence. (Greek, *nomadēs*: from *nomōs*, a pasture.)

Nom'inalists. A sect founded by Roscelin, Canon of Compiègne (1040-1120). He maintained that if the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are *one God*, they cannot be three distinct persons, but must be simply three names of the same being; just as father, son, and husband are three distinct names of one and the same man under different conditions. Abélard, William Occam, Buridan, Hobbes, Locke, Bishop Berkeley, Condillac, and Dugald Stewart are the most celebrated disciples of Roscelin. (See **REALISTS.**)

Non Angli sed Angeli, si forent Christiani. Words attributed to Gregory (the Great) in 573 when some

British children reduced to slavery were shown him at Rome. Gregory was at the time about thirty-five years of age, and was both abbot and cardinal-deacon.

Non Bis in Idem (Latin). Not twice for the same thing—i.e. no man can be tried a second time on the same charge.

Non-Com. (A). A non-commissioned officer in the army.

Non Compos Mentis or **Non Com.** Not of sound mind; a lunatic, idiot, drunkard, or one who has lost memory and understanding by accident or disease.

Non Con. (See **NONCONFORMIST.**)

Non Est. A contraction of *Non est inventus* (not to be found). They are the words which the sheriff writes on a writ when the defendant is not to be found in his bailiwick.

Non mi Recordo, a shuffling way of saying "I don't choose to answer that question." It was the usual answer of the Italian courier and other Italian witnesses when on examination at the trial of Queen Caroline, wife of George IV., in 1820.

"The Italian witnesses often created amusement, when under examination, by the frequent answer, '*Non mi recordo.*'"—*Cassell's History of England*, vol. VII. iv. 16.

Non Plus ("no more" can be said on the subject). When a man is *come to a non-plus* in an argument, it means that he is unable to deny or controvert what is advanced against him. "To non-plus" a person is to put him into such a fix.

Non Pros. for *Non prosecui* (not to prosecute). The judgment of *Non pros.* is one for costs, when the plaintiff stays a suit.

Non Sequitur (A). A conclusion which does not follow from the premises stated.

"The name began with B and ended with G. Perhaps it was *Waters.*"—*Dickens: Nicholas Nickleby*, p. 198.

Nonce. For the *nonce*. A corruption of *for then anes* (for then once), meaning for this once. "An apron" for a *naperon* is an example of *n* transferred the other way. We have some half-dozen similar examples in the language, as "tother day"—i.e. the other or that other = the other. Nuncle used in *King Lear*, which was originally *mine-nuncle*. An arrant knave is a narrant knave. (See **NAG.**)

Nonconformists. The 2,000 clergymen who, in 1662, left the Church of England, rather than conform or submit to the conditions of the Act of Uniformity—i.e. “unfeigned assent to all and everything contained in the Book of Common Prayer.” The word is loosely used for Dissenters generally.

Nones (1 syl.), in the Roman calendar.

On March the 7th, June, July,
October too, the Nones you spy;
Except in these, those Nones appear
On the 5th day of all the year.
If to the Nones you add an 8
Of every IDE you'll find the date.

E. C. B.

Nonjurors. Those clergymen who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the new government after the Revolution. They were Archbishop Hoadly with eight other bishops, and four hundred clergymen, all of whom were ejected from their livings. (1691.)

Nonne Prestes Tale. A thrifty widow had a cock, “hight Chaunteclere,” who had his harem; but “damysel Pertilote” was his favourite, who perched beside him at night. Chaunteclere once dreamt that he saw a fox who “tried to make arrest on his body,” but Pertilote chided him for placing faith in dreams. Next day a fox came into the poultry-yard, but told Chaunteclere he merely came to hear him sing, for his voice was so ravishing he could not deny himself that pleasure. The cock, pleased with this flattery, shut his eyes and began to crow most lustily, when Dan Russell seized him by the throat and ran off with him. When they got to the wood, the cock said to the fox, “I should advise you to eat me, and that anon.” “It shall be done,” said the fox, but as he loosed the cock's neck to speak the word, Chaunteclere flew from his back into a tree. Presently came a hue and cry after the fox, who escaped with difficulty, and Chaunteclere returned to the poultry-yard wiser and discreeter for his adventure. (*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales.*)

This tale is taken from the old French “*Roman de Renart*.” The same story forms also one of the fables of Marie of France, “*Don Coc et Don Werpil*.”

Nor. The giant, father of Night. He dwelt in Utgard. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Norfolk. The folk north of Kent, Essex, and Suffolk.

Norfolk-Howards. Bugs. A man

named Bugg, in 1863, changed his name into Norfolk-Howard.

Norfolk Street (Strand), with Arundel, Surrey, and Howard Streets, were the site of the house and grounds of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, then of the Lord High Admiral Seymour, and afterwards of the Howards, Earls of Arundel and Surrey, from whom it came into the possession of the Earl of Norfolk.

Norma. A vestal priestess who has been seduced. She discovers her paramour in an attempt to seduce her friend, also a vestal priestess, and in despair contemplates the murder of her base-born children. The libretto is a melodrama by Romani, music by Bellini (1831.) (*Norma, an opera.*)

Normandy. The Poles are the vintagers in Normandy. The Norman vintage consists of apples beaten down by poles. The French say, “*En Normandie l'on vendange avec la gaulle*,” where gaulle is a play on the word Gaul, but really means a pole.

The Gem of Normandy. Emma, daughter of Richard I. (*-1052.)

Norna. The well of Urda, where the gods sit in judgment, and near which is that “fair building” whence proceed the three maidens called Urda, Verdandi, and Skulda (*Past, Present, and Future*). (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Norna of the Fitful Head. A character in Sir Walter Scott's *Pirate*, to illustrate that singular kind of insanity which is ingenious in self-imposition, as those who fancy a lunatic asylum their own palace, the employes thereof their retinue, and the porridge provided a banquet fit for the gods. Norna's real name was Ulla Troil, but after her amour with Basil Mertoun (Vaughan), and the birth of a son, named Clement Cleveland, she changed her name out of shame. Towards the end of the novel she gradually recovered her right mind.

Nornir or Norns. The three fates of Scandinavian mythology, Past, Present, and Future. They spin the events of human life sitting under the ash-tree Yggdrasil (*Igg'-dra-sil*).

Besides these three Norns, every human creature has a personal Norn or Fate. The home of the Norns is called in Scandinavian mythology “Doomstead.”

Norrisian Professor. A Professor of Divinity in Cambridge University.

This professorship was founded in 1760 by John Norris, Esq., of Whitton in Norfolk. The four divinity professors are Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, Regius Professor of Divinity, Norrisonian Professor, and Hulsean Professor.

Norroy. North-roy or king. The third king-of-arms is so called, because his office is on the north side of the river Trent; that of the south side is called Clarencieux (*q.v.*).

Norte. Violent northern gales, which visit the Gulf of Mexico from September to March. In March they attain their maximum force, and then immediately cease. (Spanish, *norte*, the north.)

North (*Christopher*). A *non-de-plume* of Professor Wilson, of Gloucester Place, Edinburgh, one of the chief contributors to *Blackwood's Magazine*.

North. *He's too far north for me.* Too canny, too cunning to be taken in; very hard in making a bargain. The inhabitants of Yorkshire are supposed to be very canny, especially in driving a bargain.

North-east Passage (*The*). A way to India from Europe round the north extremity of Asia. It had been often attempted even in the 16th century. Hence Beaumont and Fletcher:

"That everlasting cask, that has worn
As many seasons out as the North-east Passage
Has consumed sailors,"

The Tamer Tamed, l. 2

North Side of the Altar (*The*). The side on which the Gospel is read. The north is the dark part of the earth, and the Gospel is the light of the world which shineth in darkness—"illuminate his qui in tenebris et in umbrâ mortis sedet." Facing the altar from the body of the church, the north side is on your left.

North Side of a Churchyard. The poor have a great objection to be buried on the north side of a churchyard. They seem to think only evil-doers should be there interred. Probably the chief reason is the want of sun. On the north side of Glasgow cathedral is shown the hangman's burial place.

There is, however, an ecclesiastical reason:—The east is *God's* side, where His throne is set; the west, *man's* side, the Galilee of the Gentiles; the south, the side of the "*spirits made just*" and *angels*, where the sun shines in his strength; the north, the *devil's* side, where Satan and his legion lurk to catch the unwary. Some churches have still

a "devil's door" in the north wall, which is opened at baptisms and communions to let the devil out.

"As men die, so shall they arise; if in faith in the Lord, towards the south . . . and shall arise in glory; if in unbelief . . . towards the north, they are they past all hope."—*Coverdale: Praying for the Dead*.

Northamptonshire Poet. John Clare, son of a farmer at Helpstone. (1793-1864.)

Northern Bear. Russia.

Northern Gate of the Sun. The sign of Cancer, or summer solstice; so called because it marks the northern tropic.

Northern Lights. The Aurora Borealis, ascribed by the northern savages to the merriment of the ghosts. (*See* AURORA.)

Northern Wagoner (*The*). Ursula Major, called "Charles's wain," or wagon. The constellation contains seven large stars. "King Charles's Wain" is absurd. "Charles' Wain" is a blunder for the "Churls' or Peasants' Wain."

"By this the northern wagoner has set
His sevenfold team behind the steadfast star [the pole-star]." *Spenser: Faerie Queene*, l. 2.

Norval. An aged peasant and his son in Home's tragedy of *Douglas*.

Norway (*Maid of*). Margaret, infant queen of Scotland. She was the daughter of Eric II., King of Norway, and Margaret, daughter of Alexander III. of Scotland. She never actually reigned, as she died on her passage to Scotland in 1290.

Nose. *Bleeding of the nose.* Sign of love.

"Did my nose ever bleed when I was in your company? and, poor wretch, just as she spake this, to show her true heart, her nose fell a-bleeding."—*Bonstetter: Lectures*, p. 129.

Bleeding of the nose. Grose says if it bleeds one drop only it forebodes sickness, if three drops the omen is still worse; but Melton, in his *Astrologer*, says, "If a man's nose bleeds one drop at the left nostril it is a sign of good luck, and vice versa."

Led by the nose. Isaiah xxxvii, 29 says, "Because thy rage against Me . . . is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put My hook in thy nose . . . and will turn thee back. . . ." Horses, asses, etc., led by bit and bridle, are led by the nose. Hence Iago says of Othello, he was "led by the nose as asses are" (l. 3). But buffaloes, camels, and bears are actually led by a ring inserted into their nostrils.

Golden nose. Tycho Brahe, the Danish astronomer. Having lost his nose in a duel with Passberg, he adopted a golden one, which he attached to his face by a cement which he carried about with him.

"That eminent man who had a golden nose, Tycho Brahe."—*Marrgat: Jutland and the Danish Isles*, p. 308.

General Zellaus, having lost his right hand in battle, had a golden one given him by Boleslaus III.

To count noses. To count the numbers of a division. It is a horse-dealer's term, who counts horses by the nose, for the sake of convenience. Thus the *Times*, comparing the House of Commons to Tattersall's, says, "Such is the counting of noses upon a question which lies at the basis of our constitution."

To cut off your nose to spite your face, or . . . **to be revenged on your face.** To act out of pique in such a way as to injure yourself: as to run away from home, to marry out of pique, to throw up a good situation in a fit of ill temper, etc., or any similar folly.

To keep one's nose to the grindstone. To keep one hard at work. Tools, such as scythes, chisels, etc., are constantly sharpened on a stone or with a grindstone. The nose of a stair is the edge, and "nose" in numerous phrases stands for the person's self. In French *nez* is so used in some phrases.

"From this . . . he kept Bill's nose to the grinding-stone."—*W. B. Yeats: Fairy Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 237.

Paying through the nose. Grimm says that Odin had a poll-tax which was called in Sweden a nose-tax; it was a penny per nose or poll. (*Deutsche Rechts Alterthümer*.) (See NOSE TAX, RHINO.)

To snap one's nose off. To speak snappishly. "Ready to snap one's nose off." To "pull (or wring) the nose," *tirer* or *arracher le nez* is to affront by an act of indignity; to snap one's nose is to affront by speech. Fighting dogs snap at each other's noses.

To wipe [one's] nose. To affront a person; to give one a blow on the nose. Similarly, **to wipe a person's eye**; **to fetch one a wipe over the knuckles**, etc., connected with the Anglo-Saxon verb *hwæp-an*, to whip, to strike (our whip).

"She was so nose-wipe, slighted, and disdained."—*Nares' Glossary*, p. 619.

"To wipe off a score," "to wipe a person down," meaning to cajole or pacify; from the Anglo-Saxon *wipian*, to wipe, cleanse. Hence to fleece one out of his money. Quite another verb to that given above.

To take pepper in the nose. To take offence.

"A man is testy, and anger wrinkles his nose; such a man takes pepper in the nose."—*Optick Glasses of Humors* (1639).

To turn up one's nose. To express contempt. When a person sneers he turns up the nose by curling the upper lip.

Under your [very] nose. This is French also: "*Au nez et à la barbe de quelqu'un*" ("Just before your face"). Nose = face in numerous locutions, both in French and English; as, "*Mentir son nez*;" "*Régarder quelqu'un sous le nez*;" "*Mettre le nez à la fenêtre*," etc.

Nose-bag (*A*). A visitor to a house of refreshment who brings his own victuals and calls for a glass of water or lemonade. The reference is to carrying the feed of a horse in a nose-bag to save expense.

Nose Literature.

"Knows he, that never took a pinch.
Nosey, the pleasure thence that flings?
Knows he the titillating joy
Which my nose knows?
O nose, I am as proud of thee
As any mountain of its snows;
I gaze on thee, and feel that pride
A Roman knows."

P. C. H[ausenbeth], translated from the French of G. Bousset.

Chapter on Noses, in Tristram Shandy, by L. Sterne.

On the Dignity, Gravity, and Authority of Noses, by Tagliacozzi or Tagliacozzo (1597).

De Virginitate (sec. 77). A chapter in Kornmann.

The Noses of Adam and Eve, by Mlle. Bourignon.

Pious Meditations on the Nose of the Virgin Mary, by J. Petit.

Review of Noses (Louis Brevitatis), by Théophile Raynaud.

Sermon on Noses (*La Diceria de' Nasi*), by Annibal Caro (1581).

Nose Tax (*The*). In the ninth century the Danes imposed on Irish houses a poll tax, historically called the "Nose Tax," because those who neglected to pay the ounce of gold were punished by having their nose slit.

Nose of Wax (*A*). Mutable and accommodating (faith). A waxen nose may be twisted any way.

"Red addunt etiam simile quoddam non agnoscimus; Ess esse quoddammodo nasum ceræ posse Angli, Æthique in omnes modos, et omnium institutio inservire."—*South Apologia, Eccl. Angl.*, sec. 6.

Nose Out of Joint. **To put one's nose out of joint** is to supplant a person in another's good graces. **To put another person's nose where yours is**

now. There is a good French locution, "*Lui couper l'herbe sous le pied*." (In Latin, "*Aliquem de jure suo dejicere*.") Sometimes it means to humiliate a conceited person.

"Feeling now least this wench which is brought over hither should put your nose out the joint, coming between home and you."—*Perence in English* (1614).

Nosey. The Duke of Wellington was lovingly so called by the soldiery. His "commander's nose" was a very distinguishing feature of the Iron Duke.

Nos-not-Bo'cal [*Bo'-ky*]. Prince of Purgatory. Purgatory is the "realm of Nosnot-Bocai."

"Sir, I last night received command
To see you out of Fairy land,
Into the realm of Nosnot-Bocai;
But let not fear or sulphur choke-ye,
For he's a friend of sense and wit."

King: Orpheus and Eurydice.

Nostrada'mus (*Michael*). An astrologer who published an annual "Almanack," very similar in character to that of "Francis Moore," and a *Recueil of Prophecies*, in four-line stanzas, extending over seven centuries. (1503-1566.)

The *Nostradamus of Portugal*. Gonçalo Aunes Bundarra, a poet-cobbler, whose lucubrations were stopped by the Inquisition. (Died 1556.)

Is good a prophet us *Nostradamus*—i.e. so obscure that none can make out your meaning. *Nostrada'mus* was a provincial astrologer of the sixteenth century, who has left a number of prophecies in verse, but what they mean no one has yet been able to discover. (*French proverb*.)

Nostrum means *Our own*. It is applied to a quack medicine, the ingredients of which are supposed to be a secret of the compounders. (Latin.)

Not, in riding and driving.

"Up a hill hurry not,
Down a hill flurry not,
On level ground spare him not."

On a Milestone in Yorkshire (near Richmond).

Not at Home. Scipio Nasica was intimate with the poet Ennius. One day, calling on the poet, the servant said, "Ennius is not at home," but Nasica could see him plainly in the house. Well, he simply walked away without a word. A few days later Ennius returned the visit, and Nasica called out, "Not at home." Ennius instantly recognised the voice, and remonstrated. "You are a nice fellow" (said Nasica); "why, I believed your slave, and you won't believe me."

This tale is often attributed to Dean Swift, but, if authentic, it was a borrowed *mot*.

Not Worth a Rap. (*See RAP.*)

Not Worth a Rush. (*See RUSH.*)

Not Worth a Straw. (*See STRAW.*)

Not Worth Your Salt. Not worth your wages. The Romans served out rations of salt and other necessities to their soldiers and civil servants. These rations were called by the general name of salt (*salt*), and when money was substituted for these rations, the stipend went by the name of *salarium*.

Not'ables (in French history). An assembly of nobles or notable men, selected by the king, of the House of Valois, to form a parliament. They were convened in 1626 by Richelieu, and not again till 1787 (a hundred and sixty years afterwards), when Louis XVI. called them together with the view of relieving the nation of some of its pecuniary embarrassments. The last time they ever assembled was November 6th, 1788.

Notarica.

A. E. I. O. U. Austria's Empire Is Over all Universal. (*See A. E. I. O. U.*)

Era. *A. E. R. A.*—i.e. Anno ERat Augusti. (*See ERA.*)

Cabal. Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington, Lauderdale. (*See CABAL.*)

Cho. Chelsea, London, Islington, Office. (*See CLIO.*)

Hempe. "When hempe is spun, England is done." Henry, Edward, Mary, Philip, Elizabeth. (*See HEMPE.*)
Hip! *hip! hurrah!* Hierosolyma Est Perdita. (*See HIP.*)

Ichthus. *Is'sous* *CHRISTOS* *THEOU* *UIOS* *Soter*. (*See ICHTHUS.*)

I. T. N. O. T. G. A. O. T. U. (*It-not-ga-otu*)—i.e. In The Name Of The Great Architect Of The Universe. A Freemason's notarica.

Koli. King's Own Light Infantry (the 51st Foot).

Limp. Louis, James, Mafy, Prince. (*See LIMP.*)

Maccabees. *Mi* Cumokah, Baelim Jehovah. (*See MACCABEUS.*)

News. North, East, West, South. (*See NEWS.*)

Smeety'm'mus. Stephen Marshall, Edmund Calamy, Thomas Young, Matthew Newcomen, William Spurstow. (*See Smevc.*)

Tory. True Old Royal Yeoman.
The following palindrome may be added: *E.T.L.N.L.T.E. Eat to live, Never live to eat. In Latin thus: E.U.V.N.V.U.E. Edas ut vivas, ne vivas ut edas.*

Whig. We Hope In God.

Wise. Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England—i.e. Wales, Ireland, and Scotland added to England.

Notary Public. A law officer whose duty it is to attest deeds, to make authentic copies of documents, to make protests of bills, and to act as a legal witness of any formal act of public concern.

Notation or Notes. (*See Do.*)

Notch. *Quit of all notch.* Out of all bounds. The allusion is to the practice of fitting timber: the piece which is to receive the other is *notched upon*; the one to fit into the notch is said to be *notched down*.

Note of Hand (*A*). A promise to pay made in writing and duly signed.

Nothing. "A tune played by the picture of nobody." (*Shakespeare: Tempest*, iii. 2.)

Notoriety. *Depraved taste for notoriety*:—

Cleom'brotos, who leaped into the sea. (*See CLEOMBROTOS.*)

Emped'ocles, who leaped into Etna. (*See EMPEDOCLES.*)

Heron'tratos, who set fire to the temple of Diana. (*See DIANA.*)

William Lloyd, who broke in pieces the Portland vase. (1845.)

Jonathan Martin, who set fire to York Minster. (1829.)

Nottingham (Saxon, *Notingham*, place of caves). So called from the caverns in the soft sandstone rock. Montecute took King Edward III. through these subterranean passages to the hill castle, where he found the "gentle Mortimer" and Isabella, the dowager-queen. The former was slain, and the latter imprisoned. The passage is still called "Mortimer's Hole."

Nottingham poet. Philip James Bailey, author of *Festus*. Born at Bashford-in-the-Burgh, Nottingham. (1816.)

Nottingham Lambs. The roughs of Nottingham.

Nourmahal. Sultana. The word means *Light of the Haven*. She was afterwards called Nourjehan (*Light of the World*). In *Lalla Rookh*, the tale called *The Light of the Haven* is this: Nourmahal was estranged for a time from the love of Selim, son of Aobar'. By the advice of Namou'na, she prepares a love-spell, and appears as a

lute-player at a banquet given by "the imperial Selim." At the close of the feast she tries the power of song, and the young sultan exclaims, "If Nourmahal had sung those strains I could forgive her all;" whereupon the sultana threw off her mask, Selim "caught her to his heart," and, as Nourmahal rested her head on Selim's arm, "she whispers him, with laughing eyes, 'Remember, love, the Feast of Roses.'" (*Thomas Moore.*)

Nous (1 syl.). Genius, natural acumen, quick perception, ready wit. The Platonists used the word for *mind*, or the *first cause*. (Greek, *nous*, contraction of *nous'*. Pronounce *nourc*.)

Nous Avons Changé Tout Cela. A facetious reproof to a dogmatic prig who wants to lay down the law upon everything, and talks contemptuously of old customs, old authors, old artists, and old everything. The phrase is taken from Molière's *Médecin Malgré Lui*, act ii. sc. vi. (1666.)

Géronte. Il n'y a qu'une seule chose qui m'a choqué: c'est l'endroit du foie et du cœur. Il ne semble que vous les placez autrement qu'ils ne sont; que le cœur est du côté gauche, et le foie du côté droit.

Scaparnelle. Oui; cela étoit autrefois ainsi; mais nous avons changé tout cela, et nous faisons maintenant la médecine d'une méthode toute nouvelle.

Géronte. C'est ce que je ne sçavois pas, et je vous demande pardon de mon ignorance.

Novatians. Followers of Novat'ianus, a presbyter of Rome in the third century, who would never allow anyone who had lapsed to be readmitted into the church.

November 17. (*See QUEEN'S DAY.*)

Novum Organum. The great work of Lord Bacon.

Now-a-days. A corruption of *In-our-days*, *I' our days*. (*See APRON, NAU, NICKNAME, NUGGET, etc.*)

Now-now. *Old Anthony Now-now.* An itinerant fiddler, meant for Anthony Munday, the dramatist who wrote *City Pageants*. (*Chettle: Kindhart's Dream*, 1592.)

Nowheres (2 syl.). (*See MEDA-MOTH.*)

Noyades (2 syl.). A means of execution adopted by Carrier at Nantes, in the first French Revolution, and called *Carrier's Vertical Deportation*. Some 150 persons being stowed in the hold of a vessel in the Loire, the vessel was scuttled, and the victims drowned. Nerc, at the suggestion of Anico'tus,

drowned his mother in this same manner. (French, *noyer*, to drown.)

Nuota, or miraculous drop which falls in Egypt on St. John's day (June), is supposed to have the effect of stopping the plague. Thomas Moore refers to it in his *Paradise and the Peri*.

Nude. Rabelais wittily says that a person without clothing is dressed in "grey and cold" of a comical cut, being "nothing before, nothing behind, and sleeves of the same." King Shrovetide, monarch of Sneak Island, was so arrayed. (*Rabelais: Gargantua*, iv. 29.)

The nude statues of Paris are said to be draped in "cerulean blue."

Nugget of Gold. *Nugget*, a diminutive of *nug* or *nog*, as *logget* is of *log*. "A nog of sugar" (Scotch) is a lump, and a "nugget of gold" is a small lump. So a "log of wood" is a billet (Latin, *lignum*), and "loggets" (Norfolk) are sticks of toffy cut up into small lumps.

A correspondent in *Notes and Queries* says *nog* is a wooden ball used in the game of shinney. *Nig*, in Essex, means a "piece;" and a *noggin* of bread means a hunch.

Nulla Linea. (*N/L* LINE.)

Nulli Secundus Club. The Coldstream Guards.

Nu'ma. The second king of Rome, who reduced the infant state to order by wise laws.

Numan'cia. A tragedy by Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*, but never published in his lifetime.

Number Nip. The gnome king of the Giant Mountains. (*Alusens: Popular Tales*.)

"She was like one of those partly downers in Number Nip's society of metamorphose and turn-ups."—*Le Fanu: The House in the Churchyard*, p. 122.

Number One. *Oneself.

To take care of number one, is to look after oneself, to seek one's own interest; to be selfish.

Number of the Beast. "It is the number of a man, and his number is Six hundred threescore and six" (Rev. xiii. 18). This number has been applied to divers persons previously assumed to be Antichrist; as Apostates, Benedictos, Diocletian, Eranthas, Julian (the Apostate), Lampetis, Lateinos, Luther, Mahomet, Mysterium, Napoleon I., Nikētes, Paul V., Silvester II., Trajan,

and several others. Also to certain phrases supposed to be descriptive of the Man of Sin, as Vicar-General of God, Arnoume (*I renounee*), Kakos Odegos (*bad guide*), Abinu Kadescha Papa (*our holy father the pope*), e.g.:—

M	8	0	10	6	1	8	
40,	1,	70,	40,	5,	300,	10,	200 = 1000
1,	8	1	6	1	0	8	
50,	1,	500	1	10,	50,	70,	200 = 600
1,	0	10	6	1	0	8	
50,	40,	9,	10,	1,	50,	70,	6 = 600

The Nile is emblematic of the year.

N	6	1	1	0	8
50,	5,	10,	50,	7,	200 = 365

Numbers (from 1 to 13), theological symbols:—

- (1) The Unity of God
- (2) The hypostatic union of Christ, both God and man
- (3) The Trinity.
- (4) The number of the Evangelists.
- (5) The wounds of the Redeemer: two in the hands, two in the feet, one in the side.
- (6) The creative week.
- (7) The gifts of the Holy Ghost (Rev. i. 12). Seven times Christ spoke on the cross.
- (8) The number of the beatitudes (Matt. v. 3-11).
- (9) The nine orders of angels (q. r.).
- (10) The number of the Commandments.
- (11) The number of the apostles who remained faithful.
- (12) The original college.
- (13) The dual number after the conversion of Paul

Numbers.

Army of soldiers. *Regiment*, etc.

Assembly of people.

Batch or *Caste* of bread.

Bench of bishops, magistrates, etc.

Bery of roes, quails, larks, pheasants, ladies, etc.

Board of directors.

Brood of chickens, etc.

Catch of fish taken in nets, etc.

Clump of trees.

Cluster of grapes, nuts, stars, etc.

Collection of pictures, curiosities, etc.

Company of soldiers.

Congregation of people at church, etc.

Corey of game birds.

Crew of sailors.

Crowd of people.

Drone of horses, ponies, beasts, etc.

Drum, a crush of company.

Federation. A trade union.

Fell of hair.

Fleet of ships.

Flight of bees, birds, stairs, etc.

Flock of birds, sheep, geese, etc.

Forest of trees.

Galaxy of beauties.

Gang of slaves, prisoners, thieves, etc.

Haul of fish caught in a net.

Head of cattle.

Herd of bucks, deer, harts, seals, swine, etc.

Hive of bees.

Host of men.
House of senators.
Legion of "foul fiends."
Library of books.
Litter of pigs, whelps, etc.
Menageris of wild beasts.
Mob of roughs, wild cattle, etc.
Multitude of men. In law, more than ten.
Muster of peacocks.
Mute of hounds.
Nest of rabbits, ants, etc.; shelves, etc.
Nursery of trees, shrubs, etc.
Pack of hounds, playing cards, grouse, etc.
Panel of jurymen.
Pencil of rays, etc.
Pile of books, wood stacked, etc.
Posse (a sheriff's). Posse (2 syl.).
Pride of lions.
Rabble of men ill-bred and ill-clad.
Regiment (A) of soldiers.
Rookery of rooks and seals, also of unhealthy houses.
Rouleau of money.
School of whales, etc.
Set of china, or articles assorted.
Shoal of mackerel.
Shock of hair, corn, etc.
Skein of ducks, thread, worsted.
Skulk of foxes.
Society (A). Persons associated for some mutual object.
Stack of corn, hay, wood (piled together).
String of horses.
Stud of mares.
Suit of clothes.
Suite of rooms.
Swarm of bees, locusts, etc.
Take of fish.
Team of oxen, horses, etc.
Tribe of goats.

Numbers. *Odd Numbers.* "Numero Deus impare gaudet" (*Virgil's Eclogues*, viii. 75). "Three indicates the 'beginning, middle, and end.'" The Godhead has three persons; so in classic mythology Hecate had threefold power; Jove's symbol was a triple thunderbolt, Neptune's a sea-trident, Pluto's a three-headed dog; the Fates were three, the Furies three, the Graces three, the Hours three; the Muses three-times-three. There are seven notes, nine planets, nine orders of angels, seven days a week, thirteen lunar months, or 365 days a year...etc.; five senses, five fingers on the hand and toes on the foot, five vowels, five continents, etc. etc. A volume might be filled with illustrations

of the saying that "the gods delight in odd numbers." (*See ODD, NINE.*)

Numbers. To consult the *Book of Numbers* is to call for a division of the House, or to put a question to the vote. (*Parliamentary wit.*)

Numbers. Pythagoras looked on numbers as influential principles.

1 is Unity, and represents Deity, which has no parts.

2 is Diversity, and therefore disorder. The principle of strife and all evil.

3 is Perfect Harmony, or the union of unity and diversity.

4 is Perfection. It is the first square ($2 \times 2 = 4$).

5 is the prevailing number in Nature and Art.

6 is Justice (Perfect Harmony being 3, which multiplied by Trinity = 6).

7 is the climacteric number in all diseases. Called the Medical Number (2 syl.).

2. The Romans dedicated the second month to Pluto, and the second day of the month to the Maues. They believed it to be the most fatal number of all.

3. 4 and 6 are omitted, not being prime numbers; 4 is the multiple of 2, and 6 is the multiple of 3.

Numerals. All our numerals and ordinals up to a million (with one exception) are Anglo-Saxon. The one exception is the word Second, which is French. The Anglo-Saxon word was *other*, as First, Other, Third, etc. Million is the Latin *millio* (-onis).

There are some other odd exceptions in the language: Spring, summer, and winter are native words, but autumn is Latin. The days of the week are native words, but the names of the months are Latin. We have *dag*, *monath*, *gear*; but minute is Latin, and hour is Latin through the French.

Numerals (Greek). (*See EPISEMON.*)

Numero. *Homme de numero* that is "un homme fin en affaires." M. Walckenaer says it is a shop phrase, meaning that he knows all the numbers of the different goods, or all the private marks indicative of price and quality.

Il n'étoit lors de Paris jusqu'à Rome.
 Galant qui sut si bien le nu céro.
La Fontaine: Richart Minutolo.

Numidians. Quintus Cæcilius Metellus, commander against Jugurtha, of Numidia, about 100 B.C.

Nunation. Adding *N* to an initial vowel, as *Nol* for *Ol*[iver], *Nell* for *Ell*[en], *Ned* for *Ed*[ward].

Nunc Dimittis. The canticle of Simeon is so called, from the first two

words in the Latin version (Luke ii. 29-32).

Nunc Stans. The everlasting Now.

"It exists in the *nunc stans* of the schoolmen—the eternal Now that represented the consciousness of the Supreme Being in medieval thought."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1892, p. 933.

Nuncupative Will. A will or testament made by word of mouth. As a general rule, no will is valid unless reduced to writing and signed; but soldiers and sailors may simply declare their wish by word of mouth. (Latin, *nuncupo*, to declare.)

Nunky pays for all. (See SAM.)

Nuremberg Eggs. Watches. Watches were invented at Nuremberg about 1500, and were egg-shaped.

Nurr and Spell or Knor and Spill. A game resembling trapball, and played with a wooden ball called a *nurr* or *knor*. The ball is released by means of a spring from a little brass cup at the end of a tongue of steel called a *spell* or *spill*. After the player has touched the spring, the ball flies into the air, and is struck with a bat. In *scoring*, the distances are reckoned by the score feet, previously marked off by a Gunter's chain. The game is played frequently in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Nurse an Omnibus (To) is to try and run it off the road. This is done by sending a rival omnibus close at its heels, or, if necessary, one before and one behind it, to pick up the passengers. As a nurse follows a child about regardless of its caprices, so these four-wheel nurses follow their rival.

Nurseries. In the language of horseracing, handicaps for two-year-old horses. These horses can be run only with horses of their own age, after the 1st September; and before the 1st July must not run more than six furlongs in length.

Nursery Tales. Well-known ones:—

ARABIAN NIGHTS: *Aladdin's Lamp, The Forty Thieves, Sinbad the Sailor*, and hundreds more.
CARROLL (Lewis): *Alice in Wonderland, Hunting in Snark*, etc.

D'AVENNY (Mme.): *King of the Peacocks, The Blue Bird*, and many others.

FOURGE De la Motte: *Udine*.

GOLDSMITH (Oliver): *Goody Two-shoes*, 1763.

GRIMM: *Goblin Tales*.

JOHNSON'S (Richard): *The Seven Champions of Christendom*.

KNATHBULL-HUGHESSEN (Lord Trabourne): *Stories for Children*, etc.

LE SACRE: *The Devil on Two Sticks*.

PEREAULT, Charles (A Frenchman): *Blue Beard, Little Red Riding Hood, Puss in Boots, Riquet with the Tuft, Sleeping Beauty*, etc.

RIDGWAY (James): *Tales of the Giant*.

SCANDINAVIAN: *Jack and the Beanstalk, Jack the Giant-Killer*, and some others.

SCOTNEY: *The Three Bears*.
STRAPAROLA (an Italian): *Fortunatus*.
SWIFT (Dean): *Gulliver's Travels*.
VILLENKUYE (Mme.): *Beauty and the Beast*.

"It is said that the old nursery rhyme about an old woman tossed in a blanket was written as a satire against the French expedition of Henry V., and the cobwebs to be swept from the sky were the points of contention between the King of England and the King of France.

Nut. *A hard nut to crack.* A difficult question to answer; a hard problem to solve. (Anglo-Saxon, *hnut*, a nut.)

He who would eat the nut must first crack the shell. The gods give nothing to man without great labour, or "*Nisi sine magno vita labore dedit mortalibus*." "*Qui nucleum esse vult, frangat nucem*" (Plautus). In French, "*Il faut casser le noyau pour en avoir l'amande*." It was Heracles who said, "Expect nothing without toil."

If you would reap, you also must plough;
For bread must be earned by the sweat of the brow.
E. C. B.

Nuts of May. *Here we go gathering nuts of May.* A corruption of knots or sprigs of May. We still speak of "love-knots," and a bunch of flowers is called a "knot."

Nuts. Heads; so called from their resemblance to nuts. Probably "crack," applied to heads, is part of the same figure of speech.

"To go off their nuts about ladies.
Addles for young fellows as fights."
Rime: *Dagonet Ballads* (Folty).

It is time to lay our nuts aside (Latin, *Relinquare nuce*). To leave off our follies, to relinquish boyish pursuits. The allusion is to an old Roman marriage ceremony, in which the bridegroom, as he led his bride home, scattered nuts to the crowd, as if to symbolise to them that he gave up his boyish sports.

That's nuts to him. A great pleasure, a fine treat. Nuts, among the Romans, made a standing dish at dessert; they were also common toys for children; hence, to put away childish things is, in Latin, to put your nuts away.

Nut-brown Maid. Henry, Lord Clifford, first Earl of Cumberland, and Lady Margaret Percy, his wife, are the originals of this ballad. Lord Clifford had a miserly father and ill-natured step-mother, so he left home and became the head of a band of robbers. The ballad was written in 1502, and says that the "Not-browne Mayd" was wooed and won by a knight who gave out that he was a banished man. After describing the

hardships she would have to undergo if she married him, and finding her love true to the test, he revealed himself to be an earl's son; with large hereditary estates in Westmoreland. (*Percy: Reliques*, series ii.)

Nutcrack Night. All Hallows' Eve, when it is customary in some places to crack nuts in large quantities.

Nutcrackers. The 3rd Foot; so called because at Albuera they cracked the heads of the Polish Lancers, then opened and retreated, but in a few minutes came again into the field and did most excellent service. Now called "The East Kent."

Nutshell. *The Iliad in a nutshell.* Pliny tells us that Cicero asserts that the whole Iliad was written on a piece of parchment which might be put into a nutshell. Lalande describes, in his *Curiosités Bibliographiques*, an edition of Rochefoucault's *Maxims*, published by Didot in 1829, on pages one inch square, each page containing 26 lines, and each line 44 letters. Charles Toppin, of New York, engraved on a plate one-eighth of an inch square 12,000 letters. The Iliad contains 501,930 letters, and would therefore occupy 42 such plates engraved on both sides. Huet has proved by experiment that a parchment 27 by 21 centimetres would contain the entire Iliad, and such a parchment would go into a common-sized nut; but Mr. Toppin's engraving would get the whole Iliad into half that size. George P. Marsh says, in his *Lectures*, he has seen the entire Arabic Koran in a parchment roll four inches wide and half an inch in diameter. (See ILLIAD.)

To lie in a nutshell. To be explained in a few words; to be capable of easy solution.

Nym (*Corporal*). One of Falstaff's followers, and an arrant rogue. Nin is to steal. (*Merry Wives of Windsor*.)

Nyse (2 syl.). One of the Nereids (*q.v.*).

"The lovely Nyse and Neris'nt spring,
With all the vehemence and speed of wing."
Camoens: Lusiad, bk. II.

O. This letter represents an eye, and is called in Hebrew *ayin* (an eye).

O. *The fifteen O's are fifteen prayers* beginning with the letter O. (See *Horæ Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ*.)

The Christmas O's. For nine days before Christmas (at 7 o'clock p.m.) are seven antiphones (3 syl.), each beginning with O, as *O Sapientia*, *O Radix*, etc.

O. An Irish patronymic. (*Gaelic*, *oígha*; Irish, *oa*, a descendant.)

O. in Scotch, means "of," as "Tam-o'-Shanter."

O.H.M.S. On His [or Her] Majesty's Service.

O.K. A telegraphic symbol for "All right" (*ort korrert*, a Sir William Curtis's or Artemus Ward's way of spelling "all correct").

O. P. Riot (*Old Price Riot*). When the new Covent Garden theatre was opened in 1809, the charges of admission were increased; but night after night for three months a throng crowded the pit, shouting "O. P." (*old prices*); much damage was done, and the manager was obliged at last to give way.

O tempora! O mores! Alas! how the times have changed for the worse! Alas! how the morals of the people are degenerated!

O Yes! O Yes! O Yes! French, *oyez* (hear ye).

"Faire with her long'st O yes!"
Cries, "This is he."
Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida, iv. 5.

Oaf. A corruption of *oaf* (elf). A foolish child or dolt is so called from the notion that all idiots are changelings, left by the fairies in the place of the stolen ones.

"This guttless oaf his vacancy of sense
Supplied, and amply too, by innocence."
Byron: Verses found in a Summer-house.

Oak. *Worn on May 29th.* May 29th was the birthday of Charles II. It was in the month of September that he concealed himself in an oak at Boscobel. The Battle of Worcester was fought on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1651, and Charles arrived at Whiteladies, about three-quarters of a mile from Boscobel House, early the next morning. He returned to England on his birthday, when the Royalists displayed a branch of oak in allusion to his hiding in an oak-tree.

To sport one's oak. To be "not at home" to visitors. At the Universities the "chambers" have two doors, the usual room-door and another made of oak, outside it; when the oak is shut or "sported" it indicates either that the occupant of the room is out, or that he does not wish to be disturbed by visitors,

Oak and Ash. The tradition is, if the oak gets into leaf before the ash we may expect a fine and productive year; if the ash precedes the oak in foliage, we may anticipate a cold summer and unproductive autumn. In the years 1816, 1817, 1821, 1823, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1838, 1840, 1845, 1850, and 1859, the ash was in leaf a full month before the oak, and the autumns were unfavourable. In 1831, 1833, 1839, 1853, 1860, the two species of trees came into leaf about the same time, and the years were not remarkable either for plenty or the reverse, whereas in 1818, 1819, 1820, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1842, 1846, 1854, 1868, and 1869, the oak displayed its foliage several weeks before the ash, and the summers of those years were dry and warm, and the harvests abundant.

Oak-tree. (*See* PHILEMON.)

The oak-tree was consecrated to the god of thunder because oaks are said to be more likely to be struck by lightning than other trees.

Oaks (The). One of the three great classic races of England. The Derby and Oaks are run at Epsom, and the St. Leger at Doncaster. The Oaks, in the parish of Woodmanstone, received its name from Lambert's Oaks, and an inn, called the "Hunter's Club," was rented of the Lambert family. It afterwards became the residence of General Burgoyne, from whom it passed to the 11th Earl of Derby. It was Edward Smith Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby, who originated the Oak Stakes, May 14, 1779. On his death, in 1834, the estate was sold to Sir Charles Guy, and was then held by Joseph Smith. The Oaks Stakes are for fillies three years old. (*See* DERBY.)

Oaks Famous in Story.

(1) *Owen Glendower's Oak*, at Shelton, near Shrewsbury, was in full growth in 1403, for in this tree Owen Glendower witnessed the great battle between Henry IV. and Henry Percy. Six or eight persons can stand in the hollow of its trunk. Its girth is 40½ feet.

(2) *Conthorpe Oak*, near Wetherby, in Yorkshire, will hold seventy persons in its hollow. Professor Burnet states its age to be 1,600 years.

(3) *Fairlop Oak*, in Hainault Forest, was 36 feet in circumference a yard from the ground. It was blown down in 1820.

(4) *The Oak of the Partisans*, in Percy

Forest, St. Ouen, in the department of the Vosges, is 107 feet in height. It is 700 years old. (1895.)

(5) *The Bull Oak*, Wedgenock Park, was growing at the time of the Conquest.

(6) *The Winfarthing Oak* was 700 years old at the time of the Conquest.

(7) *William the Conqueror's Oak*, in Windsor Great Park, is 38 feet in girth.

(8) *Queen's Oak*, Huntingfield, Suffolk, is so named because near this tree Queen Elizabeth shot a buck.

(9) *Sir Philip Sidney's Oak*, near Penshurst, was planted at his birth in 1554, and has been memorialised by Ben Jonson and Waller.

(10) *The Elterlie Oak*, near Paisley, is reported to have sheltered Sir William Wallace and 300 of his men.

(11) *The Swilear Oak*, in Needwood Forest, Staffordshire, is between 600 and 700 years old.

(12) *The Abbot's Oak*, near Woburn Abbey, is so called because the Woburn abbot was hanged on one of its branches, in 1537, by order of Henry VIII.

(13) *The Major Oak*, Sherwood Forest, Edwinstowe, according to tradition, was a full-grown tree in the reign of King John. The hollow of the trunk will hold 15 persons, but of late years a new bark has considerably diminished the opening. Its girth is 37 or 38 feet, and the head covers a circumference of 240 feet.

(14) *The Parliament Oak*, Clipston, in Sherwood Forest, Notts, is the tree under which Edward I., in 1282, held his parliament. He was hunting in the forest, when a messenger came to tell him of the revolt of the Welsh. He hastily convened his nobles under the oak, and it was resolved to march at once against Llewellyn, who was slain. The oak is still standing (1895), but is supported by props.

(15) *Robin Hood's Larder* is an oak in that part of Sherwood Forest which belongs to the Duke of Portland. The tradition is that Robin Hood, the great outlaw, used this oak, then hollow, as his larder, to put the deer he had slain out of sight. Not long ago some school-girls boiled their kettle in the hollow of the oak, and burnt down a large part; but every effort has been made to preserve what remains from destruction.

(16) *The Reformation Oak*, on Mousehold Heath, near Norwich, is where the rebel Ket held his court in 1549, and when the Rebellion was stamped out, nine of the ringleaders were hanged on this tree.

Oakum. Untwisted rope; used for caulking the seams (i.e. spaces between the planks) of a ship. It is forced in by chisel and mallet.

To *pick oakum*. To make oakum by untwisting old ropes. A common employment in prisons and workhouses.

Oan'nes. The Chaldean sea-god. It had a fish's head and body, and also a human head; a fish's tail, and also feet under the tail and fish's head. In the day-time he lived with men to instruct them in the arts and sciences, but at night retired to the ocean. Anecdotes or Idiotism was a similar deity, so was the Dagon [*dag-On*, fish On] of the Philistines.

Oar. To put your oar into my boat. To interfere with my affairs. "Paddle your own canoe, and don't put your oar into my boat." "*Bon homme, garde ta ruche.*" "Never scald your lips with another man's porridge" (*Scotch*). "*Croyez moi chacun son metier, et les vaches sont bien gardées.*"

"I put my oar in no man's boat."—*Thackeray*.

Oars. To rest on one's oars. To take an interval of rest after hard work. A boating phrase.

To *toss the oars*. To raise them vertically, resting on the handles. It is a form of salute.

Oasis. A perfect oasis. A fertile spot in the midst of a desert country, a little charmed plot of land. The reference is to those spots in the desert of Africa where wells of water or small lakes are to be found, and vegetation is pretty abundant. (Coptic word, called by Herodotus *oasis*.)

Oath. The sacred oath of the Persians is *By the Holy Grave*—i.e. the Tomb of Shah Bese'de, who is buried in Cusbin. (*Strut.*)

Oaths. Rhadamanthus imposed on the Cretans the law that men should not swear by the gods, but by the dog, ram, goose, and plane-tree. Hence Socrates would not swear by the gods, but by the dog and goose.

Oats. He has sown his wild oats. He has left off his gay habits and is become steady. The thick vapours which rise on the earth's surface just before the lands in the north burst into vegetation, are called in Denmark *Lok kens havre* (Loki's wild oats). When the fine weather succeeds, the Danes say, "*Loki has sown his wild oats.*"

Ob. and Sol. Objection and solution.

Contractions formerly used by students in academical disputations.

Obadi'ah. A slang name for a Quaker.

Obadiah. One of the servants of Mr. Shandy. (*Sterne: Tristram Shandy.*)

Obam'bou. The devil of the Camma tribes of Africa. It is exorcised by noise like bees in flight.

Obellak. (See DAGGER.)

Ob'elus. A small brass coin (nearly 1d. in value) placed by the Greeks in the mouth of the dead to pay Charon for ferrying the body over the river Styx. Same as *obolos*, an obol.

Obermann. The impersonation of high moral worth without talent, and the tortures endured by the consciousness of this defect. (*Etienne Pivert de Se'nancour: Obermann.*)

O'beron. King of the Fairies, whose wife was Titan'ia. Shakespeare introduces both Oberon and Titan'ia, in his *Midsummer Night's Dream*. (*Alberon*, anciently *Alberon*, German *Alberich*, king of the elves.)

Oberon the Fay. A humpty dwarf only three feet high, but of angelic face, lord and king of Mommur. He told Sir Huon his pedigree, which certainly is very romantic. The lady of the Hidden Isle (Cephalonia) married Neptane'bus, King of Egypt, by whom she had a son called Alexander the Great. Seven hundred years later Julius Caesar, on his way to Thessaly, stopped in Cephalonia, and the same lady, falling in love with him, had in time another son, and that son was Oberon. At his birth the fairies bestowed their gifts—one was insight into men's thoughts, and another was the power of transporting himself to any place instantaneously. He became a friend to Huon (q.v.), whom he made his successor in the kingdom of Mommur. In the fulness of time, falling asleep in death, legions of angels conveyed his soul to Paradise. (*Huon de Bordeaux, a romance.*)

Oberthal (Count). Lord of Dordrecht, near the Meuse. When Bertha, one of his vassals, asked permission to marry John of Leyden, the count refused, resolving to make her his mistress. This drove John into rebellion, and he joined the Anabaptists. The count was taken prisoner by Gio'na, a discarded servant, but liberated by John. When John was crowned Prophet-king, the count entered his banquet-hall to arrest

him, and perished with John in the flames of the burning palace. (*Meyerbeer: La Prophète, a romance.*)

Ob'idah. An allegory in the *Rambler*, designed to be a picture of human life. It is the adventures and misfortunes which a young man named Ob'idah met with in a day's journey.

Ob'idicut. The fiend of lust, and one of the five that possessed "poor Tom." (*Shakespeare: King Lear, iv. 1.*)

O'blism. Serpent-worship. From Egyptian *Ob* (the sacred serpent). The African sorceress is still called *Obi*. The Greek *ophis* is of the same family. Moses forbade the Israelites to inquire of *Ob*, which we translate wizard.

Ob'iter dictum (Latin). An incidental remark, an opinion expressed by a judge, but not judiciously. *An obiter dictum* has no authority beyond that of deference to the wisdom, experience, and honesty of the person who utters it: but a judicial sentence is the verdict of a judge bound under oath to pronounce judgment only according to law and evidence.

Object means forecast, or that on which you employ forecast. (Latin, *ob jectum*.)

Ob'olus. Give an ob'olus to old Belisarius. Tzetzes, a writer of the twelfth century, says that Belisarius, stripped of all his wealth and honours, was reduced to beggary in his grey old age; that he lived in a mud hut, from the window of which he hung an alms-bag, and that he used to cry to the passers-by, "Give an ob'olus to poor old Belisarius, who rose by his merits and was cast down by envy."

Obsequies are the funeral honours, or those which follow a person deceased. (Latin, *obsequior*.)

Obstacle Race (*An*). A race over obstacles such as gates, nets, sails laid on the ground, through hoops or tubs, etc.

Obstinate. The name of an inhabitant of the City of Destruction, who advised Christian to return to his family, and not run on fools' errands. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress, pt. i.*)

Obverse (*The*). Of a coin or medal. That side which contains the principal device. Thus, the obverse of our money coin is the side which contains the sovereign's head. The other side is called the "reverse."

O'by. A river in Russia. The word means *Great River*. Thomson the poet says it is the *ultima thule* of the habitable globe.

Occam (*William of*), surnamed *Doctor Singularis et Inevincibilis*. He was the great advocate of Nominalism. (1270-1347.)

Occam's Razor. *Entia non sunt multiplicanda* (entities are not to be multiplied). With this axiom Occam dissected every question as with a razor.

Occasion. A famous old hag, quite bald behind. Sir Guyon seized her by the forelock and threw her to the ground. Still she railed and reviled, till Sir Guyon gagged her with an iron lock; she then began to use her hands, but Sir Guyon bound them behind her. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene, book ii.*)

Occult Sciences. Magic, alchemy, and astrology; so called because they were occult or mysteries (secrets).

Oce'ana. An ideal republic by James Harrington, on the plan of Plato's *Atlantis*. Also the title of one of James Anthony Froude's books.

Oc'hiltree (*Edie*). A gaberdunzie man or blue-coat beggar, in Sir Walter Scott's *Antiquary*. The original of this bedesman was Andrew Gemmies.

Octa'vian. Chief character of *The Mountaineers*, a drama by George Colman. He goes mad out of love for Donna Floranthe, whom he suspects of loving another; but Roque, a blunt old *attaché*, seeks him, tells him Floranthe is faithful, and induces him to return.

Octa'vo. A book where each sheet of paper is folded into eight leaves; contracted thus—8vo. (Italian, *un' ottavo*; French, *in octavo*; Latin, *octo*, eight.)

Oc'ypus, son of Podalirius and As-tæsis, was eminent for his strength, agility, and beauty; but used to deride those afflicted with the gout. This provoked the anger of the goddess who presided over that distemper, and she sent it to plague the scoffer. (*Lucian.*)

Od. (*See* O'DYLE.)

Odd Numbers. Luck in odd numbers. A major chord consists of a fundamental or tonic, its major third, and its just fifth. According to the Pythagorean system, "all nature is a harmony," man is a full chord; and all

beyond is Deity, so that *nine* represents deity. As the odd numbers are the fundamental notes of nature, the last being deity, it will be easy to see how they came to be considered the great or lucky numbers. In China, odd numbers belong to heaven, and v.v. (*See DIAPASON, NUMBER.*)

"Good luck lies in odd numbers. . . They say, there is divinity in odd numbers, either in nativity, chance, or death." — *Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, v. 1.

∴ No doubt the odd numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, play a far more important part than the even numbers. *One* is Deity, *three* the Trinity, *five* the chief division (*see FIVE*), *seven* is the sacred number, and *nine* is three times three, the great climacteric.

Odd and Even. According to Pythagoras, by the number of syllables in a man's name, the side of his infirmity may be predicted; *odd* being left, *even* being right.

Thus, to give only one or two examples: *Nelom* (seven) lost his right arm and right eye. *Ravian* (seven) lost his right arm at Waterloo. The fairy is quite worthless, but might afford a amusement on a winter's night.

Odd's or Od's, used in oaths; as —
Odd's bodikins! or *Odsbody!* means "God's body," of course referring to incarnate Deity.

Od's heart! God's heart.

Od's pittikins! God's pity.

Od's pleased will! (*Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 1.)

Od rot'em! (*See DRAT.*)

Od-sounds! God's wounds.

Odds. *By long odds.* By a great difference; as, "He is the best man by long odds." A phrase used by betting men. In horse-racing, *odds* are offered in bets on favourite horses; so, in the Cambridge and Oxford races, long odds are laid on the boat which is expected to win.

That makes no odds. No difference; never mind; that is no excuse. An application of the betting phrase.

Ode. *Prince of The Ode.* Pierre de Ronsard, a French lyrist. (1524-1585.)

Odhsrir. The mead or nectar made of Kvasir's blood, kept in three jars. The second of these jars is called *Sohnu*, and the *Bohn*. Probably the nectar is the "spirit of poetry." (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Odin. Chief god of the Scandinavians.

His real name was Siggö, son of Fridulph, but he assumed the name of Odin when he left the Tana's, because he had

been priest of Odin, supreme god of the Scythians. He became the All-wise by drinking from Mimer's fountain, but purchased the distinction at the cost of one eye. His one eye is the Sun.

The father of Odin was Bór.

His brothers are Vilé and Vé.

His wife is Frigga.

His sons, Thor and Balder.

His mansion is Gladsheim.

His seat, Valaskjalf.

His court as war-god, Valhalla.

His hall, Einherian.

His two black ravens are Hugin (thought) and Munin (memory).

His steed, Sleipnir (y.v.).

His ships, Skidbladnir and Naglfar.

His spear, Gungner, which never fails to hit the mark aimed at.

His ring, Draupner, which every ninth night drops eight other rings of equal value.

His throne is Hlidskjalf.

His wolves, Geri and Freki.

He will be ultimately swallowed up by the wolf Fenris or Fenrir. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

The vow of Odin. A matrimonial or other vow made before the "Stone of Odin," in the Orkneys. This is an oval stone, with a hole in it large enough to admit a man's hand. Anyone who violated a vow made before this stone was held infamous.

O'dium Theolog'icum. The bitter hatred of rival religionists. No wars so sanguinary as holy wars; no persecutions so relentless as religious persecutions; no hatred so bitter as theological hatred.

O'Doherty (*Sir Morgan*). Papers contributed to *Blackwood's Magazine* by William Maginn, LL.D., full of wit, fun, irony, and eloquence. (1819-1842.)

Odor Lucri (Latin). The sweets of gain; the delights of money-making.

"Every act of such a person is seasoned with the odor lucri." — *Sir Walter Scott: The Betrothed* (Introduction).

Odorico (in *Orlando Furioso*). A Biscayan, to whom Zerbi'no commits Isabella. He proves a traitor and tries to ravish her, but, being interrupted by a pirate crew, flies for safety to Alphonzo's court. Here Almo'no defies him, and overcomes him in single combat. King Alphonzo gives the traitor to the conqueror, and he is delivered bound to Zerbi'no, who awards him as a punishment to attend Gabriela for one year as her champion, and to defend her against every foe. He accepts the charge, but hangs Gabriela to an elm.

Almonio in turn hangs Odorico to an elm.

Odour. *In good odour; in bad odour.* In favour, out of favour; in good repute, in bad repute. The phrases refer to the "odour of sanctity" (q.v.).

Odour of Sanctity (*In the*). The Catholics tell us that good persons die in the "odour of sanctity;" and there is a certain truth in the phrase, for, when one honoured by the Church dies, it is not unusual to perfume the room with incense, and sometimes to embalm the body. Homer tells us (*Iliad*, xxiii.) that Hector's body was washed with rose-water. In Egypt the dead are washed with rose-water and perfumed with incense (*Mallet: Letters*, x, p. 88). Herodotus says the same thing (*History*, ii, 86-90). When the wicked and those hated die, no such care is taken of them.

"In both the Greek and Western Church incense is used, and the aroma of these consecrated oils follows the believer from birth to death."—*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1884, p. 561.

• The Catholic notion that priests bear about with them an odour of sanctity may be explained in a similar manner: they are so constantly present when the censers diffuse sweet odour, that their clothes and skin smell of the incense.

• Shakespeare has a strong passage on the disodour of iniquity. Antiochus and his daughter, whose wickedness abounded, were killed by lightning, and the poet says—

'A fire from heaven came and shrivelled up
Their bodies, even to loathing; for they so
stunk
That all those eyes adored them ere their fall
Scorned now their hand should give them
burial.' *Ptolemy, Prince of Tyre*, ii, l.

Odrysium Carmen. The poetry of Orpheus, a native of Thrace, called Odrysia tellus, because the Odrysæ were its chief inhabitants.

O'dur. Husband of Freyja, whom he deserted. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Od'yle (2 syl.). That which emanates from a medium to produce the several phenomena connected with mesmerism, spirit-rapping, table-turning, and so on. The productions of these "manifestations" is sometimes called *od'ylism*. Baron Reichenbach called it Od force, a force which becomes manifest wherever chemical action is going on.

Od'yssey. The poem of Homer which records the adventures of *Odysseus* (Ulysses) in his home-voyage from Troy. The word is an adjective formed out of

the hero's name, and means the *things* or *adventures* of Ulysses.

Œ'dipus. *I am no Œdipus.* I cannot guess what you mean. Œdipus guessed the riddle of the Sphinx, and saved Thebes from her ravages. (See SPHINX.)

Œil. *A look.* On credit, for nothing. Corruption of the Italian *a ufo* (*gratis*). In the French translation of *Don Quixote* is this passage:—

"Ma femme, disait Sancho Pança, ne m'a jamais dit que quand il fallait dire non. Or elles sont toutes de même. . . . Elles sont toutes honnêtes à pendre. . . . Passé cela, elles ne valent pas ce que j'ai dans l'œil."

Œil de Bœuf (*L'*). A large reception-room (*salle*) in the palace of Versailles, lighted by round windows so called. The ceiling, decorated by Van der Meulen, contained likenesses of the children of Louis XIV. (seventeenth and eighteenth centuries).

Les Fastes de l'Œil de Bœuf. The annals of the courtiers of the Grand Monarque; anecdotes of courtiers generally. The *œil de bœuf* is the round window seen in entresols, etc. The ante-room where courtiers waited at the royal chamber of Versailles had these ox-eye windows, and hence they were called by this name.

Off (Saxon, *of*; Latin, *ab*, from, away). The house is a *mile off*—i.e. is "away" or "from" us a mile. The word preceding off defines its scope. To be "*well off*" is to be away or on the way towards well-being; to be *badly off* is to be away or on the way to the bad. In many cases "off" is part of a compound verb, as to cut-off (away), to peel-off, to march-off, to tear-off, to take-off, to get-off, etc. The off-side of horses when in pairs is that to the *right* hand of the coachman, the horses on his *left*-hand side are called the "near" horses. This, which seems rather anomalous, arises from the fact that all teamsters walk beside their teams on the left side, so that the horses on the left side are near him, and those on the right side are farther off.

He is well off; he is badly off. He is in good circumstances; he is straitened in circumstances, *être bien* [or *mal*] *dans ses affaires*. In these phrases "off" means *fares*, "he fares well [or ill]; his affairs go-off well [or ill]. (Anglo-Saxon, *of-faran*.)

Off-hand. Without preparation; impromptu. The phrase, "in hand," as, "It was long in hand," means that it was long in operation, or long a-doing;

so that "off-hand" must mean it was not "in hand."

Off his Head. Delirious, deranged, not able to use his head; so "off his feed," not able to eat or enjoy his food. The latter phrase is applied to horses which refuse to eat their food.

Off the Hooks. Indisposed and unable to work. A door or gate off the hooks is unhinged, and does not work properly. Also, dead.

Off with his Head! So much for Buckingham! (*Colley Cibber: The Tragical History of Richard III.*, altered from Shakespeare.)

Offa's Dyke, which runs from Beachley to Flintshire, was not the work of Offa, King of Mercia, but was repaired by him. It existed when the Romans were in England, for five Roman roads cross it. Offa availed himself of it as a line of demarcation that was sufficiently serviceable, though by no means tallying with his territory either in extent or position.

Og, King of Bashan, according to Rabbinical mythology, was an antediluvian giant, saved from the flood by climbing on the roof of the ark. After the passage of the Red Sea, Moses first conquered Sihon, and then advanced against the giant Og (whose bedstead, made of iron, was above 15 feet long and nearly 7 feet broad, Deut. iii. 11). The Rabbins say that Og plucked up a mountain to hurl at the Israelites, but he got so entangled with his burden, that Moses was able to kill him without much difficulty.

Og, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is Thomas Shadwell, who succeeded Dryden as poet-laureate. Dryden called him MacFlecknoe, and says "he never deviates into sense." He is called Og because he was a very large and fat man. (Part ii.)

Og'hams. The alphabet in use among the ancient Irish and some other Celtic nations prior to the ninth century.

"The og'hams seem to have been merely tree-runers. The Irish regarded the og'hams as a forest, the individual characters being trees (feada), while each cross-stroke is called a twig (teasra)." — *Jaques Taylor: The Alphabet*, vol. ii, chap. viii. p. 224.

Oghris. The lion that followed Prince Murad like a dog. (*Oroguemistaine*.)

Ogier the Dane (2 syl.). One of the paladins of King Charlemagne.

Various fairies attended at his birth, and bestowed upon him divers gifts. Among them was Morgue, who when the knight was a hundred years old embarked him for the isle and castle of Avalon, "hard by the terrestrial paradise." The vessel in which he sailed was wrecked, and Ogier was in despair, till he heard a voice that bade him "fear nothing, but enter the castle which I will show thee." So he got to the island and entered the castle, where he found a horse sitting at a banquet-table. The horse, whose name was Papillon, and who had once been a mighty prince, conducted him to Morgue the Fay, who gave him (1) a ring which removed all infirmities and restored him to ripe manhood; (2) a Lethian crown which made him forget his country and past life; and (3) introduced him to King Arthur. Two hundred years rolled on, and France was invaded by the Pnyimia. Morgue now removed the crown from Ogier's head and sent him to defend "le bon pays de France." Having routed the invaders, Morgue took him back to Avalon, and he has never reappeared on this earth of ours. (*Ogier le Danois: a romance*.)

Ogier the Dane. Represented as the Knave of Spades in the French pack. He is introduced by Ariosto in his *Orlando Furioso*.

The swords of Ogier the Dane. *Curtaua* (the cutter), and *Sauvagine*. (*See Morris: Earthly Paradise*, August.)

Ogleby (*Lord*). A supernumerated nobleman who affects the gaiety and graces of a young man. (*Chandos's Marriage*, by Garrick and Colman the Elder.)

O'gres of nursery mythology are giants of very malignant dispositions, who live on human flesh. It is an Eastern invention, and the word is derived from the Ogurs, a desperately savage horde of Asia, who overran part of Europe in the fifth century. Others derived it from Orcus, the ugly, cruel man-eating monster so familiar to readers of Bojardo and Ariosto. The female is *Ogyress*.

O'Groat. (*See JOHN O' Groat*.)

Ogygian Deluge. A flood which overran a part of Greece while Ogyges was king of Attica. There were two floods so called—one in Boeotia, when the lake Copaïs overflowed its banks; and another in Attica, when the whole

territory was laid waste for two hundred years (B.C. 1764).

Varro tells us that the planet Venus underwent a great change in the reign of Ogyges (3471). It changed its diameter, its colour, its figure, and its course.

* Ogyges Deluge occurred more than 200 years before Deucalion's Flood.

Oi Polloi, properly *Hoi Polloi*, (Greek.) The commonalty, the many. In University slang the "poll men," or those who take degrees without "honours."

Oignement de Bretagne (French). A sound drubbing. Oignement is a noun corruptly formed from *hogner*. In Lyons boys called the little cuffs which they gave each other *hogies*.

"Frère Eloutheré a trenchouisois,
Et j'ay oignement de Bretagne :
Qui garist d'origne et de falsene."
Le Martyre de S. Denis, etc. p. 129.

Oignons d'Egypte. The flesh-pots of Egypt. Hence "regretter les oignons d'Egypte," to sigh for the flesh-pots of Egypt, to long for luxuries lost and gone.

Je plume oignons. I scold or grumble. Also *puler des oignons* in the same sense. A corruption of *hogner*, to scold or grumble.

"tirfon. Que fais-tu là ?
Brigaudait. Je plume oignons."
La Quatrième Journée du Mystère de la Passion.
"Tas ne savolt oignons peler."
Villon: Ballade ii.

OIL. To strike oil. To make a happy hit or valuable discovery. The phrase refers to hitting upon or discovering a bed of petroleum or mineral oil.

Oil of Palms. Money. *Huile* is French slang for "money," as will appear from the following quotation:—"Il faudra qu'vostre bourse fasse les frans de vostre curiosité; il faut de la pécunie, il faut de l'huile." (*La Fausse Conquête*, ii. 7; 1694.)

Oil on Troubled Waters. To pour oil on troubled waters, as a figure of speech, means to soothe the troubled spirit. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

As a physical fact, Professor Horsford, by emptying a vial of oil upon the sea in a stiff breeze, did actually still the ruffled surface. Commodore Wilkes, of the United States, saw the same effect produced in a violent storm off the Cape of Good Hope, by oil leaking from a whale-ship.

Origin of the phrase: The phrase is mentioned by the Venerable Bede in his *Ecclesiastical History*, written in Latin,

and completed in 735. Stapleton translated the book in 1565. St. Aidan, it appears, gave his blessing to a young priest who was to set out by land, but return by water, to convoy a young maiden destined for the bride of King Oswin or Oswy. St. Aidan gave the young man a cruse of oil to pour on the sea if the waves became stormy. A storm did arise, and the young priest, pouring oil on the waves, did actually reduce them to a calm. Bede says he had the story from "a most creditable man in Holy Orders."

* St. Aidan died in 694, and Bede died in 735. There is no question in archaeology so often asked to be explained as this.

Oil the Knocker (To). To fee the porter. The expression is from Racine, "*On n'entre point chez lui sans graver le marteau*" ("No one enters his house without oiling the knocker"). (*Les Plaideurs*.)

Ointment. Money. From the fable *De la Vieille qui Oint la Palme au Chevalier* (thirteenth century).

"Volebant autem profecti clerici aliquem habere locum natione Romanum, quo unguentis Anglicis, auris scilicet et argenti solent ad quietem machinari."—*Itinerary of Canterbury: Chronicle; Scriptores doctus li. 133.*

Olaf or Olave (St.). The first Christian king of Norway, slain in battle by his pagan subjects in 1030. He is usually represented in royal attire, bearing the sword or halbert of his martyrdom, and sometimes carrying a loaf of bread, as a rebus on his name, which in Latin is *Holofatus* or *Whole-loaf*. (Born 995.)

Old Bags. John Scott, Lord Eldon: so called from his carrying home with him in different bags the cases still pending his judgment. (1751-1838.)

Old Blade (An). "Un vieux routier" (an old stages), meaning one up to snuff. (See *SNUFF*.)

Old Bonâ Fide. Louis XIV. (1638, 1643-1715).

Old Boots. *Like old boots*. Famously. "Checky as old boots," very saucy. "He ran like old boots," i.e. very fast. The reference is to the nursery story of the *Sacca-bagual Boots*, old being simply a word of fondness, as "Well, old boy," etc. The allusion, suitable enough in many phrases, becomes, when used in slang, very remotely applicable.

Old Dominion. Virginia. Every Act of Parliament to the Declaration of

Independence designated Virginia "the Colony and Dominion of Virginia." Captain John Smith, in his *History of Virginia* (1629), calls this "colony and dominion" *Old Virginia*, in contradistinction to *New England*, and other British settlements.

Old England. This term was first used in 1641, twenty-one years after our American colony of New Virginia received the name of New England.

Old Faith Men. (See PHILIPPINS.)

Old Fogs. The 87th Foot; so called from the war-cry "*Fag-an-Bealach*" (Clear the way), pronounced *Fung-a-bollagh*. The 87th Foot is now called "The Royal Irish Fusiliers."

Old Fox. Marshal Soult; so called by the soldiers because of his strategic abilities and never-failing resources. (1769-1851.) (See FOX.)

Old Gentleman (*The*). The devil; a cheating card.

Old Glory. The United States' Flag. Sir Francis Burdett (1770-1844).

Old Gooseberry. To play (or play up) old gooseberry. To be a third person; to be *de trop*. *Old Gooseberry* is the name given to a person accompanying an engaged couple.

Old Grog. Admiral Edward Vernon; so called by British sailors from his wearing a grogram cloak in foul weather. (1681-1757.)

Old Hands. supernumeraries who have been used to the work. "New hands" are those new to the work.

Old Harry. The devil. (See HARRY.)

Old Humphrey. The *nom-de-plume* of George Mogridge, of London, author of several interesting books for children. (Died 1854.)

Old Mortality. The itinerant antiquary in Sir Walter Scott's novel of that name. It is said to be a picture of Robert Paterson, a Scotchman, who busied himself in clearing the moss from the tombstones of the Covenanters.

Old News. Stale news. Hawker's (or piper's) news. "*Le secret de polichinelle*."

A pinch for old news. A schoolboy's punishment to one of his mates for telling as news what is well known.

Old Noll. (See NOLL.)

Old Noll's Fiddler. (See FIDDLER.)

Old Port School. Old-fashioned clergymen, who stick to Church and State, old port and "orthodoxy."

Old Reeky. (See AULD REEKIE.)

Old Rowley. Charles II. was so called from his favourite racehorse. A portion of the Newmarket racecourse is still called Rowley Mile, from the same horse.

Old Salt (*An*). An experienced sailor.

Old Scratch. The devil; so called from *Schratz* or *Skratti*, a demon of Scandinavian mythology. (See NICK.)

Old Song. *Went for an old song.* Was sold for a mere trifle, for a nominal sum or price.

Old Style—New Style. Old Style means computed according to the unreformed calendar. New Style means computed according to the calendar reformed and corrected by Gregory XIII. in 1582. The New Style was introduced into England, in 1752, during the reign of George II., when Wednesday, September 2nd, was followed by Thursday, September 14th. This has given rise to a double computation, as Lady Day, March 25th, Old Lady Day, April 6th; Midsummer Day, June 24th, Old Midsummer Day, July 6th; Michaelmas Day, September 29th, Old Michaelmas Day, October 11th; Christmas Day, December 25th, Old Christmas Day, January 6th.

Old Tom. Cordul gin. Thomas Norris, one of the men employed in Messrs. Hodges' distillery, opened a gin palace in Great Russell Street, Covent Garden, and called the gin concocted by Thomas Chamberlain, one of the firm of Hodges, "Old Tom," in compliment to his former master.

Old Women, in theatrical parlance, means actresses who take the part of "old women." In full companies there are first and second "old women." The term *Old Men* is similarly used.

Old World. So Europe, Asia, and Africa are called when compared with North and South America (the New World).

Old as Adam. Generally used as a reproof for stating as news something well known. "That's as old as Adam," or was known as far back as the days of Adam. (See OLD AS METHUSLAH.)

Old as Methuselah. Of great age. Methuselah was the oldest man that ever lived. (*See above.*)

Old as the Hills. "Old as Panton Gates." (*See PANTON GATES.*)

Old Age Restored to Youth. "*La fontaine de Jouvence fit revivre la gent.*" The broth of Moden did the same. Grinding old men young. Ogier's Ring (*q.v.*) restored the aged to youth again. The Dancing Water restores the aged woman to youth and beauty. (*See WATER.*)

Old Dogs will not Learn New Tricks. In Latin, "*Senex psittacus negligit frutem*" (An old parrot does not mind the stick). When persons are old they do not readily fall into new ways.

Old Lady of Threadneedle Street. The Bank of England, situated in Threadneedle Street. So called from a caricature by Gilray, dated 22nd May, 1797, and entitled "*The Old Lady in Threadneedle Street in Danger*." It referred to the temporary stopping of cash payments 26th February, 1797, and one pound bank-notes were issued 4th March the same year.

Old Man Eloquent. Isocrates: so called by Milton. When he heard of the result of the battle of Chæronea, which was fatal to Grecian liberty, he died of grief.

"That dishonest victory
At Chæronea fatal to liberty
Killed with report that Old Man Eloquent,"
Milton: *Sonnets*.

Old Man of the Moon (*Thi*). The Chinese deity who links in wedlock predestined couples. (*See MAN IN THE MOON.*)

"The Chinese have a firm belief in marriages being made in heaven. A certain deity, whom they call the 'Old Man of the Moon,' links with a spoken cord all predestined couples."—*J. N. Jordan: Modern China (Nineteenth Century, July, 1889, p. 15).*

Old Man of the Mountain. Hassan-ben-Sabah, the sheik Al Jebal, and founder of the sect called Assassins (*q.v.*).

Old Man of the Sea. In the story of *Sinbad the Sailor*, the Old Man of the Sea, hoisted on the shoulders of Sinbad, clung there and refused to dismount. Sinbad released himself from his burden by making the Old Man drunk. (*Arabian Nights.*)

Oldbuck. An antiquary: from the character of Jonathan Oldbuck, a

whimsical virtuoso in Sir Walter Scott's *Antiquary*.

Oldcastle (*Sir John*), called the *Good Lord Cobham*, the first Christian martyr among the English nobility (December 14th, 1417).

Oldenburg Horn. A horn long in the possession of the reigning princes of the House of Oldenburg, but now in the collection of the King of Denmark. According to tradition, Count Otto of Oldenburg, in 967, was offered drink in this silver-gilt horn by a "wild woman," at the Osenborg. As he did not like the look of the liquor, he threw it away, and rode off with the horn.

Oldest Nation and most ancient of all languages. Psammethichus of Egypt, wishing to penetrate these secrets, commanded that two infants should be brought up in such seclusion that they should never hear a single word uttered. When they had been thus secluded for two years, the boys both cried out to the keeper, "*Becos! Becos!*" a Phrygian word for *Bread*, so Psammethichus declared the Phrygian language to be man's primitive speech. (*See LANGUAGE.*)

O'leum Adde Camino. To pour oil on fire; to aggravate a wound under pretence of healing it. (*Horace: Satires, ii. 3, 321.*)

Olîb'rius (*An*). The wrong man in the wrong place. Olîb'rius was a Roman senator, proclaimed emperor by surprise in 472, but he was wholly unsuited for the office.

Olifaunt. Lord Nigel Olifaunt of Glenvarloch, on going to court to present a petition to King James I., aroused the dislike of the Duke of Buckingham; Lord Dalgarno gave him the cut direct, when Nigel struck him, and was obliged to seek refuge in Alsatia. After various adventures he married Margaret Ramsay, the watchmaker's daughter. (*Sir Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel.*)

Olîgar'chy [*olly-gar'-ky*]. A government in which the supreme power is vested in a class. (Greek, *oligos*, the few; *archê*, rule.)

Olîndo. The Mahometan king of Jerusalem, at the advice of his magician, stole an image of the Virgin, and set it up as a palladium in the chief mosque. The image was stolen during the night, and the king, unable to discover the perpetrator, ordered all his Christian

subjects to be put to the sword. So fromia, to prevent this wholesale massacre, accused herself of the deed, and was condemned to be burnt alive. Olindo, her lover, hearing of this, went to the king and took on himself the blame; whereupon both were condemned to death, but were saved by the intercession of Clorinda. (*Jerusalem Delivered*.)

Olio or **Oglio**. A mixture or medley of any sort. (Spanish, *olla*, a pot for boiling similar to what the French call their *pot au feu*. The olio is the mixture of bread, vegetables, spices, meat, etc., boiled in this pot.)

Olive (2 syl.). Sacred to Pallas Athênê. (*See OLIVE-TREE.*)

EMBLEM of (1) *Chastity*. In Greece the newly-married bride wore an olive-garland; with us the orange-blossom is more usual.

(2) *Fecundity*. The fruit of the olive is produced in vast profusion; so that olive-trees are valuable to their owners. (*See ORANGE-BLOSSOMS.*)

(3) *Merit*. In ancient Greece a crown of olive-twigs was the highest distinction of a citizen who had deserved well of his country.

(4) *Peace*. An olive-branch was anciently a symbol of peace. The vanquished who sued for peace carried olive-branches in their hands. And an olive-twig in the hands of a king (*ou médales*), as in the case of Numa, indicated a reign of peace.

To hold out the olive branch. To make overtures of peace.

(5) *Prosperity*. David says, "I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God" (Psalm lii. 8).

(6) *Victory*. The highest prize in the Olympic games was a crown of olive-leaves.

ORIGIN of the olive-tree. The tale is, that Athênê (Minerva) and Poseidon (Neptune) disputed the honour of giving a name to a certain city of Greece, and agreed to settle the question by a trial of which could produce the best gift for the new city. Athênê commanded the earth to bring forth the olive-tree. Poseidon commanded the sea to bring forth the war-horse. Athênê's gift was adjudged the better, and the city was called Athens.

Olive Branches. Children of a parent. It is a Scripture term: "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine . . . thy children like olive plants round about thy table" (Psalm cxxviii. 3).

Oliver. Son and heir of Sir Rowland de Boys, who hated his youngest brother Orlando, and persuaded him to try a wrestling match with a professed wrestler, hoping thus to kill his brother; but when Orlando proved victorious, Oliver swore to set fire to his chamber when he was asleep. Orlando fled to the forest of Arden, and Oliver pursued him; but one day, as he slept in the forest, a snake and a lioness lurked near to make him their prey; Orlando happened to be passing, and slew the two monsters. When Oliver discovered this heroic deed he repented of his ill-conduct, and his sorrow so interested the Princess Celia that she fell in love with him, and they were married. (*Shakespeare: As You Like It.*)

Oliver or **Olivier**. Charlemagne's favourite paladin, who, with Roland, rode by his side. He was Count of Genes, and brother of the beautiful Aude. His sword was called *Hautclair*, and his horse *Ferrant d'Espagne*.

A Rowland for an Oliver. Tit for tat, *quid pro quo*. Dr. J. N. Scott says that this proverb is modern, and owes its rise to the Cavaliers in the time of the Civil wars in England. These Cavaliers, by way of rebuff, gave the anti-monarchical party a General Monk for their Oliver Cromwell. As Monk's Christian name was *George*, it is hard to believe that the doctor is correct. (*See ROLAND.*)

Olivetans. Brethren of "Our Lady of Mount Olivet," an offshoot of the Benedictine order.

Olvia. Niece of Sir Toby Belch. Malvolio is her steward, Maria her woman, Fabian and a clown her male servants. (*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night.*)

Olvia. A female Tartuffe (*q.v.*) in Wycherley's *Plain Dealer*. A consummate hypocrite, of most unblushing effrontery.

Olla Podrida. Odds and ends, a mixture of scraps. In Spain it takes the place of the French *pot au feu*, into which every sort of eatable is thrown and stewed. (*See OLIO.*) Used figuratively, the term means an incongruous mixture, a miscellaneous collection of any kind, a medley.

Ollapod. An apothecary, always trying to say a witty thing, and looking for wit in the conversation of others. When he finds anything which he can construe into "point" he says, "Thank you, good sir; I owe you one." He had

a military taste, and was appointed "cornet in the volunteer association of cavalry" of his own town. (*G. Colman: The Poor Gentleman.*)

Olympia (in *Orlando Furioso*). Countess of Holland, and wife of Bireno. Cymosco of Friza wanted to force her to marry his son Arbantès, but Arbantès was slain. This aroused the fury of Cymosco, who seized Bireno, and would have put him to death if Orlando had not slain Cymosco. Bireno having deserted Olympia, she was bound naked to a rock by pirates; but Orlando delivered her and took her to Ireland. Hero King Oberto espoused her cause, slew Bireno, and married the young widow. (*Bks. iv., v.*)

Olympiad, among the ancient Greeks, was a period of four years, being the interval between the celebrations of their *Olympic Games*.

Olympian Jove, or rather *Zeus* (1 syl.) A statue by Phidias, and reckoned one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." Pausanias (vii. 2) says when the sculptor placed it in the temple at Elis, he prayed the god to indicate whether he was satisfied with it, and immediately a thunderbolt fell on the floor of the temple without doing the slightest harm.

The statue was made of ivory and gold, and though seated on a throne, was 60 feet in height. The left hand rested on a sceptre, and the right palm held a statue of Victory in solid gold. The robes were of gold, and so were the four lions which supported the footstool. The throne was of cedar, embellished with ebony, ivory, gold, and precious stones. (*See MINERVA.*)

It was placed in the temple at Elis B.C. 433, was removed to Constantinople, and perished in the great fire of A.D. 475; It was completed in 4 years, and of course the materials were supplied by the Government of Elis.

The "Home of Sculptors" died in prison, having been incarcerated on the trumpety charge of having introduced on a shield of one of his statues a portrait of himself.

Olympic Games. Games held by the Greeks at Olympia, in Elis, every fourth year, in the month of July.

Olympus. On the confines of Macedonia and Thessaly, where the fabulous court of Jupiter was supposed to be held. It is used for any pantheon, as "Odin, Thor, Balder, and the rest of the Northern Olympus." The word means

all bright or clear. In Greek the word is *Olympos*.

O'Lyann (Brian). Slang for gin. (*See CHIVY.*)

Om. A Sanscrit word, somewhat similar to *Amen*. When the gods are asked to rejoice in a sacrifice, the god Savitri cries out *Om* (Be it so). When Pravrâhan is asked if his father has instructed him, he answers *Om* (Verily). Brahmins begin and end their lessons on the Veda with the word *Om*, for "unless *Om* precedes his lecture, it will be like water on a rock, which cannot be gathered up; and unless it concludes the lecture, it will bring forth no fruit."

Om mani padmê hûm. These are the first six syllables taught the children of Tibet and Mongolia, and the last words uttered by the dying in those lands. It is met with everywhere as a charm.

O'man's Sea. The Persian Gulf.

Ombre. A Spanish game of cards called the *royal game of ombre*. Prior has an epigram on the subject. He says he was playing ombre with two ladies, and though he wished to lose, won everything, for Fortune gave him "success in every suit but hearts." Pope has immortalised the game in his *Rape of the Lock*.

Omega. The alpha and omega. The first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alpha is the first and omega the last letter of the Greek alphabet.

Omens. (*See ILL OMENS.*)

Omevinger Saga. An historical tradition of Scandinavia.

Om'nibus. The French have a good slang term for these conveyances. They call an omnibus a "Four Banal" (parish oven).

Of course, omnibus (for all) is the oblique case of omnium (all). Yet Howitt, in his *Visits to Remarkable Places* (1860, 833) says "chairs and cars and omnibuses and glaces" (p. 200). The plural of omnibus is "omnibuses."

Omnium (Latin, of all). The particulars of all the items, or the assignment of all the securities, of a government loan.

Om'nium Gatherum. Dog Latin for a gathering or collection of all sorts of persons and things; a miscellaneous gathering together without regard to suitability or order.

Omorôa. The goddess who was sovereign of the universe when it was first created. It was covered with water

and darkness, but contained some few animals of monster forms, representations of which may be seen in the Temple of Bel. (*Berosius*.)

Omphale (3 syl.). The masculine but attractive Queen of Lydia, to whom Hercules was bound a slave for three years. He fell in love with her, and led an effeminate life spinning wool, while Omphale wore the lion's skin and was lady paramount.

The celebrated picture of Hercules spinning in the presence of Omphale, by Annibal Carracci, is in the Farnese Gallery.

On dit (French). A rumour, a report; as, "There is an *on dit* on Exchange that Spain will pay up its back dividends."

On the Loose. Dissolute (which is *dis-solutus*). "Living on the loose" is leading a dissolute life, or out on the spree.

On the Shelf. *Passé*, no longer popular, one of the "has-beens." The reference is not to pawns laid on the shelf, but to books no longer read, and clothes no longer worn, laid by on the shelf.

One-horse System (*A*). A one-sided view; looking at all things from one standpoint; bigotry.

One-horse Universities. Petty local universities.

"The provincial University of Toronto was thrown open to Nonconformists, unluckily not before the practice of chartering sectarian institutions had been introduced, and Canada had been saddled with 'one-horse universities.'" —*Prof. Goldwin Smith: Nineteenth Century*, July, 1896, p. 21.

One Step from the Sublime to the Ridiculous. Tom Paine said, "The sublime and the ridiculous are often so nearly related that it is difficult to class them separately. One step above the sublime makes the ridiculous, and one step above the ridiculous makes the sublime again."

One too Many for Him (*I was*). I outwitted him; or "One too much for you."

"You have lost, old fellow; I was one too much for you."—*Gabriel: The Mystery of Orcival*, chap. x.

One Touch of Nature Makes the whole World Kin. (*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, iii. 3.)

Onion Pennies. Roman coins dug up at Silchester; so called from one Onion, a giant, who, the country people say, inhabited the buried city. Silchester used to be called by the British

Ard-Oncon—i.e. Ardal Onion (the region of Einion or Onion).

Only (*The*). Jean Paul Friedrich Richter (1763-1825). Carlyle says, "In the whole circle of literature we look in vain for his parallel." (German, *Der Einzige*.)

On'slow, invoked by Thomson in his *Autumn*, was Arthur Onslow, the Speaker of the House of Commons, termed *clarum ac venerabile nomen*. It was said of him that "his knowledge of the Constitution was only equalled by his attachment to it."

Onus (Latin). The burden, the blame, the responsibility; as, "The whole *onus* must rest on your own shoulders."

Onus Probandi. The obligation of proof; as, "The *onus probandi* rests with the accuser."

Onyx is Greek for a finger-nail; so called because the colour of an onyx resembles that of the finger-nail.

Opal. From the Greek *ops* (the eye). Considered unlucky for the same reason that peacocks' feathers in a house are said to be unlucky. A peacock's feather, being full of eyes, act as spies in a house, prying into one's privacy. Similarly, it is unlucky to introduce the eye-stone or opal into a house, because it will interfere with the sanctity of domestic privacy. (*See CEBASTIUM*).

Not an opal
Wrapped in a bac-leaf in my left fist,
To charm their eyes with."
Ben Jonson: *New Inn*, l. 6.

Opal of Alphonso XII. (of Spain) seemed to be fatal. The king, on his wedding day, presented an opal ring to his wife (Mercedes, daughter of the Duke of Montpensier), but her death occurred soon afterwards. Before the funeral the king gave the ring to his sister (Maria del Pilar), who died a few days afterwards. The king then presented the ring to his sister-in-law (the Princess Christina, youngest daughter of the Duke of Montpensier), who died within three months. Alphonso, astounded at these fatalities, resolved to wear the ring himself, but died also within a very short time. The Queen Regent then attached the ring to a gold chain, which she suspended on the neck of the Virgin of Almudena of Madrid. (*See FATAL GIRLS*.)

Open Air Mission. A mission founded in 1853. Its agents preach in

the open air, especially at races, fairs, and on occasions when large numbers of people congregate.

Open Question (*An*). A statement, proposal, doctrine, or supposed fact, respecting which each individual is allowed to entertain his own private opinion. In the House of Commons every member may vote as he likes, regardless of party politics, on an open question. In the Anglican Church it is an open question whether the Lord's Supper should be taken fasting (before breakfast), or whether it may be taken at noon, or in the evening. Indubitably the institution was founded by Christ "after supper;" but Catholics and the High Ritualistic party insist on its being taken fasting.

Open Secret (*An*). A piece of information generally known, but not yet formally announced.

"It was an open secret that almost every one [of Lord Palmerston's ecclesiastical appointments] was virtually made by Lord Shaftesbury." *Labour Hour*, 1887.

Open, Ses'amé. The charm by which the door of the robber's dungeon flew open. The reference is to the tale of *The Forty Thieves*, in the *Arabian Nights*.

"These words were the only 'open sesame' to their riches and sympathies." *R. Shelton*.

"The spell loses its power, and he who should hope to conjure with it would find himself as much mistaken as Cassim when he stood crying, 'Open, Wheat,' 'Open, Barley,' to the door which obeyed no sound but 'Open, Sesame!'"

Open the Ball (*To*). To lead off the first dance; to begin anything which others will assist in carrying out.

Ophelia. Daughter of Polonius the chamberlain. Hamlet fell in love with her, but after his interview with the Ghost, found it incompatible with his plans to marry her. Ophelia, thinking his "strange conduct" the effect of madness, becomes herself demented, and in her attempt to gather flowers is drowned. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*.)

Opin'ious. A fabulous monster, composed of dragon, camel, and lion, used in heraldry. It forms the crest of the Barber Surgeons of London.

O'plum-eater (*The English*) was Thomas de Quincey, author of *Confessions*. (1785-1850.)

Oppidan of Eton. A student not on the foundation, but who boards in the town. (Latin, *oppidum*.)

Optimé (plural, *op-ti-mén*), in Cambridge phraseology, is a graduate in

honours below a wrangler. Of course, the Latin *optimus* (a best man) is the *fons et origo* of the term. Optimés are of two grades: a man of the higher group is termed a *senior optimé*, while one of the inferior class is called a *junior optimé*.

Optimism, in moral philosophy, is the doctrine that "whatever is, is right," that everything which happens is for the best.

Opus Ma'jus. The great work of Roger Bacon.

Opus Op'eran'tis, in theology, means that the personal piety of the person who does the act, and not the act itself, causes it to be an instrument of grace. Thus, in the Eucharist, it is the faith of the recipient which makes it efficient for grace.

Opus Opera'tum, in theology, means that the act conveys grace irrespectively of the receiver. Thus baptism is said by many to convey regeneration to an infant in arms.

Or Ever. Ere ever. (Saxon, *ær*, before.)

"Or ever I had seen that day, Horatio."

Shakespeare: Hamlet, 1. 2.

"Or, ere theyarken."

Macbeth, iv. 3.

Oracle. The answer of a god or inspired priest to an inquiry respecting the future; the deity giving responses; the place where the deity could be consulted, etc.

Oracle. The following are famous responses:—

(1) When Croesus consulted the Delphic oracle respecting a projected war, he received for answer, "*Croesus Halyn penetrans magnum, pervertet opum rim*." (When Croesus passes over the river Halys, he will overthrow the strength of an empire). Croesus supposed the oracle meant he would overthrow the enemy's empire, but it was his own that he destroyed.

(2) Pyrrhus, being about to make war against Rome, was told by the oracle: "*Non te, Acide, Roma nos rim'cere posse*" (I say, Pyrrhus, that you the Romans can conquer), which may mean either *You, Pyrrhus, can overthrow the Romans*, or *Pyrrhus, the Romans can overthrow you*.

(3) Another prince, consulting the oracle concerning a projected war, received for answer, "*Ibis red'ibis nunquam per bella peribis*" (You shall go shall return never you shall perish by the war). It will be seen that the whole

gist of this response depends on the place of the omitted comma; it may be *You shall return, you shall never perish in the war, or You shall return never, you shall perish in the war*, which latter was the fact.

(4) Philip of Macedon sent to ask the oracle of Delphi if his Persian expedition would prove successful, and received for answer—

"The ready victim crowned for death
Before the altar stands."

Philip took it for granted that the "ready victim" was the King of Persia, but it was Philip himself.

(5) When the Greeks sent to Delphi to know if they would succeed against the Persians, they were told—

"Good-time and harvest, weeping aires shall tell
How thousands fought at Salamis and fell."

But whether the Greeks or the Persians were to be "the weeping aires," dependent stateth not, nor whether the thousands "about to fall" were to be Greeks or Persians. (See PUNCTUATION.)

(6) When Maxentius was about to encounter Constantine, he consulted the guardians of the Sibylline Books as to the fate of the battle, and the prophetess told him, "*Illo die hostem Romanorum esse periturum*," but whether Maxentius or Constantine was "the enemy of the Roman people" the oracle left undecided.

(7) In the Bible we have a similar equivocal: When Ahab, King of Israel, was about to wage war on the king of Syria, and asked Micaiah if Ramoth-Gilead would fall into his hands, the prophet replied, "Go, for the Lord will deliver the city into the hands of the king" (1 Kings xxii. 15, 35). Ahab thought that he himself was *the king* referred to, but the city fell into the hands of the king of Syria.

There are scores of punning prophecies equally equivocal.

Oracle (Sir). A dogmatical person, one not to be gainsaid. The ancient oracles professed to be the responses of the gods, from which there could be no appeal.

"I am Sir Oracle,
And when I ope my lips let no dog bark."
Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice, l. 1.

To work the oracle. To induce another to favour some plan or join in some project.

"They fetched a rattling price through Starlight's working the oracle with those swells."
Boldwood: Robbery under Arms, chap. xii.

Oracle of the Church (The). St. Bernard. (1091-1153.)

Oracle of the Holy Bottle, Bac-buc, near Cathay, in Upper Egypt. Books iv. and v. of Habelais are occupied by the search for this oracle. The ostensible object was to obtain an answer to a question which had been put to sibyl and poet, monk and fool, philosopher and witch, judge and "sort," viz. "whether Panurge should marry or not?" The whole affair is a disguised satire on the Church. The celibacy of the clergy was for a long time a moot point of great difficulty, and the "Holy Bottle" or cup to the lutey was one of the moving causes of the "great schisms" from the Roman Catholic Church. The crew setting sail for the Bottle refers to Anthony, Duke of Vendôme, afterwards king of Navarre, setting out in search of religious truth, Bacbuc is the Hebrew for a bottle. The anthem sung before the fleet set sail was *When Israel went out of bondage*, and all the emblems of the ships bore upon the proverb "*In vino veritas*." Bacbuc is both the Bottle and the priestess of the Bottle.

Oracle of Sieve and Shears (The). This method of divination is mentioned by Theocritus. The *modus operandi* was as follows:—The points of the shears were stuck in the rim of a sieve, and two persons supported them with their finger-tips. Then a verse of the Bible was read aloud, and St. Peter and St. Paul were asked if it was A. B. or C (naming the persons suspected). When the right person was named, the sieve would suddenly turn round.

"Searching for thine lost with a sieve and shears."—*Ben Jonson: Alchemist*, l. 1.

Oracles were extremely numerous, and very expensive to those who consulted them. The most famous were Dodona, Ammon (in Libya), Delphos, Delos, that of Trophonius (in Boeotia), and that of Venus in Paphos.

Oracle of ARTEMIS, at Delphi, the priestesses of which were called the *Pythiesses*; at Delos, near at Claros.

Oracle of DIANA, at Colchis; of ESCULAPIUS, at Epidauros, and another in Rome.

Oracle of HERCULES, at Athens, and another at Gadara.

Oracle of JUPITER, at Dodona (the most noted); another at Ammon in Libya; another at Crete.

Oracle of MARS, in Thrace; MINERVA, in Sicily; PAN, in Arcadia.

Oracle of TRITONIS, in Boeotia, where only men made the responses.

Oracle of VENUS, at Paphos, another at Aphaca, and many others.

In most of the temples women, sitting on a tripod, made the responses.

Orange Lilies (The). The 35th Foot. Called "orange" because their facings

were orange till 1832; and "lilies" because they were given white plumes in recognition of their gallantry in the battle of Quebec in 1759, when they routed the Royal Rousillon French Grenadiers. The white plume was discontinued in 1890. The 33th Foot is now called the "The Royal Sussex."

William of Orange. William III. of England (1650, 1689-1702). "Orange" is a corruption of Aransio, in the department of Vaucluse, some sixteen miles from Avignon. The town was the capital of a principality from the eleventh to the sixteenth century. The last sovereign was Philibert de Châlons, whose sister married William, Count of Nassau. William's grandson (William) married Mary, eldest daughter of Charles I., and their eldest son was our William III., referred to in the text.

Orange Lodges or Clubs are referred to in *Libertina Chitosa*, published in 1769. Thirty years later the Orangemen were a very powerful society, having a "grand lodge" extending over the entire province of Ulster, and ramifying through all the centres of Protestantism in Ireland" (*See next article, and ORANGEMAN.*)

Orange Peel. A nickname given to Sir Robert Peel when Chief Secretary for Ireland (1812-1818), on account of his strong anti-Catholic proclivities. (*See above, and ORANGEMAN.*)

Orange-tawny. The ancient colour appropriated to clerks and persons of inferior condition. It was also the colour worn by the Jews. Hence Lord Bacon says, "Usurers should have orange-tawny bounnets, because they do Judaize" (Essay xli.). Bottom the weaver asked Quince what coloured beard he was to wear for the character of Pyramus: "I will discharge it in either your straw-coloured beard, your orange-tawny beard, your purple-ingrain beard, or your French crown-colour, which is a perfect yellow." (*Midsummer Night's Dream*, i. 2.)

Orange Blossoms Worn at Weddings. The Saraceni brides used to wear orange blossoms as an emblem of fecundity; and occasionally the same emblem may have been worn by European brides ever since the time of the Crusades; but the general adoption of wreaths of orange blossoms for brides is comparatively a modern practice, due especially to the recent taste for flower-language. The subject of bridal decorations being made a study, and the

orange flower being found suitable, from the use made of it by the ancient Saraceni, it was introduced by modistes as a fit ornament for brides. The notion once planted, soon became a custom, now very generally adopted by those who study the conventions of society, and follow the accepted fashions. (*See OLIVE.*)

To gather orange blossoms. To look for a wife. A bride wears orange blossoms to indicate the hope of fruitfulness, no tree being more prolific. An orange tree of moderate size will yield three or four thousand oranges in a year; and the blossom being white, is a symbol of innocence and chastity. The orange was also used by Cardinal Wolsey as a pomander. It is said that some sweet oranges turn bitter by neglect.

Orangeman. A name given by Roman Catholics to the Protestants of Ireland, on account of their adhesion to William III. of the House of Orange; they had been previously called "Peep-of-Day Boys." The Roman party were Jacobites. (*See ORANGE LODGES.*)

Orania. The lady-love of Am'adis of Gaul.

Orator Henley. The Rev. John Henley, who for about thirty years delivered lectures on theological, political, and literary subjects. (1692-1756.)

Orbil'ian Stick, (The). A cane or birch-rod.

Orbilus was the schoolmaster who taught Horace, and Horace calls him *Plagius* (the flogger). (Ep. ii. 71.)

Oro (in *Orlando Furioso*). A sea-monster that devoured men and women. He haunted the seas near Ireland. Orlando threw an anchor into his open jaws, and then dragged the monster to the Irish coast, where he died.

Orca. The Orkney Islands, or Orcades.

Orchard properly means a kitchen garden, a yard for herbs. (Saxon, *ort-gard*—i.e. wort-yard.) Wort enters into the names of numerous herbs, as mug-wort, liver-wort, spleen-wort, etc.

"The hortyardente in 2 {he} admires the fair And pleasant fruits." *Sandy.*

Or'cus. The abode of the dead; death. (*Roman mythology.*)

Or'deal (Saxon, *great judgment*), instituted long before the Conquest, and not abolished till the reign of Henry III.

Ordeals were of several kinds, but the most usual were by *wager of battle*, by *hot or cold water*, and by *fire*. This method of "trial" was introduced from the notion that God would defend the right, even by miracle if needful.

(1) *Wager of battle*, was when the accused person was obliged to fight anyone who charged him with guilt. This ordeal was allowed only to persons of rank.

(2) *Of fire*, was another ordeal for persons of rank only. The accused had to hold in his hand a piece of red-hot iron, or had to walk blindfold and barefoot among nine red-hot plough-shares laid at unequal distances. If he escaped uninjured he was accounted innocent, *aliter non*. This might be performed by deputy.

(3) *Of hot water*, was an ordeal for the common people. The accused was required to plunge his arm up to the elbow in scalding hot water, and was pronounced guilty if the skin was injured in the experiment.

(4) *Of cold water*, was also for the common people. The accused, being bound, was tossed into a river; if he sank he was acquitted, but if he floated he was accounted guilty.

(5) *Of the bier*, when a person suspected of murder was required to touch the corpse; if guilty the "blood of the dead body would start forth afresh."

(6) *Of the cross*, Plaintiff and defendant had to stand with their arms crossed over their breasts, and he who could endure the longest won the suit.

(7) *Of the Eucharist*. This was for clergymen suspected of crime. It was supposed that the elements would choke him, if taken by a guilty man.

(8) *Of the corned*, or consecrated bread and cheese. Godwin, Earl of Kent, is said to have been choked when he submitted to this ordeal, being accused of the murder of the king's brother.

"This sort of ordeal was by no means unusual. Thus in Ceylon, a man suspected of theft is required to bring what he holds dearest before a judge, and placing a heavy stone on the head of his substitute, says "May this stone crush thee to death if I am guilty of this offence."

In Tartary, an outlaw sets a wild bear and an hatchet before the tribunal, saying, as he swallows a piece of bread, "May this bear devour me, and the hatchet chop off my head, if I am guilty of the crime laid to my charge."

(9) *Of lot, two dice*, one marked by a cross, being thrown.

Ordeal. *It was a fiery ordeal. A severe test. (See above, No. 2.)*

Order! When members of the House of Commons and other debaters call out *Order*, they mean that the person speaking is transgressing the rules of the House.

Order of the Cockle. Created by St. Louis in 1269, in memory of a disastrous expedition made by sea for the succour of Christians. Perrot says it scarcely survived its foundation.

Order of the Day (*The*), in parliamentary parlance, is applied to the prearranged agenda of "Private Members' Bills." On Tuesdays these bills always stand after "notices of motions." (*See* PREVIOUS QUESTION.)

To move for the Order of the Day is a proposal to set aside a government measure on a private members' day (Tuesday), and proceed to the prearranged agenda. If the motion is carried, the agenda must be proceeded with, unless a motion "to adjourn" is carried.

Orders. *In Orders or In Holy Orders.* Belonging to the clerical order or rank.

To take Orders. To become a clergyman.

The word "order" means not only a mandate, but also an official rank, and in the Catholic Church, a "rule" of life, as *Ordo albus* (white friar, or Augustines), *Ordo niger* (black friars or Dominicans). In "Holy Orders" is in the plural number, because in the Protestant Church there are three ranks of clergymen — deacons, priests, and bishops. In the Catholic Church there are four major orders and four minor ones. According to Du Cange, the *Ordines majores* are Subdeaconatus, Deaconatus, Presbyteratus, and Episcopatus (Subdeacon, Deacon, Priest, and Bishop).

Orders of Architecture. These five are the classic orders: Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite.

The following was the usual practice: CORINTHIAN, for temples of Venus, Flora, Proserpine, and the Water Nymphs. DORIC, for temples of Minerva, Mars, and Hercules.

IONIC, for temples of Juno, Diana, and Bacchus.

TUSCAN, for grottos and all rural deities.

Ordigale. The otter in the tale of *Reynard the Fox* (part iii.).

Ordinary (*An*). One who has an "ordinary or regular jurisdiction" in his own right, and not by deputation. Thus a judge who has authority to take cognisance of causes in his own right is an ordinary. A bishop is an ordinary

in his own diocese, because he has authority to take cognisance of ecclesiastical matters therein; but an archbishop is the ordinary of his province, having authority in his own right to receive appeals therein from inferior jurisdictions. The chaplain of Newgate was also called the ordinary thereof.

Ordinary (*An*). A public dinner where each guest pays his quota; a *table d'hôte*.

"Tis almost dinner; I know they stay for you at the ordinary."—*Barnum and Fletcher: Scornful Lady*, IV. 1.

Oread (plural, *Oreads* [3 syl.] or *Oreides* [1 syl.]). Nymphs of the mountains. (Greek, *ōpos*, a mountain.)

Oreilles. Sir W. Scott (*Waverley*, x.) speaks of *vinum primum* note thus:—"C'est des deux oreilles," that is, it is strong and induces sleep. It makes one "*Dormir sur les deux oreilles*." Littré, however, says, "Though wine d'une oreille is excellent, that of deux oreilles is execrable."

"Am d'une oreille le bon vin; vin de deux oreilles le mauvais. On appelle ainsi le bon vin, parce que le bon vin fait pencher la tête de celui qui le goûte d'un côté seulement; et le mauvais vin, parce qu'on secoue la tête, et par conséquent le deux oreilles."

Orellio. The steed of Don Roderick, the last of the Goths, noted for its speed and symmetry. (See HORSE.)

Orellana. The river Amazon in America; so called from Orellana, lieutenant of Pizarro.

Orfeo and Eurydice. The tale of Orpheus and Eurydice, with the Gothic machinery of elves or fairies.

Orgies (2 syl.). Drunken revels, riotous feasts; so called from the nocturnal festivals in honour of Bacchus. (Greek, *orgē*, violent emotion.)

Oroglio (pron. *Or-gole'-yo*). The word is Italian, and means "Arrogant Pride," or *The Man of Sin*. A hideous giant as tall as three men; he was son of Earth and Wind. Finding the Red Cross Knight at the fountain of Idleness, he beats him with a club and makes him his slave. Una, hearing of these mischances, tells King Arthur, and Arthur liberates the knight and slays the giant. *Moral*: The Man of Sin had power given him to "make war with the saints and to overcome them" for "forty and two months" (Rev. xiii. 5, 7), then the "Ancient of Days came," and overcame him (Dan. vii. 21, 22). (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book i.)

∴ Arthur first cut off Orgoglio's left

arm—i.e. Bohemia was first cut off from the Church of Rome. He then cut off the giant's right leg—i.e. England; and, this being cut off, the giant fell to the earth, and was afterwards dispatched.

Or'gon. Brother-in-law of Tartuffe. His credulity is proverbial: he almost disbelieved his senses, and saw everyone and everything through the *couleur de rose* of his own honest heart. (*Molière: Tartuffe*.)

Oria'na. The beloved of Amadis of Gaul, who called himself Beltenebros when he retired to the Poor Rock. (*Amadis de Gaul*, ii. 6.)

Queen Elizabeth is sometimes called the "peerless Oriana," especially in the madrigals entitled the *Triumphs of Oriana* (1601).

Oria'na. The nursing of a lioness, with whom Esclaudian, son of Oria'na and Amadis of Gaul, fell in love, and for whom he underwent all his perils and exploits. She is represented as the fairest, gentlest, and most faithful of womankind.

Orlande [*O'-r-c-oud*]. A fay who lived at Roseficur, and brought up Maugis d'Angremont (q.v.). When her protégé grew up she loved him "*d'un si grand amour, qu'elle doute fort qu'il ne se déparle d'avecques elle*." (*Roman de Maugis d'Angremont et de Vivian son frère*.)

Oriel. A fairy, whose empire lay along the banks of the Thames, when King Oberon held his court in Kensington Gardens. (*Tickell: Kensington Gardens*.)

Orientation. The placing of the east window of a church due east, that is, so that the rising sun may at noon shine on the altar. Anciently, churches were built with their axes pointing to the rising sun on the saint's day; so that a church dedicated to St. John was not parallel to one dedicated to St. Peter. The same practice prevailed both in Egypt and ancient Greece.

Modern churches are built as nearly due east and west as circumstances will allow, quite regardless of the saint's day.

Oriflamme (3 syl.). First used in France as a national banner in 1119. It consisted of a crimson flag mounted on a gilt staff (*un glaive tout doré où est attaché une bannière vermeille*). The flag was cut into three "vandykes" to represent "tongues of fire," and between each was a silken tassel. This celebrated standard was the banner of St. Denis;

but when the Counts of Vexin became possessed of the abbey the banner passed into their hands. In 1082 Philippe I. united Vexin to the crown, and the sacred Oriflamme belonged to the king. It was carried to the field after the battle of Agincourt, in 1415. The romance writers say that "mescreans" (infidels) were blinded by merely looking on it. In the *Roman de Garin* the Saracens are represented as saying, "If we only set eyes on it we are all dead men" ("Se's attendons tuit sommes mors et pris"), Froissart says it was no sooner unfurled at Rosebecq than the fog cleared off, leaving the French in light, while their enemies remained in misty darkness still. (*Or.* gold, referring to the staff; *flamme*, flame, referring to the tongues of fire.)

Origenists. An early Christian sect who drew their opinions from the writings of Origen. They maintained Christ to be the Son of God only by adoption, and denied the eternity of future punishments.

Original Sin. That corruption which is born with us, and is the inheritance of all the offspring of Adam. As Adam was the federal head of his race, when Adam fell the taint and penalty of his disobedience passed to all his posterity.

Orilo or Orillo (in *Orlando Furioso*, book viii.). A magician and robber who lived at the mouth of the Nile. He was the son of an imp and fairy. When any limb was lopped off he restored it by his magic power, and when his head was cut off he put it on his neck again. Astolpho encountered him, cut off his head, and fled with it. Orillo mounted his horse and gave chase. Meanwhile Astolpho with his sword cut the hair from the head. Life was in one particular hair, and as soon as that was severed the head died, and the magician's body fell lifeless.

Orinda, called the "Incomparable," was Mrs. Katherine Philips, who lived in the reign of Charles II., and died of small-pox. Her praises were sung by Cowley, Dryden, and others. (See *Dryden's Ode To the Memory of Mrs. Anne Killigrew*.)

Orion. A giant hunter, noted for his beauty. He was blinded by Eneopion, but Vulcan sent Cedalion to be his guide, and his sight was restored by exposing his eyeballs to the sun. Being slain by Diana, he was made one of the

constellations, and is supposed to be attended with stormy weather. "*Assurgens flectu nimbosis Orion*." (*Virg. Æneid*, i. 539.)

"As beautiful as Orion." *Homer: Iliad*, xviii.

Wife of Orion. Sîde.

Dogs of Orion. Arcetophonos and Ptôophagos.

Orkborne (Dr.). A learned student, very dry and uncompanionable; very particular over his books, and the tutor of Eugenia, the niece of Sir Hugh. He is a character in *Camilla*, the third novel of Mme. D'Arbly. Eugenia was deformed owing to an accident partly caused by her uncle; and Sir Hugh, to make the best compensation in his power, appointed Dr. Orkborne to educate her, and also left her heiress to his estates.

"Mr. Orkborne hated putting to rights as much as Dr. Orkborne, or any other puffed student."
—*Scott: Antiquary*.

Orkneys. Either the Teutonic *Orkneys* (the water or islands of the whirlpool), in allusion to the two famous whirlpools near the Isle of Swinna; or else the Norwegian *Orknøyar* (northern islands), the Hebrides being the *Sudreyjar*, or southern islands.

Orlando. The youngest son of Sir Rowland de Boys. At a wrestling match the banished duke's daughter, Rosalind, who took a lively interest in Orlando, gave him a chain, saying, "Gentleman, wear this for me." Orlando, flying because of his brother's hatred, met Rosalind in the forest of Arden, disguised as a country lad, seeking to join her father. In time they become acquainted with each other, and the duke assented to their union. (*Shakespeare: As You Like It*.) (See ORLANDO.)

Orlando, called Ricolando or Roland, and Rutlandus in the Latin chronicles of the Middle Ages, the paladin, was lad of Anglant, knight of Brava, son of Milo d'Angleis and Bertha, sister of Charlemagne. Though married to Abbelia, he fell in love with Angelica, daughter of the infidel king of Cathay; but Angelica married Medoro, a Moor, with whom she fled to India. When Orlando heard thereof he turned mad, or rather his wits were taken from him for three months by way of punishment, and deposited in the moon. Astolpho went to the moon in Elijah's chariot, and St. John gave him an urn containing the lost wits of Orlando. On reaching earth again, Astolpho first bound the madman, then holding the urn to his nose, the errant wits returned, and Orlando, cured

of his madness and love, recovered from his temporary derangement. (*Orlando Furioso*.) (See ANGELICA.)

Orlando or Roland was buried at Blayes, in the church of St. Raymond; but his body was removed afterwards to Roncesvalles, in Spain.

Orlando's horn or Roland's horn. An ivory horn called Olivant, mentioned frequently by Boiardo and Ariosto.

"Peracto bello, Rolandus ascendit in montem, et rediit retro ad viam Itinevalis. Tunc insonuit tuba sua eburnea; et tanta virtute insonuit, quod datus omnis ejus tuba per medium scissae, et vena colli ejus et nervi rupti fuisse feruntur."

Orlando's sword. Durinda'na, which once belonged to Hector.

Orlando Furioso. An epic poem in forty-six cantos, by Ariosto (digested by Hoole into twenty-four books, but retained by Rose in the original form). The subject is the siege of Paris by Agramant the Moor, when the Saracens were overthrown. In the pagan army were two heroes—Rodomont, called the Mars of Africa, and Roger. The latter became a Christian convert. The poem ends with a combat between these two, and the overthrow of Rodomont.

The anachronisms of this poem are most marvellous. We have Charlemagne and his paladins joined by King Edward of England, Richard Earl of Warwick, Henry Duke of Clarence, and the Dukes of York and Gloucester (bk. vi.). We have canons employed by Cymoseo, King of Friza (bk. iv.), and also in the siege of Paris (bk. vi.). We have the Moors established in Spain, whereas they were not invited over by the Saracens for nearly 300 years after Charlemagne's death. In book xvii. we have Prester John, who died 1202; in the last three Constantine the Great, who died 337.

Orlando Innamorato (Roland the paladin in love). A romantic epic in three books, by the Count Boiardo of Scandiano, in Italy (1495).

There is a burlesque in verse of the same title by Berni of Tuscany (1538), author of *Burlesque Rhymes*.

Orleans. Your explanation is like an *Orleans comment*—i.e. Your comment or explanation makes the matter more obscure. The Orleans College was noted for its wordy commentaries, which darkened the text by overloading it with words. (*A French proverb*.)

Ormandine (3 syl.). The necromancer who by his magic arts threw St. David for seven years into an enchanted

sleep, from which he was redeemed by St. George. (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, i. 9.)

Ormulum. A paraphrase of Scripture in Anglo-Saxon verse; so called from the name of the author, Orm or Ormin (13th cent.).

Ormuzd or Ormuzd. The principle or angel of light and good, and creator of all things, according to the Magian system. (See AHRIMAN.)

Oromasdes (4 syl.). The first of the Zoroastrian triunity. The divine goodness of Plato; the deviser of creation (the father). The second person is Mithras, the eternal intellect, architect of the world; the third, Ahrimanes (Psyché), the mundane soul.

O'roönda'tés. Only son of a Scythian king, whose love for Statira (widow of Alexander the Great, and daughter of Darius) leads him into numerous dangers and difficulties, which he surmounts. (*La Calprenède: Cassandra, a romance*.)

Orosius (*General History of*), from Creation to A.D. 417, in Latin by a Spanish presbyter of the 5th century, was translated into Anglo-Saxon by Alfred the Great.

Orotalt, according to the Greek writers, was the Bacchus of the ancient Arabs. This, however, is a mistake, for the word is a corruption of *Allah Taula* (God the Most High).

Orpheus (2 syl.). A Thracian poet who could move even inanimate things by his music. When his wife Eurydice died he went into the infernal regions, and so charmed King Pluto that Eurydice was released from death on the condition that Orpheus would not look back till he reached the earth. He was just about to place his foot on the earth when he turned round, and Eurydice vanished from him in an instant. Pope introduces this tale in his *St. Cecilia's Ode*.

The tale of Orpheus is thus explained: Aëdonus, King of Thesprotia, was for his cruelty called Pluto, and having seized Eurydice as she fled from Aristæus, detained her captive. Orpheus obtained her release on certain conditions, which he violated, and lost her a second time.

There is rather a striking resemblance between the fate of Eurydice and that of Lot's wife. The former was emerging from hell, the latter from Sodom. Orpheus looked back and Eurydice was snatched away; Lot's wife looked back and was converted into a pillar of salt.

A Scandinavian Orpheus. "Odin was so eminently skilled in music, and could

sing airs so tender and melodious, that the rocks would expand with delight, while the spirits of the infernal regions would stand motionless around him, attracted by the sweetness of his strains." (*Scandinavia*, by Crichton and Wheaton, vol. i. p. 81.)

Orpheus of Highwaymen. So Gay has been called on account of his *Beggar's Opera*. (1688-1732.)

Orrery. An astronomical toy to show the relative movements of the planets, etc., invented by George Graham, who sent him model to Rowley, an instrument maker, to make one for Prince Eugène. Rowley made a copy of it for Charles Boyle, third Earl of Orrery, and Sir Richard Steele named it an orrery out of compliment to the earl. One of the best is Fulton's, in Kelvin Grove Museum, West End Park, Glasgow.

Orain. One of the leaders of the rabble that attacked Hudibras at a bear-baiting. He was "famous for wise conduct and success in war." Joshua Gosling, who kept the bears at "Paris Garden," in Southwark, was the academy figure of this character.

Orsini (*Maffio*). A young Italian nobleman, whose life was saved by Genoa'ro at the battle of Rim'ini. Orsini became the staunch friend of Genoa'ro, but both were poisoned at a banquet given by the Princess Negroni. (*Donizetti: Lucrezia di Borga, an opera.*) This was the name of the conspirator who attempted the life of Napoleon III.

Orson. Twin brother of Valentine, and son of Bellisant, sister of King Pepin and wife of Alexander, Emperor of Constantinople. The twin brothers were born in a wood near Orleans, and Orson was carried off by a bear, which suckled him with her cubs. When he grew up he was the terror of France, and was called the *Wild Man of the Forest*. He was reclaimed by Valentine, overthrew the Green Knight, and married Fezon, the daughter of Duke Savary of Aquitaine. (French, *ourson*, a little bear.) (*Valentine and Orson*.)

Orthodox Sunday, in the Eastern Church, is the First Sunday in Lent, to commemorate the restoration of images in 843.

In the Church of England, on the first day in Lent, usually called "Ash Wednesday," the clergy are directed to read "the . . . sentences of God's curving against impudent sinners."

Orts. Crumbs; refuse. (Low German, *ort*—i.e. what is left after eating.)

I shall not eat your orts—i.e. your leavings.

"Let him have time a beggar's orts to crave."
Shakespeare: Rape of Lucrece.

Ortus. "*Ortus a quercu, non a salice.*" Latin for "sprung from an oak, and not from a willow"—i.e. stubborn stuff; one that cannot bend to circumstances.

Ortwin (2 syl.). Knight of Metz, sister's son of Sir Hagan of Trony, a Burgundian in the *Nibelungen Lied*.

Orvietan (3 syl.) or *Venice treacle*, once believed to be a sovereign remedy against poison. From Orvieto, a city of Italy, where it is said to have been first used.

"With these drugs will I this very day compound the true orvietan"—*Sir Walter Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. xiii.

Os Sacrum. (*See Lutz*.) A triangular bone situate at the lower part of the vertebral column, of which it is a continuation. Some say that this bone was so called because it was in the part used in sacrifice, or the sacred part. Dr. Nash says it is so called "because it is much bigger than any of the vertebrae;" but the Jewish rabbins say the bone is called sacred because it resists decay, and will be the germ of the "new body" at the resurrection. (*Huddens*, part iii. canto 2.)

Osaldistone. Nine of the characters in Sir Walter Scott's *Rob Roy* bear this name. There are (1) the London merchant and Sir Hildebrand, the heads of two families; (2) the son of the merchant is Francis, the *protégé* of Diana Vernon; (3) the "distinguished" offspring of the brother are Percival the *sol*, Thornecliffe the *butty*, John the *game-keeper*, Richard the *horse-jockey*, Wilfred the *fool*, and Rushleigh the *scholar*, by far the worst of all. This last worthy is slain by Rob Roy, and dies cursing his cousin Frank, whom he had injured in every way he could contrive.

Oseway (*Dame*). The ewe in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*.

Osiris (in Egyptian mythology). Judge of the dead, and potentate of the kingdom of the ghosts. This brother and husband of Isis was worshipped under the form of an ox. The word means *Many-eyed*.

Osiris is the moon, husband of Isis.

"We are Osiris represented by the moon, and by an eye at the top of fourteen steps. These steps symbolize the fourteen days of the waxing moon." *J. N. Lockyer, in the Nineteenth Century*, July, 1862, p. 31.

Osiris is used to designate any waning luminary, as the setting sun, as well as the waning moon or setting planet.

Osiris is the setting sun, but the rising sun is Horus, and the moonday sun Ra.

Osmand. A necromancer, who by his enchantments raised up an army to resist the Christians. Six of the Champions of Christendom were enchanted by Osmand, but St. George restored them. Osmand tore off his hair in which lay his spirit of enchantment, bit his tongue in two, disembowelled himself, cut off his arms, and then died. (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, i. 19.)

Osnauburg. *The Duke of York was Bishop of Osnauburg.* Not prelate, but sovereign-bishop. By the treaty of Westphalia, in 1648, it was decreed that the ancient bishopric should be vested alternately in a Catholic bishop and a Protestant prince of the House of Luneburg. Frederick, Duke of York, was the last sovereign-bishop of Osnauburg. In 1803 the district was attached to Hanover, and it now forms part of the kingdom of Prussia.

Osnauburg. A kind of coarse linen made of flax and tow, originally imported from Osnauburg.

• **Osprey** or **Ospray** (a corruption of Latin *ossifragus*, the bone-breaker). The fish-eagle, or fishing hawk (*Pandion haliaetus*).

Ossa. *Heaping Pelion upon Ossa.* Adding difficulty to difficulty; fruitless efforts. The allusion is to the attempt of the giants to scale heaven by piling Mount Ossa upon Mount Pelion.

"Ter sunt conati impendere Pelio Ossam."
Virgil: Georgics, l. 281.

Osséo. Son of the Evening Star. When "old and ugly broken with age, and weak with coughing," he married Oweenee, youngest of the ten daughters of a North hunter. She loved him in spite of his ugliness and decrepitude, because "all was beautiful within him." One day, as he was walking with his nine sisters-in-law and their husbands, he leaped into the hollow of an oak-tree, and came out "tall and straight and strong and handsome;" but Oweenee at the same moment was changed into a weak old woman, "wasted, wrinkled, old, and ugly;" but the love of Osséo

was not weakened. The nine brothers and sisters-in-law were all transformed into birds for mocking Osséo and Oweenee when they were ugly, and Oweenee, recovering her beauty, had a son, whose delight as he grew up was to shoot at his aunts and uncles, the birds that mocked his father and mother. (*Longfellow: Hiawatha*, xii.)

Ossian. The son of Fingal, a Scottish warrior-hard who lived in the third century. The poems called *Ossian's Poems* were first published by James M'Pherson in 1760, and professed to be translations from Erse manuscripts collected in the Highlands. This is not true. M'Pherson no doubt based the poems on traditions, but not one of them is a translation of an Erse manuscript; and so far as they are Ossianic at all, they are Irish, and not Scotch.

Ostend Manifesto. A declaration made in 1857 by the Ministers of the United States in England, France, and Spain, "that Cuba must belong to the United States."

Oster-Monath. The Anglo-Saxon name of April.

Ostler, jocosely said to be derived from *ost-steder*, but actually from the French *hostelier*, an innkeeper.

Ostracism. Oyster-shelling, black-balling, or expelling. Clis'thenes gave the people of Attica the power of removing from the state, without making a definite charge, any leader of the people likely to subvert the government. Each citizen wrote his vote on an earthenware table (*ostrakon*), whence the term.

Ostrich. When hunted the ostrich is said to run a certain distance and then thrust its head into a bush, thinking, because it cannot see, that it cannot be seen by the hunters. (*See CROCODILE.*)

Ostrich Brains. It was Heliogabalus who had battues of ostriches for the sake of their brains. Smollett says "he had six hundred ostriches compounded in one mess." (*Perigrine Pickle.*)

Ostrich Eggs in Churches. Ostrich eggs are suspended in several Eastern churches as symbols of God's watchful care. It is said that the ostrich hatches her eggs by gazing on them, and if she suspends her gaze even for a minute or so, the eggs are added. Furthermore, we are told that if an egg is bad the

ostrich will break it; so will God deal with evil men.

"Oh! even with such a look, as fables say
The mother ostrich fixes on her eggs,
Till that intense affection
Kindle its light of life."

Southey: Thalaba.

Ostrich Stomachs. Strong stomachs which will digest anything. The ostrich swallows large stones to aid its gizzard, and when confined where it cannot obtain them will swallow pieces of iron or copper, bricks, or glass.

Ostringers, Sperviters, Falconers. Ostringers are keepers of goshawks and tercelles. Sperviters are those who keep sparrowhawks or muskets. Falconers are those who keep any other kind of hawk, being long-winged. (*Markham: Gentleman's Academie, or Booke of S. Albans.*)

Oswald's Well commemorates the death of Oswald, Christian king of Northumbria, who fell in battle before Penda, pagan king of Mercia, in 642.

Othello (in Shakespeare's tragedy so called). A Moor, commander of the Venetian army, who eloped with Desdemona. Brabantio accused him of necromancy, but Desdemona, being sent for, refuted the charge. The Moor, being then sent to drive the Turks from Cyprus, won a signal victory. On his return, Iago played upon his jealousy, and persuaded him that Desdemona intrigued with Cassio. He therefore murdered her, and then stabbed himself.

Othello the Moor. Shakespeare borrowed this tale from the seventh of Giovanni Giraldo Cinthio's third decade of stories. Cinthio died 1573.

Othello's Occupation's Gone (Shakespeare). "*Jam quadrige meo decurrerunt*" (*Petranius*). I am laid on the shelf; I am no longer the observed of observers.

Other Day (*The*). The day before yesterday. The Old English *other* was used for second, as in Latin, *unus, alter, tertius*; or *proximus, alter, tertius*. Starting from to-day, and going backwards, yesterday was the *proximus ab illo*; the day before yesterday was the *altera ab illo*, or the other day; and the day preceding that was *tertius ab illo*, or three days ago. Used to express "a short time ago."

Oth'man, Os'man, or Oth'oman, surnamed the *Conqueror*. Founder of the Turkish power, from whom the empire is called the *Ottoman*, and the

Turks are called *Osmans, Othmans, Osmanli*, etc. Peter the Great, being hemmed in by the Turks on the banks of the Pruth, was rescued by his wife, Catherine, who negotiated a peace with the Grand Vizier.

O'tium cum Dig. [*dignitate*]. Retirement after a person has given up business and has saved enough to live upon in comfort. The words are Latin, and mean "retirement with honour." They are more frequently used in jest, familiarity, and ridicule.

Otos. A giant, brother of Ephialtes (*q.v.*). Both brothers grew nine inches every month. According to Pliny, Otos was forty-six cubits (sixty six feet) in height. (*Greek fable.*) (*See GIANTS.*)

O'Trigger (*Sir Lucius*) in *The Rivals* (Sheridan).

Oul (French for "yes"). A contraction of *Hoc illud*. Thus, *hoc-ill*, *ho'-il*, *o'il*, *ül*, *üi*, *oui*.

Out. *Out of God's blessing into the warm sun.* One of Ray's proverbs, meaning from good to less good. "*Ab equis ad asinos*." When the king says to Hamlet "How is it that the clouds still hang on you?" the prince answers, "No, my lord, I am too much i' the sun," meaning, "I have lost God's blessing, for too much of the sun"—*i.e.* this far inferior state.

"Thou out of heaven's benediction comest
To the warm sun."

Shakespeare: King Lear, ii. 2

To have it out. To contest either physically or verbally with another to the utmost of one's ability; as, "I mean to have it out with him one of these days;" "I had it out with him" *i.e.* "I spoke my mind freely and without reserve." The idea is that of letting loose pent-up disapprobation.

Out-Herod Herod (*To*). To go beyond even Herod in violence, brutality, or extravagant language. In the old miracle plays Herod was the type of tyranny and violence, both of speech and of action.

Out and Out. Incomparably, by far, or beyond measure; as, "He was out and out the best man." "It is an out-and-outer" means nothing can exceed it. It is the word *ulter*, the Anglo-Saxon *utærræ*.

Out in the Fifteen—*i.e.* in the rebel army of the Pretender, in 1715

(George I.). (*Howitt: History of England*, vol. iv. p. 347.)

Out in the Forty-five—i.e. in the rebel army of the Young Pretender, in 1745 (George II.). (*Howitt: History of England*, vol. iv. p. 506.)

Out of Harness. Not in practice, retired. A horse out of harness is one not at work.

Out of Pocket. To be out of pocket by a transaction is to suffer loss of money thereby. More went out of the pocket than came into it.

Out of Sorts. Indisposed, in bad spirits. The French locution is rather remarkable—*Ne pas être dans son assiette*. "To sort" is to arrange in order, "a sort" is one of the orders so sorted."

Out of sorts. In printers' language, means not having sufficient of some particular letter, mark, or figure.

Out of the Wood. "You are not out of the wood yet," not yet out of danger. "Don't shout till you are out of the wood," do not think yourself safe till you are quite clear of the threatened danger. When freebooters were masters of the forests no traveller was safe till he had got clear of their hunting ground.

Outis (Greek, *nobody*). A name assumed by Odysseus in the cave of Polyphemos. When the monster roared with pain from the loss of his eye, his brother giants demanded from a distance who was hurting him: "Nobody," thundered out Polyphemos, and his companions went their way. Odysseus in Latin is *Ulysses*.

Outrigger. The leader of a unicorn team. The Earl of Mahesbury, in 1867, so called the representative of the minority in the three-cornered constituency.

Outrun the Constable. (See under *CONSTABLE*.)

Outworks, in fortification. All the works between the enceinte (*q.v.*) and the covered way (*q.v.*).

On'sel. The blackbird; sometimes the thrush is so called. (Anglo-Saxon, *ōste*, a blackbird.) Bottom speaks of the "ousel cock, so black of hue with orange tawny bill." (*Midsummer Night's Dream*.)

Ovation. A triumph; a triumphal reception or entry of the second order; so called from *ovis*, a sheep, because the Romans sacrificed a sheep to a victorious general to whom an ovation was

accorded, but an ox to one who had obtained a "triumph."

Over. (Greek, *hyper*; Latin, *super*; German, *über*; Anglo-Saxon, *ofer*.)

Over, in cricket, means that the fielders are to go over to the other side. This is done when five balls have been delivered from one end. It used to be four. The bowling is taken up at the opposite wicket.

Over and Over Again. Very frequently. (In Latin, *Iterum iterumque*.)

Over Edom will I cast my shoe (Psalm lx. 8; cviii. 9). Will I march. "Over Edom will I cast my shoe, over Philistia will I triumph."

"Every member of the Travellers' Club who could pretend to have cast his shoe over Edom, was constituted a lawful critic."—*Sir W. Gell: The Tuleman* (Introduction).

Over the Left. (See *LEFT*.)

O'verdo (*Justice*), in Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*.

Overreach (*Sir Giles*). The counterpart of Sir Giles Mompesson, a noted usurer outlawed for his misdeeds. He is an unscrupulous, grasping, proud, hard-hearted rascal in *A New Way to Pay Old Debts*, by Massinger.

Overture. A piece of music for the opening of a concert. To "make an overture to a person" is to be the first to make an advance either towards a reconciliation or an acquaintance. (French, *ouverture*, opening.)

Overy. *St. Mary Overy* (Southwark). John Overy was a ferryman, who used to ferry passengers from Southwark to the City, and accumulated a hoard of wealth by penurious savings. His daughter Mary, at his decease, became a nun, and founded the church of St. Mary Overy on the site of her father's house.

Ovid. *The French Ovid*. Du Bellay, one of the Pleiad poets; also called the "father of grace and elegance." (1524-1560.)

Ow'ain (*Sir*). The Irish knight who passed through St. Patrick's purgatory by way of penance. (*Henry of Salrey: The Descent of the Chain*.)

Owen Moreodith. Robert Bulwer Lytton.

OWL. *I live too near a wood to be scared by an owl. I am too old to be frightened by a bogie; I am too old a stager to be frightened by such a person as you.*

Owl, the emblem of Athens. Because owls abound there. As *Athe'nna* (*Minerva*) and *Athe'næ* (Athens) are the same word, the owl was given to *Minerva* for her symbol also.

Owl-light. Dusk; the blind man's holiday. French, "*Entrer chien et loup.*"

Owl in an Ivy Bush (*Like an*). Very ugly, a horrible fright [of a fellow]. Said of (or to) a person who has dressed his head unbecomingly, or that has a scared look, an untidy head of hair, or that looks inanely wise. The ivy bush was supposed to be the favourite haunt of owls, and numerous allusions to this supposition might be readily cited.

"Good ivy, say to us what birds hast thou?
None but the owl that cries 'How, how!'"
Carol (time Henry VI.).

Owl was a Baker's Daughter (*The*). According to legend, our Saviour went into a baker's shop to ask for something to eat. The mistress of the shop instantly put a cake into the oven for Him, but the daughter said it was too large, and reduced it half. The dough, however, swelled to an enormous size, and the daughter cried out, "Heugh! heugh! heugh!" and was transformed into an owl. *Ophelia* alludes to this tradition in the line—

"Well, Godfield you! They say the owl was a baker's daughter."—*Shakespeare's Hamlet*. IV. 3.

Owlery. A haunt or abode of owls.

Owlglass (German, *Eulenspiegel*). Thyl, son of Klaus (*Eulenspiegel*) prototype of all the knavish fools of modern times. He was a native of Brunswick, and wandered about the world playing all manner of tricks on the people he encountered. (Died 1350.)

Ox. Emblematic of St. Luke. It is one of the four figures which made up *Ezekiel's* cherub (i. 10). The ox is the emblem of the priesthood, and has been awarded to St. Luke because he begins his gospel with the Jewish priest sacrificing in the Temple. (*See LUKK.*)

The ox is also the emblem of St. Frideswide, St. Leonard, St. Sylvester, St. Medard, St. Julietta, and St. Bladina.

He has an ox on his tongue. (Latin, *Bovem in lingua habere*, to be bribed to silence.) The Greeks had the same expression. The Athenian coin was stamped with the figure of an ox. The French say, "*Il a un os dans la bouche*," referring to a dog which is bribed by a bone.

The black ox hath trampled on you (*The Antiquary*). Misfortune has come

to your house. You are henpecked. A black ox was sacrificed to Pluto, the infernal god, as a white one was to Jupiter.

The black ox never trod upon his foot (common proverb). He never knew sorrow. He is not married. (*Secabors.*)

The dumb ox. St. Thomas Aquinas; so named by his fellow students at Cologne, on account of his dulness and taciturnity. (1224-1274.)

Albertus said, "We call him the dumb ox, but he will give one day such a bellow as shall be heard from one end of the world to the other." (*Alban Butler.*)

Ox-eye. A cloudy speck which indicates the approach of a storm. When *Elijah* heard that a speck no bigger than a "man's hand" might be seen in the sky, he told *Ahab* that a torrent of rain would overtake him before he could reach home (1 Kings xvii. 44, 45). *Thomson* alludes to this storm signal in his *Summer*.

Ox of the Deluge. The Irish name for a great black deer, probably the *Megaceros Hibernicus*, or Irish elk, now extinct.

Oxford. The College Ribbons.

Balliol, pink, white, blue, white, pink.

Brasenose, black, and gold edges.

Christ Church, blue, with red cardinal's hat.

Corpus, red and blue stripe.

Exeter, black, and red edges.

Jesus, green, with white edges.

Lincoln, blue, with mitre.

Magdalen, black and white.

Merton, blue, and white edges, with red cross.

New College, three pink and two white stripes.

Oriel, blue and white.

Pembroke, pink, white, pink.

Queen's, red, white, blue, white, blue, white, red.

St. John's, yellow, black, red.

Trinity, blue, with double dragon's head, yellow and green, or blue, with white edges.

University, blue, and yellow edges.

Wadham, light blue.

Worcester, blue, white, pink, white, blue.

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St. Alban's, blue, with arrow-head.

St. Edmund's, red, and yellow edges.

St. Mary, white, black, white.

Magdalen, black, and blue edges.

Oxford Blues. The Royal Horse Guards were so called in 1690, because of their blue facings.

Oxford Boat Crew. Dark blue. Cambridge boat crew, light blue.

Oxford Movement. (See *THEATRE FOR THE TIMES*.)

Oxford Stroke (in rowing). A long, deep, high-feathered stroke, excellent in very heavy water. The Cambridge stroke is a clear, fine, deep sweep, with a very low feather, excellent in smooth water. The Cambridge pull is the best for smooth water and a short reach, but the Oxford for a "lumpy" river and a four-mile course.

Oxgang, as a land measure, was no certain quantity, but as much as an ox could gang over or cultivate. Also called a *boate*. The Latin *yugum* was a similar term, which Varro defines "*Quod juncti bores uno die curare possunt*."

Early oxgangs made a carucate. If an oxgang was as much as one ox could cultivate, its average would be about fifteen acres.

O'yer and Ter'miner (*Courts of*) are general goal deliveries, held twice a year in every county. *O'yer* is French for to hear—i.e. hear in court or try; and *ter'miner* is French for to conclude. The words mean that the commissioners appointed are to hear and bring to an end all the cases in the county.

Oyster. Fast as a *Kentish oyster*, i.e. hermetically sealed. Kentish oysters are proverbially good, and all good oysters are fast closed.

Oyster. No more sense than an oyster. This is French: "*Il raisonne comme une huître*." Oysters have a mouth, but no head.

Oyster Part (*An*). An actor who appears, speaks, or acts only once. Like an oyster, he opens but once.

Oyster and Huître (French) are variants of the same Latin word, *ostræa*. Old French *nistre*, *nitre*, *huître*.

Oysters. Who eats oysters on St. James's Day will never want. St. James's Day is the first day of the oyster season (August 5th), when oysters are an expensive luxury eaten only by the rich. By 6. 7 Vict., c. 79, the oyster season begins September 1, and closes April 30.

Oz. (for ounce). z made with a tail (s) resembles the old terminal mark s, indicating a contraction—as viz. a contraction of *ris[delicet]*; quibz, a contraction of *quibus*; s3, a contraction of *sed* (but), and so on.

P.

P. This letter is a rude outline of a man's mouth, the upright being the neck. In Hebrew it is called *pe* (the mouth).

P. *The five P's.* William Oxberry was so called, because he was Printer, Poet, Publisher, Publican, and Player. (1784-1824.)

P [alliterative]. In 1548, Placentius, a Dominican monk, wrote a poem of 253 hexameter verses (called *Pugna Porcōrum*), every word of which begins with the letter *p*. It opens thus:—

"Praise Paul's prize pig's prolific progeny."

In English heroics the letter *A* or *T* would be far more easy, as they would give us articles.

P.C. (*patres conscripti*). The Roman senate. The hundred senators appointed by Romulus were called simply *patres*; a second hundred added by Tullius, upon the union of the Sabines with the Romans, were called *patres minorum gentium*; a third hundred subsequently added by Tarquinius Priscus were termed *patres conscripti*, an expression applied to a fourth and fifth hundred conscribed to the original *patres* or senators. Latterly the term was applied to the whole body.

P., P.P., P.P.P. (in music). *P* = piano, *pp* = pianissimo, and *ppp* = pianississimo. Sometimes *pp* means *piu piano* (more softly).

So *f* = forte, *ff* = fortississimo, and *fff* = fortissississimo.

P.P.C. (*pour prendre congé*). For leave-taking; sometimes written on the address cards of persons about to leave a locality when they pay their farewell visits. In English, *paid parting call*.

P.S. (*post-scriptum*). Written afterwards—i.e. after the letter or book was finished. (Latin.)

P's and Q's. Mind your *P's* and *Q's*. Be very circumspect in your behaviour.

Several explanations have been suggested, but none seems to be wholly satisfactory. The following comes nearest to the point of the caution:—In the reign of Louis XIV., when wigs of unwieldy size were worn, and bows were made with very great formality, two things were specially required, a "step" with the feet, and a low bend of the body. In the latter the wig would be very apt to get deranged, and even to fall off. The caution, therefore, of

the French dancing-master to his pupils was, "Mind your P's [i.e. *pieds*, feet] and Q's [i.e. *queues*, wigs]."

Paba'na (*The*) or **Peacock Dance**. A grave and stately Spanish dance, so called from the manner in which the lady held up her skirt during the performance.

Pacific Ocean (*The*). So called by Magellan, because he enjoyed calm weather and a placid sea when he sailed across it. All the more striking after the stormy and tempestuous passage of the adjoining straits.

The Pacific.

Amadeus VIII., Count of Savoy. (1383, 1391-1439; died 1451.)

Frederick III., Emperor of Germany. (1415, 1440-1493.)

Olaus III. of Norway. (*, 1030-1093.)

Packing a Jury. Selecting persons on a jury whose verdict may be relied on from proclivity, far more than on evidence.

Pac'olet. A dwarf in the service of Lady Clerimond. He had a winged horse, which carried off Valentine, Orson, and Clerimond from the dungeon of Ferragus to the palace of King Pepin, and afterwards carried Valentine to the palace of Alexander, Emperor of Constantinople, his father. (*Valentine and Orson*.)

It is a horse of Pacolet. (French.) A very swift one, that will carry the rider anywhere; in allusion to the enchanted flying horse of wood, belonging to the dwarf Pacolet. (*See above*.)

"I fear neither shot nor arrow, nor any horse how swift soever he may be, not though he could outstrip the Pegasus of Pegasus or of Pacolet, being assured that I can make good my escape."
—*Rabelais: Gargantua*, bk. ii. 24.

Pactolus. The golden sands of the *Pactolus*. The gold found in the Pactolian sands was from the mines of Mount Tmolus; but the supply ceased at the commencement of the Christian era. (*See Minas*.) Now called Bagouly.

Padding. The filling-up stuff of serials. The padding of coats and gowns is the wool, etc., put in to make the figure of the wearer more shapely. Figuratively, stuff in books or speeches to spin them out.

Paddington Fair. A public execution. Tyburn, where executions formerly took place, is in the parish of Paddington. Public executions were abolished in 1868.

Paddle Your Own Canoe. Mind your own business. The caution was given by President Lincoln, of North America.

Paddock. *Cold as a paddock*. A paddock is a toad or frog; and we have the corresponding phrases "cold as a toad," and "cold as a frog." Both are cold-blooded. "Paddock calls." (*Macbeth*, i. 1.)

Paddi-whack means an Irish wag, wag being from the Saxon *wag-ian*.

Paddy. An Irishman. A corruption of St. Patrick, Irish *Padhryg*.

Padua was long supposed by the Scotch to be the chief school of necromancy; hence Sir Walter Scott says of the Earl of Gowrie—

"He learned the art that none may name
In Padua, far beyond the sea."
Lord of the East Minister.

Paduasoy or Padöney. A silk stuff originally made at Padua.

Pæan. The physician of the celestial gods; the deliverer from any evil or calamity. (Greek, *paio*, to make to cease.)

Pæan. A hymn to Apollo, and applied to the god himself. We are told in Dr. Smith's *Classical Dictionary*, that this word is from Pæan, the physician of the Olympian gods; but surely it could be no honour to the Sun-god to be called by the name of his own vassal. Hermsterhuis suggests *paio*, to make to cease, meaning to make diseases to cease; but why supply diseases rather than any other noun? The more likely derivation, *pe judge*, is the Greek verb *paio*, to dart, Apollo being called the "far-darter." The hymn began with "*Io Pæan*." Homer applies it to a triumphal song in general.

Pagan properly means "belonging to a village" (Latin, *pagnus*). The Christian Church fixed itself first in cities, the centres of intelligence. Long after it had been established in towns, idolatrous practices continued to be observed in rural districts and villages, so pagan and villager came to mean the same thing. (*See HEATHEN*.)

Pagan Works of Art. In Rome there are numerous works of art intended for Pagan deities and Roman emperors perverted into Christian notabilities.

AXOLIS, in St. Peter's of Rome, are old Pagan statues of Cupids and winged youth.
GAMBUSI, in St. Peter's of Rome, is an old Pagan statue of the god Mercury.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, in St. Peter's of Rome, is made out of a statue of Hercules.

ST. CATHERINE, in St. Peter's of Rome, is made out of a statue of the goddess Fortuna.

ST. GILES (or **EGIDIUS**), in St. Peter's of Rome, is a statue of Vulcan.

ST. PAUL, **SIXTUS V.** perverted the original statue of Marcus Antoninus into that of St. Paul. This beautiful marble column, 170 feet in height, contains a spiral of bas-reliefs of the wars of the Roman emperor, wholly out of character with the statue which surmounts it.

ST. PETER. The same Pope (**SIXTUS V.**) converted the original statue of Trajan, on Trajan's column, into a statue of St. Peter. This exquisite column, like that of Antoninus, contains a spiral of bas-reliefs, representing the wars of Trajan. Surmounted by St. Peter, the perversion is absolutely ludicrous. In St. Peter's of Rome the statue of St. Peter was meant for the old Roman god Jupiter.

VIRGIN MARY. This statue, in St. Peter's of Rome, is in reality a statue of Isis, standing on the crescent Moon.

See *Twentieth Century*, 1902 : **ROME**.

Page. A boy attendant. (**Russian**, *pag*, a boy; **Greek**, *pais*; **Italian**, *paggio*. **Spanish**, *page*; **Welsh**, *bachgen*. But page, the leaf of a book, is the Latin *pagina*.)

Page (*Mr. and Mrs.*). Inhabitants of Windsor. The lady joins with Mrs. Ford to trick Sir John Falstaff.

Anne Page. Daughter of the above, in love with Fenton. Slender, the son of a country squire, shy, awkward, and a booby, greatly admires the lady, but has too faint a heart to urge his suit further than to sigh in audible whispers, "Sweet Anne Page!"

William Page. A school-boy, the brother of Anne. (*Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor*.)

Pagoda. A temple in China, Hindustan, etc. (**Hindustanee**, *boot-khuda*, abode of God; **Persian**, *puṭ-gada*, idol-house; **Spanish**, *pagoda*.)

Paint. The North American Indians paint their faces only when they go to war; hostilities over, they wash it off.

Paint the Lion (*To*), on board ship, means to strip a person naked and then smear the body all over with tar. (See *Notes and Queries*, 6th August, 1892.)

Painter. The rope which binds a ship's boat to the ship. (**Latin**, *panthēra*; **French**, *panière*, a drag-net; **ponteur**, a stretcher.)

I'll cut your painter for you. I'll send you to the right about in double quick time. If the painter is cut, of course the boat drifts away.

Painter of the Graces. **Andrea Appia** is so called. (1754-1817.)

Painter of Nature. **Reni Bellean**, author of *Loves and Transformations of the Precious Stones*. One of the **Pleiad**

poets is so called, and well deserves the compliment. The *Shepherd's Calendar* of Spenser is largely borrowed from *Beleau's Song on April*. (1528-1577.)

Painters and Artists. *Characteristics of great artists*. The brilliant truth of a **Watteau**, the dead reality of a **Poussin**, the touching grace of a **Reynolds**.

"The colouring of **Titian**, the expression of **Rubens**, the grace of **Raphael**, the purity of **Domenichino**, the correctness of **Correggio**, the learning of **Poussin**, the airs of **Guido**, the taste of the **Barocci**, the grand contour of **Angelo**,"—*Sterne*.

"The April freshness of **Giotta**, the piety of **Fra Angelo**, the virginal purity of the young **Raphael**, the sweet gravity of **John Bellini**, the philosophic depth of **Da Vinci**, the sublime elevation of **Michael Angelo**, the suavity of **Fra Bartolommeo**, the delicacy of the **Bella Robbia**, the restrained powers of **Rucellini**."

Defects of great artists.

In **MICHAEL ANGELLO** the ankles are too narrow. In **TITIAN** the palm of the thumb is too prominent.

In **RAPHAEL** the ears are badly drawn.

In **PINTURICCHIO** both ears and hands are badly drawn.

Prince of painters. **Parrhasios**, the Greek painter, so called himself. (Fifth century B.C.)

Apelles of Cos. (Fourth century B.C.)

Painting. It is said that **Apelles**, being at a loss to delineate the foam of **Alexander's horse**, dashed his brush at the picture in despair, and did by accident what he could not accomplish by art.

Pair Off. When two members of Parliament, or two opposing electors, agree to absent themselves, and not to vote, so that one neutralises the vote of the other. The Whigs generally find the pairs for members.

Paishdad'ian Dynasty. The Kai-Omurs dynasty of Persia was so called from the third of the line (**Houshang**), who was surnamed **Paishdad**, or the just lawgiver (B.C. 910-870). (See **KAI OMURS**.)

Paix. *La Paix des Dames*. The treaty concluded at **Cambray**, in 1529, between **François I.** and **Charles V.** of Germany; so called because it was brought about by **Louise of Savoy** (mother of the French king) and **Margaret**, the emperor's aunt.

Pal (*A*). A gipsy-word, meaning a brother, or companion.

Palace originally meant a dwelling on the Palatine Hill of Rome. This hill was so called from **Palès**, a pastoral deity, whose festival was celebrated on April 21st, the "birthday of Rome," to commemorate the day when **Romulus**,

the wolf-child, drew the first furrow at the foot of the hill, and thus laid the foundation of the "Roma Quadra'ta," the most ancient part of the city. On this hill Augustus built his mansion, and his example was followed by Tiberius and Nero. Under the last-named emperor, all private houses on the hill had to be pulled down to make room for "The Golden House," called the Pala'tium, the palace of palaces. It continued to be the residence of the Roman emperors to the time of Alexander Severus. (See PALLACE.)

Paladin. An officer of the Pala'tium or Byzantine palace, a high dignitary.

Paladins. The knights of King Charlemagne. The most noted are Allory de l'Estoc; Astolfo; Basin de Genevois; Fierambras or Ferumbras; Florismart; Ganelon, the traitor; Geoffroy, Seigneur de Bordelois, and Geoffroy de Frises; Guerin, Duc de Lorraine; Guillaume de l'Estoc, brother of Allory; Guy de Bourgoigne; Hoël, Comte de Nantes; Lambert, Prince de Bruxelles; Malagigi; Nami or Nayme de Bavière; Ogier or Oger the Dane; Olivier, son of Regnier, Comte de Genes; Orlando (see Roland); Otuel; Richard, Duc de Normandie; Rinaldo; Rioldu Mans; Roland, Comte de Cenouta, son of Milon and Dame Berthe, Charlemagne's sister; Samson, Duc de Bourgoigne; and Thiry or Thierry d'Ardaine. Of these, twelve at a time seemed to have formed the coterie of the king. (Latin, *palatinus*, one of the palace.)

"Who bear the bows were knights in Arthur's reign.

Twelve they, and twelve the peers of Charlemain." *Dryden: The Flower and the Leaf.*

Palæmon, originally called Melicertes. Son of Ino; called Palæmon after he was made a sea-god. The Roman Portunus, the protecting god of harbours, is the same. (See PALEMÓN.)

Palais des Thermes. Once the abode of the Roman government of Gaul, as well as of the kings of the first and second dynasties. Here Julius fixed his residence when he was Cæsar of Gaul. It is in Paris, but the only part now extant is a vast hall, formerly the chamber of cold baths (*frigidarium*), restored by Napoleon III.

Palamedes of Lombardy joined the squadron of adventurers with his two brothers, Achilles and Sforza, in the allied Christian army. He was shot by Clorinda with an arrow. (*Tasso: Jerusalem Delivered*, book iii. c. ii. 4.)

He is a Palamedes. A clever, ingenious person. The allusion is to the son of Nauplios, who invented measures, scales, dice, etc. He also detected that the madness of Ulysses was only assumed.

Sir Palame'dès. A Saracen knight overcome in single combat by Sir Tristram. Both loved Isolde, the wife of King Mark; and after the lady was given up by the Saracen, Sir Tristram converted him to the Christian faith, and stood his godfather at the font. (*Thomas the Rhymer.*)

Palæmon and Arcite (2 syl.). Two young Theban knights who fell into the hands of "Duke Theseus," and were shut up in a donjon at Athens. Both fell in love with Emily, the duke's sister-in-law. In time they obtained their liberty, and the duke appointed a tournament, promising Emily to the victor. Arcite prayed to Mars to grant him victory, Palæmon prayed to Venus to grant him Emily, and both obtained their petition. Arcite won the victory, but, being thrown from his horse, died; Palæmon, therefore, though not the winner, won the prize for which he fought. The story is borrowed from *Le Teseide* of Boccaccio. *The Black Horse*, a drama by John Fletcher, is the same tale; so called because it was a black horse from which Arcite was thrown. (*Chaucer: The Knight's Tale.*)

Palat'inate (4 syl.). The province of a palatine, as the Palatinate of the Rhine, in Germany. A palatine is an officer whose court is held in the royal palace, also called a palace-greave or pfalzgraf. There were three palatine counties in England—viz. Chester, Durham, and Lancaster, in which the count exercised a royal authority, just as supreme as though he had been the regal tenant of the palace itself.

Palaver comes from the Portuguese *palavra* (talk), which is *palaver*, a council of African chiefs.

"Conjurious are odorous: *palabras* (words), neighbour *Verbes*."—*Shakespeare: Much Ado about Nothing*, iii. 4.

Pale. Within the pale of my observation—i.e. the scope thereof. The dominion of King John and his successors in Ireland was marked off, and the part belonging to the English crown was called the *pale*, or the part *paled* off.

Pale Faces. So Indians call the European settlers.

Pale'mon. "The pride of swains" in Thomson's *Autumn*; a poetical representation of *Boaz*, while the "lovely young Lavinia" is *Ruth*.

Palemon, in love with the captain's daughter, in Falconer's *Shipwreck*.

Palermo Razors. Razors of supreme excellence, made in Palermo.

"It is a razor, and that's a very good one. It came lately from Palermo."

Damon and Pythias, i. 237.

Palēs. The god of shepherds and their flocks. (*Roman mythology*.)

Palestine Soup. Soup made of Jerusalem artichokes. This is a good example of blunder begetting blunder. Jerusalem artichoke is a corruption of the Italian *Girasole articiocco*—i.e. the "sunflower artichoke." From *girasole* we make Jerusalem, and from Jerusalem artichokes we make Palestine soup.

Pales'tra (3 syl.). Either the act of wrestling, etc., or the place in which the Grecian youths practised athletic exercises. (Greek, *palē*, wrestling.)

Palestri'na or Pelestrina. An island nearly south of Venice, noted for its glass-houses.

Giocanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, called "The Prince of Music." (1529-1594.)

Paletot [*pal'-e-to*]. A corruption of *palla-togue*, a cloak with a hood. Called by Piers Plowman a *paltock*. The hood or toque has disappeared, but the word remains the same.

Pa'limpsest. A parchment on which the original writing has been effaced, and something else has been written. (Greek, *palin*, again; *psao*, I rub or efface.) When parchment was not supplied in sufficient quantities, the monks and others used to wash or rub out the writing in a parchment and use it again. As they did not wash or rub it out entirely, many works have been recovered by modern ingenuity. Thus Cicero's *De Republica* has been restored; it was partially erased to make room for a commentary of St. Augustine on the Psalms. Of course St. Augustine's commentary was first copied, then erased from the parchment, and the original MS. of Cicero made its appearance.

"Central Asia is a palimpsest; everywhere actual barbarism overlays a bygone civilisation."
—*The Times*.

Pal'indrome (3 syl.). A word or line which reads backwards and forwards alike, as *Madam*, also *Roma tibi*

subito motibus ibit amor. (Greek, *palin dromo*, to run back again.) (See *SOTADIC*.)

7 The following Greek palindrome is very celebrated:—

NIΘNANOMHMATAMHMONANONIN

(Wash my transgressions, not only my face). The legend round the font at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Also on the font in the basilica of St. Sophia, Constantinople; also on the font of St. Stephen d'Egres, Paris; at St. Menin's Abbey, Orléans; at Dulwich College; and at the following churches: Worlingworth (Suffolk), Harlow (Essex), Knaption (Norfolk), Melton Mowbray (it has been removed to a neighbouring hamlet), St. Martin's, Ludgate (London), and Hadleigh (Suffolk). (See *Ingram: Churches of London*, vol. ii.; *Malcolm: Londinum Redivivum*, vol. iv. p. 356; *Allen: London*, vol. iii. p. 530.)

"It is said that when Napoleon was asked whether he could have invaded England, he answered 'Able was I ere I saw Elia.'"

Palinode (3 syl.). A song or discourse recanting a previous one. A good specimen of the palinode is *Horace*, book i. ode 16, translated by Swift. Watts has a palinode in which he retracts the praise bestowed upon Queen Anne. In the first part of her reign he wrote a laudatory poem to the queen, but he says that the latter part deluded his hopes and proved him a false prophet. Samuel Butler has also a palinode to recant what he said in a previous poem to the Hon. Edward Howard, who wrote a poem called *The British Princess*. (Greek, *palin odē*, a song again.)

Pal'inurus (in English, *Palinur*). Any pilot; so called from Palinurus, the steersman of *Æneas*.

"Oh! think how to his [*Pall's*] latest day,
When death, just hovering, claimed his prey,
With Palinurus's unslumbered mood,
Firm at his dangerous post he stood;
Each call for needful rest repelled,
With strong hand the rudder held,
Till in his fall with fateful sway
The steerage of the realm gave way."

Palissy Ware. Dishes and other similar articles covered with models from nature of fish, reptiles, shells, flowers, and leaves, most carefully coloured and in high relief, like the wares of Della Robbia. Bernard Palissy was born at Saintes. (1510-1590.)

Pall, the covering thrown over a coffin, is the Latin *pallium*, a square piece of cloth used by the Romans to throw over their shoulders, or to cover them in bed; hence a coverlet.

Pall, the long sweeping robe, is the Roman *palla*, worn only by princes and

women of honest fame. This differed greatly from the *pallium*, which was worn by freemen and slaves, soldiers, and philosophers.

"A sometimes lost gorgeous Tragedy
In sceptred pall came sweeping by."
Milton: Il Penseroso.

Pall-bearers. The custom of appointing men of mark for pall-bearers, has come to us from the Romans. Julius Cæsar had magistrates for his pall-bearers; Augustus Cæsar had senators; Germanicus had tribunes and centurions; Æmil'is L. Paulus had the chief men of Macedonia who happened to be at Rome at the time; but the poor were carried on a plain bier on men's shoulders. 337

Pall Mall. A game in which a palle or iron ball is struck through an iron ring with a mallet or mallet.

Pallace is by Phillips derived from *pallacia*, pales or paled fences. In Devonshire, a *palace* means a "store-house;" in Totness, "a landing-place enclosed but not roofed in." (See PALACE.)

"All that cellar and the chambers over the same, and the little pallace and landing-place adjoining the River Dart."—*Lease granted by the Corporation of Totness in 1765.*

"Out of the ivory palaces" (Psalm xlv. 8—12. store-places for cabinets made of ivory. For "palaces" read *palaces*.)

Palladium. Something that affords effectual protection and safety. The Palladium was a colossal wooden statue of Pallas in the city of Troy, said to have fallen from heaven. It was believed that so long as this statue remained within the city, Troy would be safe, but if removed, the city would fall into the hands of the enemy. The statue was carried away by the Greeks, and the city burnt by them to the ground.

The Scotch had a similar tradition attached to the great stone of Scone, near Perth. Edward I. removed it to Westminster, and it is still framed in the Coronation Chair of England. (See CORONATION, SCONE.)

Palladium of Rome. Anc'le (q.v.).

Palladium of Megara. A golden hair of King Nisus. (See SCYLLA, EDEN HALL.)

Pallas. A name of Minerva, sometimes called Pallas Minerva. According to fable, Pallas was one of the Titans, of giant-size, killed by Minerva, who flayed him, and used his skin for armour; whence she was called Pallas Minerva. More likely the word Pallas is from *pallo*, to brandish; and the compound

means Minerva who brandishes the spear.

Pallet. The painter in Smollett's *Peregrine Pickle*. A man without one jot of reverence for ancient customs or modern etiquette.

Palliate (3 syl.) means simply to cloak. (Latin, *pallium*, a cloak.)

"That we should not dissemble nor cloak them [our sins] . . . but confess them with a humble, lowly, and obedient heart."—*Common Prayer Book.*

Palm. An itching palm. A hand ready to receive bribes. The old superstition is that if your palm itches you are going to receive money.

"Let me tell you, Cassius, you yourself
Are much condemned to have an itching palm."
Shakespeare: Julius Cæsar, iv. 3

To bear the palm. To be the best. The allusion is to the Roman custom of giving the victorious gladiator a branch of the palm-tree.

Palm Off (*To*) wares, tricks, etc., upon the unwary. The allusion is to jugglers, who conceal in the palm of their hand what they pretend to dispose of in some other way. These jugglers were sometimes called *palmers*.

"You may palm upon us new for old."
Drayton.

Palm Oil. Bribes, or rather money for bribes, fees, etc.

"In Ireland the machinery of a political movement will not work unless there is plenty of palm-oil to prevent friction."—*Irish Seditions from 1792 to 1801, p. 30.*

"The rich may escape with whole skins, but those without 'palm-oil' have scant mercy."—*Nineteenth Century, Aug., 1902, p. 512.*

Palm Sunday. The Sunday next before Easter. So called in memory of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when the multitude strewed the way with palm branches and leaves. (John xii.)

Sad Palm Sunday. March 29, 1463, the day of the battle of Towton, the most fatal of all the battles in the domestic war between the White and Red Roses. Above 37,000 Englishmen were slain.

"Whose banks received the blood of many thousand men,
On 'Sad Palm Sunday' slain, that Towton field we call . . .
The bloodiest field betwixt the White Rose and the Red."
Drayton: Polyolbion, xxviii.

Palm Tree is said to grow faster for being weighed down. Hence it is the symbol of resolution overcoming calamity. It is believed by Orientals to have sprung from the residue of the clay of which Adam was formed.

Palmer. A pilgrim privileged to carry a palm-staff. In Fosbrooke's *British Monachism* we read that "certain prayers and psalms being said over the pilgrims, as they lay prostrate before the altar, they were sprinkled with holy water, and received a consecrated palm-staff. Palmers differed from pilgrims in this respect: a pilgrim made his pilgrimage and returned to public or private life; but a palmer spent all his days in visiting holy shrines, and lived on charity.

"His sandals were with travel tore,
Staff, budget, bottle, scrip he wore;
The faded palm-branch in his hand
Showed pilgrim from the Holy Land."
Sir Walter Scott: Marmion, l. 27.

Palmerin of England. A romance of chivalry, in which Palmerin is the hero. There is another romance called *Palmerin de Oliva*. (See *Southey's Palmerin*.)

Palmy Days. Prosperous or happy days, as those were to a victorious gladiator when he went to receive the palm branch as the reward of his prowess.

Palsy. *The gentlemen's palsy*, ruin from gambling. (*Elizabeth's reign*.)

Paludamentum. A distinctive mantle worn by a Roman general in the time of war. This was the "scarlet robe" in which Christ was invested. (Matt. xxvii, 28.)

"They flung on him an old scarlet paludamentum—some cast-off war-cloak with its purple tinge—clave from the Praetorian wardrobe."—*Farrar: Life of Christ*, chap. ix, p. 429.

Pam. The knave of clubs, short for *Pamphle*, the French word for the knave of clubs.

"Dr. Johnson's derivation of Pam from palm, because 'Pam' triumphs over other cards, is extremely comic. Of course, Pam is short for *Pamphle*, the French name for the knave of clubs."—*Notes and Queries* (W. W. Skeat, 1 May, 1899), p. 354.

Pam'ela. The title of the finest of Richardson's novels, which once enjoyed a popularity almost equal to that of the romances of Sir Walter Scott.

Pamela, Lady Edward Fitzgerald (died 1831).

Pampas. Treeless plains, some 2,000 miles long and from 300 to 500 broad, in South America. They cover an area of 750,000 square miles. It is an Indian word meaning *flats* or *plains*.

Pamper, according to Junius, is from the Latin *pam'pinus*, French *panypre* (vine-tendril). Hence Milton—

"Where any row
Of fruit trees, over-woody, reached too far
Their pampered boughs, and nooted hands to
Fruitless embraces." *Paradise Lost*, v. 214.

The Italian *pamberto* (well-fed) is a compound of *pane* (bread) and *bere* (drink).

Pamphlet, said to be from Pamphila, a Greek lady, whose chief work is a commonplace book of anecdotes, epitomes, notes, etc. Dr. Johnson suggests *par-un-flet* (held "by a thread")—i.e. stitched, but not bound; another derivation is *pag'ine flet'ae* (pages tacked together). It was anciently written *pamfletus*, *pamflete*, and by Caxton *pamflet*.

Pamphyle (3 syl.). A sorceress who converted herself into an owl (*Apuleius*). There was another Pamphyle, the daughter of Apollo, who first taught women to embroider with silk.

"In one very remote village lives the sorceress Pamphyle, who turns her neighbours into various animals. . . . Lucius, peeping . . . thro' a chink in the door, [saw] the old witch transform herself into an owl."—*Pater: Marius the Epicurean*, chap. v.

Pan. The personification of deity displayed in creation and pervading all things. As flocks and herds were the chief property of the pastoral age, Pan was called the god of flocks and herds. He is also called the god of *hylos*, not the "woods" only, but "all material substances." The lower part was that of a goat, because of the asperity of the earth; the upper part was that of a man, because ether is the "hegemonic of the world;" the lustful nature of the god symbolised the spermatic principle of the world; the libbard's skin was to indicate the immense variety of created things; and the character of "blameless Pan" symbolised that wisdom which governs the world. (Greek, *pan*, everything.) (*Phorvulus: De Natura Deorum*, xxvii, 203.)

"Universal Pan,
Knit with the Graces and the Hours in dance,
Led on the eternal spring."

Milton: Paradise Lost, iv. 304.

"In the National Museum of Naples is the celebrated marble of "Pan teaching Apollo to play on the panpipe."

The Great Pan. Francois Marie Arouet de Voltaire, also called the *Dictator of Letters*. (1694-1778.)

Panacea. A universal cure. Panacea was the daughter of Esculapion (god of medicine). The name is evidently composed of two Greek words *pan-* *akeonai* (all I cure). Of course the medicine that cures is the daughter or child of the healing art.

Panacea's. An Orkney proverb says the wall of Kildinguie and the dulse (*sea-weed*) of Guiodin will cure every

malady save Black Death. (*Sir Walter Scott: The Pirate*, chap. xxix.) (*See AZOTH.*)

Other famous panaceas.

Prince Ahmed's apple, or apple of Samarcand, cured all disorders. (*See under APPLE.*)

The balsam of Fierabras (*q.r.*).

The Promethean unguent rendered the body invulnerable.

Aladdin's ring (*q.r.*) was a preservative against all the ills which flesh is heir to.

Sir Gilbert's sword. Sir T. Malory, in his *History of Prince Arthur* (i. 116), says:—

"Sir Launcelot touched the wounds of Sir Meliot with Sir Gilbert's sword, and wiped them with the cerecloth, and anon a wholer man was he never in all his life."

(*See also* ACHILLES'S SPEAR, MEDEA'S KETTLE, REYNARD'S RING [*see* RING], PANTHERA, etc.)

Panama. A word which, in 1892, became synonymous with government corruptions. M. de Lesseps undertook to cut a sea passage through the Isthmus of Panama, and in order to raise money from the general public, bribed French senators, deputies, and editors of journals to an enormous extent. An investigation was made into the matter in 1892, and the results were most damaging. In the beginning of 1893 Germany was charged with a similar misappropriation of money connected with the Guelph Fund, in which Prince Ludwig of Bavaria was involved.

"On the other side of the Vogeles people will exult that Germany has also her Panama."—*Berlin's Telegram*, Berlin, January 2nd, 1893.

Pancake (2 syl.) is a pudding or "cake" made in a frying-pan. It was originally to be eaten after dinner, to stay the stomachs of those who went to be shriven. The Shrove-bell was called the Pancake Bell, and the day of shriving "Pancake Tuesday."

Panoste (3 syl.). An Athenian hetæra, and her companion in sin, Phryne, were the models of *Venus rising from the Sea*, by Apollès. (*See* PHRYNE.)

Pancras (St.). Patron saint of children. He was a noble Roman youth, martyred by Diocletian at the age of fourteen (A.D. 304). (*See* NICHOLAS.)

St. Pancras, in Christian art, is represented as treading on a Saracen and bearing either a stone and sword, or a book and palm-branch. The allusions are to his hatred of infidelity, and the implements of his martyrdom.

Pandarus. Leader of the Lycians in the Trojan war, but represented as a pimp in mediæval romances. (*See* PANDER.)

Pandeots of Justinian (*The*), found at Amalfi (1137), gave a spur to the study of civil law which changed the whole literary and legal aspect of Europe. The word means much the same as "cyclopædia." (Greek, *pau*, everything; *dech'-omai*, I receive.)

Pandemonium (*A*). *A perfect pandemonium.* A bear-garden for disorder and licentiousness. In allusion to the parliament of hell in Milton's *Paradise Lost*, book i. (Greek, *pan* daemon, every demon.) (*See* CORDELIERS.)

Pander. *To pander to one's vices* is to act as an agent to them, and such an agent is termed a pander, from Pandarus, who procures for Troilus the love and graces of Cressida. In *Much Ado about Nothing* it is said that Troilus was "the first employer of pandars" (v. 2). (*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida; Chaucer: Troilus and Cressida.*)

"Let all pitiful goers-between be called to the world's end after my name call them all 'Pandars.' Let all constant men be 'Troiluses,' all false women be 'Cressids,' and all brokers between, 'Pandars.' Say, Amen!"—*Troilus and Cressida*, iii. 2.

Pandora's Box (*A*). A present which seems valuable, but which is in reality a curse; as when Midas was permitted, according to his request, to turn whatever he touched into gold, and found his very food became gold, and therefore uneatable, Prometheus made an image and stole fire from heaven to endow it with life. In revenge, Jupiter told Vulcan to make a female statue, and gave her a box which she was to present to the man who married her. Prometheus distrusted Jove and his gifts, but Epimetheus, his brother, married the beautiful Pandora, and received the box. Immediately the bridegroom opened the box all the evils that flesh is heir to flew forth, and have ever since continued to afflict the world. The last thing that flew from the box was Hope.

Panel (*A*), means simply a piece of rag or skin. (Latin, *pannus*; Greek, *pe nos*.) In law it means a piece of parchment containing the names of jurors. *To empanel a jury* is to enter their names on the panel or roll. The panels of a room are the framed wainscot which supplies the place of tapestry, and the panels of doors are the thin boards like wainscot.

Pangloss (*Dr.*). A learned pedant, very poor and very conceited, pluming himself on the titles of LL.D. and A.S.S. (Greek, "All-tongue.") (*Colman: Heir-at-Law.*)

Pan'lo. On one occasion Bacchus, in his Indian expeditions, was encompassed with an army far superior to his own; one of his chief captains, named Pan, advised him to command all his men at the dead of night to raise a simultaneous shout. The shout was rolled from mountain to mountain by invulnerable echoes, and the Indians, thinking they were surrounded on all sides, took to sudden flight. From this incident, all sudden fits of great terror have been termed *panics*. (*See Judges vii. 18-21.*)

Theon gives another derivation, and says that the god Pan struck terror into the hearts of the giants, when they warred against heaven, by blowing into a sea-shell.

Panjan'drum. *The Grand Panjan'drum.* A village boss, who imagines himself the "Magnus Apollo" of his neighbours. The word occurs in Foote's farraigo of nonsense which he composed to test the memory of old Macklin, who said he had brought his memory to such perfection that he could remember anything by reading it over once.

"I myself knew a man at college who could do the same. He would repeat accurately one hundred lines of Greek by reading them twice over, although he could not accurately translate them. His memory was marvellous, but its uselessness was still more so."

Pan'tables. *To stand upon one's pantables.* To stand upon one's dignity. Pantables are slippers, and the idea is *se tenir sur le haut bout*—i.e. to remit nothing.

"Hee standeth upon his pantables, and regardeth greatly his reputation."—*Safer: Narbonius* (1540).

Pantag'ruel. So called because he was born during the drought which lasted thirty and six months, three weeks, four days, thirteen hours, and a little more, in that year of grace noted for having "three Thursdays in one week." His father was Gargantua, the giant, who was four hundred four-score and forty-four years old at the time; his mother, Balahec, died in giving him birth; his grandfather was Grangousier (*q.v.*). He was so strong that he was chained in his cradle with four great iron chains, like those used in ships of the largest size; being angry at this, he stamped out the bottom of his bassinet, which was made of weavers'

beams, and, when loosed by the servants, broke his bonds into five hundred thousand pieces with one blow of his infant fist. When he grew to manhood he knew all languages, all sciences, and all knowledge of every sort, out-Solomoning Solomon in wisdom. Having defeated Anarchus, King of the Dip-sodes, all submitted except the Al-miroids. Marching against these people, a heavy rain fell, and Pantagruel covered his whole army with his tongue. While so doing, Alcofri has crawled into his mouth, where he lived six months, taking toll of every morsel that his lord ate. His immortal achievement was his voyage from Utopia in quest of the "oracle of the Holy Bottle" (*q.v.*).

"Wouldst thou not issue forth . . ."

To see the third part in this curfew cell

Of the brave acts of good Pantagruel."

Rabelais: To the Spirit of the Queen of Navarre.

"Pantagruel was the last of the race of giants.

"My thirst with Pantagruel's own would rank."
—*Punch*, June 15th, 1893, p. 17.

Pantag'ruel (meant for Henri II., son of François I.), in the satirical romance of Rabelais, entitled *History of Gargantua and Pantagruel*.

Pantagruellion. *The great Pantagruellion law case* (Lord Busqueue v. Lord Sucklist). This case, having nonplussed all the judges in Paris, was referred to Lord Pantagruel for decision. The writs, etc., were as much as four asses could carry, but the arbiter determined to hear the plaintiff and defendant state their own cases. Lord Busqueue spoke first, and pleaded such a rignarole that no one on earth could unravel its meaning; Lord Sucklist replied, and the bench declared "We have not understood one single circumstance of the defence." Then Pantagruel gave sentence, but his judgment was as obscure and unintelligible as the case itself. So, as no one understood a single sentence of the whole affair, all were perfectly satisfied. a "thing unparalleled in the annals of the law." (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, book ii.)

Pantagruellion Herb (*The*). Hemp; so called "because Pantagruel was the inventor of a certain use which it serves for, exceeding hateful to felons, unto whom it is more hurtful than strangle-weed to flax."

"The figure and shape of the leaves are not much different from those of the ash-tree or the agrimony, the herb itself being so like the Eupatorio that many herbalists have called it the 'Domestic Eupatorio,' and the Eupatorio the 'Wild Pantagruellion.'"—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iii. 42.

Pantaloön. A feeble-minded old man, the foil of the clown, whom he aids and abets in all his knavery. The word is derived from the dress he used to wear, a loose suit down to the heels.

"That Licentio that comes a-wooing is my man Trauu bearing my port, that we might beguile the old pantaloon."—*Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew*, iii. 1.

Pantaloön. Lord Byron says the Venetians were called the *Planters of the Lion*—i.e. the Lion of St. Mark, the standard of the republic; and further tells us that the character of "pantaloön," being Venetian, was called *Piantalone* (Planter of the Lion). (*Childs Harold*, bk. iv. stanza 14, note 9.)

Playing Pantaloön. Playing second fiddle: being the cat's-paw of another; servilely imitating.

Pantechnicon. A place where all sorts of manufactured articles are exposed for sale; a storehouse for furniture.

Panthe'a, wife of Abradatus, King of Susa. Abradatus joined the Assyrians against Cyrus, and his wife was taken captive. Cyrus refused to visit her, that he might not be tempted by her beauty to outstep the bounds of modesty. Abradatus was so charmed by this continence that he joined the party of Cyrus, and, being slain in battle, his wife put an end to her life, and fell on the body of her husband.

"Here stands Lady Rachel Russell—there the arch-virago old Bess of Hardwicke. The one is our English version of Panthe'a of Arria; the other of Xantippe in a coif and peaked stomacher."—*Mrs. Lygon Linton: Nineteenth Century*, Oct., 1891, p. 605.

Panthe'a (Greek). Statues carrying symbols of several deities, as in the medal of Antou'nus Pius, where Sera'pis is represented by a *modius*, Apollo by *rays*, Jupiter Ammon by *ram's horns*, Pluto by a *large beard*, and Æsculapius by a *wand*, around which a serpent is *twined*.

Pantheon. The finest is that erected in Rome by Agrippa (son-in-law of Augustus). It is circular, 150 feet in diameter, and the same in height. It is now a church, with statues of heathen gods, and is called the Rotunda. In Paris the Pantheon was the church of St. Genevieve, built by Louis XV., finished 1790. Next year the Convention called it the Pantheon, and set it apart as the shrine of those Frenchmen whom their country wished to honour ("aux grands hommes la patrie reconnaissante"). (Greek, *pantes theoi*, all the gods.)

Panther. *The Spotted Panther* in Dryden's *Hind and Panther* means the Church of England full of the spots of error; whereas the Church of Rome is faultless as the milk-white hind.

"The panther, sure the noblest next the hind,
And fairest creature of the spotted kind;
Oh, could her inborn stains be washed away,
She were too good to be a beast of prey." Part 1.

Panthera. A hypothetical beast which lived in the East. Reynard affirmed that he had sent her majesty the queen a comb made of panthera bone, "more lustrous than the rainbow, more odoriferous than any perfume, a charm against every ill, and a universal panacea." (*H. von Alkmar: Reynard the Fox.*) (1498.)

She wears a comb made of panthera bone. She is all perfection. (See above.)

Pantile Shop. A meeting-house, from the fact that dissenting chapels were often roofed with pantiles. Hence pantile was used in the sense of dissenting. Mrs. Centlivre, in the *Gentium Election*, contrasts the pantile crew with a good churchman.

Pantomime (3 syl.), according to etymology, should be *all dumb show*, but in modern practice it is partly dumb show and partly grotesque speaking. Harlequin and Columbine never speak, but Clown and Pantaloön keep up a constant fire of fun. Dr. Clarke says that Harlequin is the god *Mercury*, with his short sword called "herpe"; he is supposed to be invisible, and to be able to transport himself to the ends of the earth as quick as thought. Columbine, he says, is *Psyche* (the soul); the old man is *Charon*; and the Clown *Momus* (the buffoon of heaven), whose large gaping mouth is an imitation of the ancient masks. (*Travels*, iv. 459.)

The best Roman pantomimists were Bathylus (a freedman of Mæcenas), Pyralides, and Hyllas.

Panton Gates. *Old as Panton Gates.* A corruption of Pandon Gates at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Pantry. (French, *panterrie* (2 syl.); Latin, *panarium*, from *panis*, bread.) An archaic form is "panary." The keeper of a pantry was at one time called a "panterer." (French, *panterer*.)

Panurge (2 syl.). A companion of Pantagruel's, not unlike our Rochester and Buckingham in the reign of the mutton-eating king. Panurge was a

desperate rake, was always in debt, had a dodge for every scheme, knew everything and something more, was a boon companion of the mirthfullest temper and most licentious bias; but was timid of danger, and a desperate coward. He enters upon ten thousand adventures for the solution of this knotty point. "Whether or not he ought to marry?" and although every response is in the negative, disputes the ostensible meaning, and stoutly maintains that no means yes. (Greek for *factotum*.) (*Rabelais*.)

Panurge, probably meant for Calvin, though some think it is Cardinal Lorraine. He is a licentious, intemperate libertine, a coward and knave. Of course, the satire points to the celibacy of the clergy.

"Sam Slick is the thoroughbred Yankee, bold, cunning, and above all, a merchant." In short, he is a sort of Republican Panurge."—(*Globe*.)

As Panurge asked if he should marry. Asking advice merely to contradict the giver of it. Panurge asked Pantagruel whether he advised him to marry, "Yes," said Pantagruel. When Panurge urged some strong objection, "Then don't marry," said Pantagruel; to which the favourite replied, "His whole heart was bent on so doing." "Marry then, by all means," said the prince, but Panurge again found some insuperable barrier. And so they went on; every time Pantagruel said "Yes," new reasons were found against this advice; and every time he said "Nay," reasons no less cogent were discovered for the affirmative. (*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, bk. iii. 9.)

"Besides Pantagruel," Panurge consulted lots, dreams, a sibyl, a deaf and dumb man, the old poet Rominagrobis, the chiromancer Herr Trippa, the theologian Hippothadée, the physician Rondibilis, the philosopher Trouillogan, the court fool Tribboulet, and, lastly, the Oracle of the Holy Bottle.

Panyer Stone (*The*). A stone let into the wall of a house in Panyer Alley. It is a rude representation of a boy sitting on a pannier. (French, *panier*; Latin, *panarium*, a bread-basket.) The stone has the following inscription:—

"When you have sought the city round,
Yet still this is the dearest ground.
August 27th, 1668."

? This is not correct, for there are higher spots both in Cornhill, and in Cannon Street.

Pap. He gives *pap* with a hatchet. He does or says a kind thing in a very brusque and ungracious manner. The

Spartan children were fed by the point of a sword, and the Teuton children with hatchets, or instruments so called—probably of the doll type. "Ursus," in Victor Hugo's novel of "*L'Homme qui Rit*," gives "pap with a hatchet."

Papa, Father. The former is Greek *pappas* (father); Chaldee, *abba*. For many centuries after the Conquest, the "gentry" taught their children to use the word "papa," but this custom is now almost gone out.

Papal Slippers (*The*) are wrought with a cross of rubies over each instep.

Paper. So called from the papyrus or Egyptian reed used at one time for the manufacture of a writing material. Bryan Donkin, in 1803, perfected a machine for making a sheet of paper to any required length.

Paper a House (*To*), in theatrical phraseology, means to fill a house with "deadheads," or non-paying spectators, admitted by paper orders. The women admitted thus, not being dressed so smartly as the paying ones, used to cover their shoulders with a "scarlet opera cloak," often lent or hired for the occasion.

Paper King. John Law, the projector of the Mississippi Scheme. (1671-1720.)

Paper Marriages. Weddings of duns, who pay their fees in bank-notes.

Paper-stainer (*A*). An author of small repute.

Paph'ian. Relating to Venus, or rather to Paphos, a city of Cyprus, where Venus was worshipped; a Cyprian; a prostitute.

Papimany. The country of the Papimans; the country subject to the Pope, or any priest-ridden country, as Spain. (*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, iv. 45.)

Papyrus. The goddess of printing; so called from papyrus, the Nile-reed, from which at one time paper was made, and from which it borrows its name.

"Till to astonished realms Papyrus taught
To paint in mystic colours sound and thought,
With Wisdom's voice to print the sacred sublime,
And mark in adamant the steps of Time."
Darwin: Loves of the Plants, canto ii.

Papyrus. Written scrolls made of the Papyrus, found in Egypt and Hieraculum.

Par. (*A*). A newspaper paragraph. (*Press slang*.)

Par (A). Stock at par means that it is to be bought at the price it represents. Thus, £100 stock in the 2½ per cent. quoted at par would mean that it would require £100 to invest in this stock; if quoted at £105, it would be £5 above par; if at £95, it would be £5 below par. (Latin, *par*, equal.)

Paracelsists. Disciples of Paracelsus in medicine, physics, and mystic sciences. A Swiss physician. (1493-1541.)

Paraclete. The advocate; one called to aid or support another. (The word paraclete is from the Greek *para-kaléo*, to call to; and advocate is from the Latin *ad-vo-co*, the same thing.)

Paradise. The Greeks used this word to denote the extensive parks and pleasure-grounds of the Persian kings. (Persian, *parādes*; Greek, *paradisos*.) (See CALAYA.)

"An old word, 'paradise,' which the Hebrews had borrowed from the Persians, and which at first designated the 'parks of the Achemenides,' summed up the general dream."—*Renan: Life of Jesus*, xi.

Upper and Lower Paradise. The rabbins say there is an earthly or lower paradise under the equator, divided into seven dwellings, and twelve times ten thousand miles square. A column reaches from this paradise to the upper or heavenly one, by which the souls mount upwards after a short sojourn on the earthly one.

The ten dumb animals admitted to the Moslem's paradise are:—

- (1) The dog Kratim, which accompanied the Seven Sleepers.
- (2) Balam's ass, which spoke with the voice of a man to reprove the disobedient prophet.
- (3) Solomon's ant, of which he said, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard . . ."
- (4) Jonah's whale.
- (5) The ram caught in the thicket, and offered in sacrifice in lieu of Isaac.
- (6) The calf of Abraham.
- (7) The camel of Saleh.
- (8) The cuckoo of Belkis.
- (9) The ox of Moses.
- (10) Mahomet's mare, called Borak.

Paradise Lost. Satan rouses the panic-stricken host of fallen angels to tell them about a rumour current in Heaven of a new world about to be created. He calls a council to deliberate what should be done, and they agree to send Satan to search out for the new world. Satan, passing the gulf between Hell and Heaven and the limbo of Vanity, enters the orb of the Sun (in

the guise of an angel) to make inquiries as to the new planet's whereabouts; and, having obtained the necessary information, alights on Mount Niphates, and goes to Paradise in the form of a cormorant. Seating himself on the Tree of Life, he overhears Adam and Eve talking about the prohibition made by God, and at once resolves upon the nature of his attack. Gabriel sends two angels to watch over the bower of Paradise, and Satan flees. Raphael is sent to warn Adam of his danger, and tells him the story of Satan's revolt and expulsion out of Heaven, and why and how this world was made. After a time Satan returns to Paradise in the form of a mist, and, entering the serpent, induces Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. Adam eats "that he may perish with the woman whom he loved." Satan returns to Hell to tell his triumph, and Michael is sent to lead the guilty pair out of the garden. (*Milton*.)

Paradise Regained (in four books). The subject is the Temptation. Eve, being tempted, fell, and lost Paradise; Jesus, being tempted, resisted, and regained Paradise. (*Milton*.)

Paradise Shoots. The lign alce; said to be the only plant descended to us from the Garden of Eden. When Adam left Paradise, it is said, he took with him a shoot of this tree, which he planted in the land where he settled, and from which all other lign alces have been propagated.

Paradise of Fools. The Hindus, Mahometans, Scandinavians, and Roman Catholics have devised a place between Paradise and "Purgatory" to get rid of a theological difficulty. If there is no sin without intention, then infants and idiots cannot commit sin, and if they die cannot be consigned to the purgatory of evil-doers; but, not being believers or good-doers, they cannot be placed with the saints. The Roman Catholics place them in the Paradise of Infants and the Paradise of Fools.

Paradise and the Peri. The second tale in Moore's poetical romances of *Lalla Rookh*. The Peri laments her expulsion from Heaven, and is told she will be readmitted if she will bring to the Gate of Heaven the "gift most dear to the Almighty." First she went to a battle-field, where the tyrant Mahmoud, having won a victory, promised life to a young warrior, but the warrior struck the tyrant with a dart. The wound,

however, was not mortal, so "The tyrant lived, the hero fell." The Peri took to Heaven's Gate the last drop of the patriot's blood as her offering, but the gates would not open to her. Next she flew to Egypt, where the plague was raging, and saw a young man dying; presently his betrothed bride sought him out, caught the disease, and both died. The Peri took to Heaven's Gate the last sigh of that self-sacrificed damsel, but the offering was not good enough to open the gates to her. Lastly, she flew to Syria, and there saw an innocent child and guilty old man. The vesper call sounded, and the child knelt down to prayer. The old man wept with repentance, and knelt to pray beside the child. The Peri offered the *Repentant Tear*, and the gates flew open to receive the gift.

Parallel. None but himself can be his parallel. Wholly without a peer; "*Queris Alcide parem?*" "*nemo proximus nec secundus.*" There are many similar sentences; for example:—

"Nemo est, nisi ipse." *Seneca: Hercules Furens*, l. 1. (*Seneca lived b.c. 55-27*.)

"And but himself admits no parallel."

Messenger: Duke of Milan, iii. 4. (1623.)

"None but himself can parallel."

Anagram on John Lubbock. (1858.)

"Is there a trachery like this in baseness . . .

None but itself can be its parallel."

Thornhill: Bonnie Balthood, iii. 1. (1721.)

Paramatta. A fabric of wool and cotton. So called from a town in New South Wales, where the wool was originally bought.

Parapet. Fortification, the shot-proof covering of a mass of earth on the exterior edge of the ramparts. The openings cut through the parapets to permit guns to fire in the required direction are called *embrasures*: about 18 feet is allowed from one embrasure to another, and the solid intervening part is called the *merlon*. An indented parapet is a battlement. (Italian, *parapetto*, breastwork.)

Paraphernalia means all that a woman can claim at the death of her husband beyond her jointure. In the Roman law her paraphernalia included the furniture of her chamber, her wearing apparel, her jewels, etc. Hence personal attire, fittings generally, anything for show or decoration. (Greek, *parapherna*, beyond dower.)

Parasite (Greek, *para sitos*, eating at another's cost). A plant or animal that lives on another; hence a hanger-on,

who fawns and flatters for the sake of his food.

Parc aux Cerfs [*deer parks*]. A mansion fitted up in a remote corner of Versailles, whither girls were inveigled for the licentious pleasure of Louis XV. The rank of the person who visited them was scrupulously kept concealed; but one girl, more bold than the rest, rifled the pockets of M. le Comte, and found that he was no other than the king. Madame de Pompadour did not shrink from superintending the labours of the royal valets to procure victims for this infamous establishment. The term is now used for an Alsatia, or haven of shipwrecked characters.

"Boulogne may be proud of being '*parc aux cerfs*' to those whom remorseless greed drives from their island home."—*Saturday Review*.

Parce. The Fates. The three were Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos. (*Latin mythology*.) *Parce* is from *parca*, a lot; and the corresponding *Moiræ* is from *meros*, a lot. The Fates were so called because they decided the lot of every man.

Parchment. So called from *Per-gamon* in Lesser Asia, where it was used for purposes of writing when Ptolemy prohibited the exportation of paper from Egypt.

Pardon Bell. The Angelus bell. So called because of the indulgence once given for reciting certain prayers forming the *angelus*.

Pardouneres Tale, in Chaucer, is *Death and the Rioters*. Three rioters in a tavern agreed to hunt down Death and kill him. As they went their way they met an old man, who told them that he had just left him sitting under a tree in the lane close by. Off posted the three rioters, but when they came to the tree they found a great treasure, which they agreed to divide equally. They cast lots which was to carry it home, and the lot fell to the youngest, who was sent to the village to buy food and wine. While he was gone the two who were left agreed to kill him, and so increase their share; but the third bought poison to put into the wine, in order to kill his two *cofrères*. On his return with his stores, the two set upon him and slew him, then sat down to drink and be merry together; but, the wine being poisoned, all the three rioters found Death under the tree as the old man had said.

Pari Passu. At the same time; in equal degrees; two or more schemes carried on at once and driven forward with equal energy, are said to be carried on *pari passu*, which is Latin for *equal strides* or the equally measured pace of persons marching together.

"The cooling effects of surrounding matter go on nearly *pari passu* with the heating."—*Gross: Correlation of Physical Forces*, p. 64.

Parian Chronicle. A chronological register of the chief events in the mythology and history of ancient Greece during a series of 1,318 years; beginning with the reign of Cecrops, and ending with the archonship of Diognetos. It is engraved on Parian marble, and was found in the island of Paros. It is one of the Arundelian Marbles (*q. v.*).

Parian Verse. Ill-natured satire; so called from Archilochos, a native of Paros.

Par'ias or Par'iahs. The lowest class of the Hindu population, below the four castes. Literally drummers, from *parai*, a large drum.

"The lodgers overhead may perhaps be able to take a more comprehensive view of public questions; but they are political Helots, they are the Par'ias of our constitutional Brahminism."—*The Times*, March 30, 1867.

Paridel. A young gentleman that travels about and seeks adventure, because he is young, rich, and at leisure. (*See below.*)

"There, too, my Paridel, she marked thee there,
Stretched on the rack of a too-easy chair,
And heard thy everlasting yawn confess
The pains and penalties of idleness."

Pope: Dunciad, iv. 341.

Sir Paridel. A male coquette, whose delight was to win women's hearts, and then desert them. The model was the Earl of Westmoreland. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. iii. cant. 10; bk. iv. c. 1.)

Paris or Alexander. Son of Priam, and cause of the siege of Troy. He was hospitably entertained by Menelaos, King of Sparta; and eloped with Helen, his host's wife. This brought about the siege. Post-Homeric tradition says that Paris slew Achilles, and was himself slain either by Pyrrhos or Philoctetes. (*Homer: Iliad.*)

Paris. Kinsman to the Prince of Verona, the unsuccessful suitor of Juliet. (*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet.*)

Paris. Rabelais says that Gargantua played on the Parisians who came to stare at him a practical joke, and the men said it was a sport "*par ris*" (to be laughed at); wherefore the city was called *Par'is*. It was called before Leuco'tia, from the "white skin of the

ladies." (Greek, *leukōtes*, whiteness.) (*Gargantua and Pantagruel*, bk. I. 17.)

Paris, called by the Romans "Lute'tia Parisio'rum" (the mud-city of the Parisii). The Parisii were the Gallic tribe which dwelt in the "Ile du Palais" when the Romans invaded Gaul. (*See Isis.*)

Mons. de Paris. The public executioner of Paris.

Little Paris.

The "Galleria Vittorio Emanuele" of Milan is so called on account of its brilliant shops, its numerous cafés, and its general gay appearance.

Brussels, the capital of Belgium, situated on the Senne, is also called "Little Paris."

Paris-Garden. A bear-garden; a noisy, disorderly place. In allusion to the bear-garden so called on the Thames bank-side, kept by Robert de Paris in the reign of Richard II.

"Do you take the court for a Paris-garden?"—*Shakespeare: Henry V. III.*, v. 3.

Parish Registers. Bills of mortality. George Crabbe, author of *The Borough*, has a poem in three parts, in ten-syllable verse with rhymes, entitled *The Parish Register*.

Paris'ian. Made at Paris; after the mode of Paris; a native of Paris; like a native of Paris.

Paris'ian Wedding (The). The massacre of St. Bartholomew, part of the wedding festivity at the marriage of Henri of Navarre and Margaret of France.

"Charles' X., although it was not possible for him to recall to life the countless victims of the Paris'ian Wedding, was ready to explain those murders to every unprejudiced mind."—*Mother-Duch: Re public*, iii. v.

Parisienne (La). A celebrated song by Casimir Delavigne, called the *Mar-seillaise* of 1830.

"Paris n'a plus qu'un cri de gloire:
En a-t-on matenons
C'est-à-dire leurs canons.
A travers le feu des bataillons,
Courons à la victoire!"

Paris'ina, the beautiful young wife of Azo. She falls in love with Hugo, her stepson, and betrays herself to her husband in a dream. Azo condemns his son to be executed, but the fate of Paris'ina, says Byron, is unknown. (*Paris'ina.*)

Frizzi, in his *History of Ferrara*, tells us that Paris'ina Malatesta was the second wife of Niccolo, Marquis of Este; that she fell in love with Ogo, her stepson, and that the infidelity of Paris'ina was revealed by a servant named Zoo'ss.

He says that both Ogo and Parisina were beheaded, and that the marquis commanded all the faithless wives he knew to be beheaded to the Moloch of his passion.

Pariza'de (4 syl.). A lady whose adventures in search of the Talking Bird, Singing Tree, and Yellow Water, are related in the *Story of the Sisters who Enriched their Younger Sister*, in the *Arabian Nights*. This tale has been closely imitated in *Chery and Fairstar* (q.v.).

Parkership. The office of pound-keeper; from *parvus* (a pound).

Parks. There are in England 331 parks stocked with deer; red deer are kept in 31 of them. The oldest is Eridge Park, in Sussex, called in Domesday Book *Revedfelle* (Rotherfield). The largest private deer park is Lord Egerton's, Tatton, in Cheshire, which contains 2,500 acres. Blenheim Park contains 2,800 acres, but only 1,150 acres of it are open to deer. Almost as extensive as Tatton Park are Richmond Park, in Surrey; Eastwell Park, in Kent; Grimsby Park, in Lincolnshire; Thoresby Park, in Notts; and Knowesley Park, in Lancashire. (E. P. Shirley: *English Deer Parks*.) Woburn Park is 3,500 acres.

Parlance. In common parlance. In the usual or vulgar phraseology. An English-French word; the French have *parler*, *parlant*, *parlage*, etc.—to speak, speaking, talk—but not parlance.

Parlement (French). A crown court, where, in the old régime, councillors were allowed to plead, and where justice was administered in the king's name. The Paris Parlement received appeals from all inferior tribunals, but its own judgments were final. It took cognisance of all offences against the crown, the peers, the bishops, the corporations, and all high officers of state; and, though it had no legislative power, had to register the royal edicts before they could become law. Abolished by the Constituent Assembly in 1790.

Parliament.

"My Lord Coke tells us *Parliament* is derived from 'parler le ment' (to speak one's mind). He might as honestly have taught us that *Parliament* is 'firma mentis' (a firm for the mind), or 'fundament' the bottom of the mind."—*Ajmer: On Parliaments*.

The Added Parliament (between April 5th, 1614, and June 7th, 1615); so called because it remonstrated with the king

on his levying "benevolences," but passed no acts.

The Barebone Parliament. The Parliament convened July 4th, 1653; over-ridden by Praise-God Barebone.

The Black Parliament. Held by Henry VIII. in Bridewell.

The Club Parliament. (See PARLIAMENT OF BATS.)

The Convention Parliament. Two Parliaments were so called: one in 1660, because it was not held by the order of the king, but was convened by General Monk; the second was convened January 22nd, 1689, to confer the crown on William and Mary.

The Devil's Parliament. The Parliament convened at Coventry by Henry VI., in 1459, which passed attainders on the Duke of York and his supporters.

The Drunken Parliament. The Parliament assembled at Edinburgh, January 1st, 1661, of which Burnet says the members "were almost perpetually drunk."

The Good Parliament (1376, in the reign of Edward III., while the Black Prince was still alive). So called from the severity with which it pursued the unpopular party of the Duke of Lancaster.

Grattan's Parliament (1782-1801). In 1782 Grattan moved the "Declaration of Rights," repudiating the right of the British Parliament to interfere in the government of Ireland. Pitt pronounced the Parliament unworkable.

The Illiterate or Luck-learning Parliament. (See UNLEARNED PARLIAMENT.)

The Little Parliament. Same as "the Barebone Parliament" (q.v.).

The Long Parliament sat 12 years and 5 months, from November 2nd, 1640, to April 20th, 1653, when it was dissolved by Cromwell; but a fragment of it, called "The Rump," continued till the Restoration, in 1660.

Historian of the Long Parliament. Thomas May, buried in Westminster Abbey. (1595-1650.)

The Mad Parliament, in the reign of Henry III. (1258), was so called from its opposition to the king. It insisted on his confirming the Magna Charta, and even appointed twenty-four of its own members, with Simon de Montfort as president, to administer the government.

The Merciless (or Unmerciful) Parliament (from February 3rd to June 3rd, 1388). A junto of fourteen tools of Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, which assumed royal prerogatives, and attempted to depose Richard II.

The Mongrel Parliament (1681), held at Oxford, consisting of Whigs and Tories, by whom the Exclusion Bill was passed.

The Pacific Parliament. A triennial Parliament, dissolved August 8th, 1713. It signed the treaty of peace at Utrecht, after a war of eleven years.

The Pensioner (or Pensionary) Parliament (from May 8th, 1661, to January 24th, 1678 (i.e. 16 years and 260 days)). It was convened by Charles II., and was called "Pensionary" from the many pensions it granted to the adherents of the king.

The Rump Parliament, in the Protectorate; so called because it contained the rump or rag-end of the Long Parliament (1659). It was this Parliament that voted the trial of Charles I.

The Running Parliament. A Scotch Parliament; so called from its constantly being shifted from place to place.

The Unlearned or Lawless Parliament (*Parliamentum Indoctum*) (1404). So called by Sir E. Coke, because it contained no lawyer.

The Unmerciful Parliament, in the reign of Richard II.; so called by the people from its tyrannical proceedings.

The Useless Parliament. The Parliament convened by Charles I., on June 18th, 1625; adjourned to Oxford, August 1st; and dissolved August 12th; having done nothing but offend the king.

The Wondermaking Parliament. The same as "The Unmerciful Parliament;" convened February 3rd, 1388. By playing into the hands of the Duke of Gloucester it checkmated the king.

Parliament Soldiers. The soldiers of General Monk, who restored Charles II. to the throne.

"Ring a ding-ding; ring a ding-ding!
The Parliament soldiers are gone for the king.
Some they did laugh, and some they did cry
Till the Parliament soldiers so by.
[To fetch back the king.]"

Parliament of Bats (*The*), 1426, during the regency in the reign of Henry VI. So called because the members, being forbidden by the Duke of Gloucester to wear swords, armed themselves with clubs or bats.

Parliament of Dunces. Convened by Henry IV. at Coventry, in 1404, and so called because all lawyers were excluded from it.

Parliamentarian (*A*). One who favoured the Parliament in opposition to Charles I.

Parlour (*A*). The reception room in a religious house where the religious see their friends. (French, *parlour*.)

Par'lous. A corrupt form of *perilous*, in slang = our modern use of "awful," amazing, wondrous.

"Oh! 'tis a parlous lad."

Shakespeare: As You Like It, iii. 2.

Parmenianists. A name given to the Donatists; so called from Parmenianus, Bishop of Carthage, the great antagonist of Augustine.

Par'mesan'. A cheese made at Parma, in Italy.

Parnassos (Greek), **Parnassus** (Latin). A mountain near Delphi, in Greece. It has two summits, one of which was consecrated to Apollo and the Muses, the other to Bacchus. It was anciently called *Larnassos*, from *larnax*, an ark, because Deucalion's ark stranded there after the flood. After the oracle of Delphi was built at its foot it received the name of Parnassos, which Peucerus says is a corruption of *Har Nahas* (hill of divination). The Turks call it *Isakura*.

Parnassus. The region of poetry. Properly a mountain of Phœcis, in Greece, sacred to Apollo and the Muses. "Where lies your vein? Are you inclined to soar to the higher regions of Parnassus or to flutter round the base of the hill?" (*The Antiquary*)—i.e. Are you going to attempt the higher walks of poetry, such as epic and dramatic, or some more modest kind, as simple song?

To climb Parnassus. To write poetry.

Parochial. Relating to a parish. Hence, petty, narrow. (See **LITTLE ENGLANDERS**.)

Parody. *Father of Parody.* Hippodamach of Ephesus. The word parody means an ode which perverts the meaning of another ode. (Greek, *para ödē*.)

Parolo (French). A verbal promise given by a soldier or prisoner of war, that he will not abuse his leave of absence; the watchword of the day.

Parolles (3 syl.). A man of vain words, who dubs himself "captain," pretends to knowledge which he has not, and to sentiments he never feels. (French, *paroles*, a creature of empty words.) (*Shakespeare: All's Well that Ends Well*.)

"I know him a notorious liar.

Think him a great way fool, solely a coward;

Yet these fixed evils sit so fit on him

That they take place" Act I. I.

He was a mere Parolles in a pedagogue's wig. A pretender, a man of words, and a pedant. The allusion is to the bragging, faithless, slandering villain mentioned above.

"Rust, sword, cool, blushes; and, Parolles, live Safest in shame; being fooled, by fooling thrive;
There's place and means for every man alive."
Shakespeare: All's Well that Ends Well, iv. 3.

Parr. *Old Parr.* Thomas Parr lived in the reigns of ten sovereigns; married a second wife when he was 120 years old, and had a child by her. He was a husbandman, born at Salop in 1483, and died 1635, aged 152 years. Mr. Thoms, in his *Records of Longevity*, denies the truth of Parr's great age.

Parrields (3 syl.). *La Belle Parrields.* Beatrice Cenci (*-1599.)

Parrot-coal. A name given to anthracite because of the crackling or chattering noise it makes when burnt.

Parsees or Ghebers. Fire-worshippers. We use the word for Persian refugees driven out of their country by the persecutions of the Mussulmans. They now inhabit various parts of India. (The word means *People of Pars* or *Fars* -i.e. Persia.)

Parsley. *He has need now of nothing but a little parsley—i.e. he is dead.* The Greeks decked tombs with parsley, because it keeps green a long time.

δεδωκεν ὀρίανον, he needs parsley; that is, he is dead, and should be strewn with parsley.

Parson, says Blackstone, is "*persona ecclesiæ*, one that hath full rights of the parochial church." (See CLERICAL TITLES.)

¹ Among wyves and wowedes Ich am ywoned oute (wout to set).
Yfarroked (unpaired) in pukes. The person lit knoweth.

Robert Langland: Piers Plowman Vision.
"God give you gold morrow, master person" (i.e. Sir Nathaniel, a parson).—*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost, iv. 2.*

Parson Adams. A simple-minded country clergyman of the eighteenth century, in Fielding's *Joseph Andrews*.

Fielding says that Parson Adams at the age of fifty was provided with a handsome income of £23 a year (1740). Timothy Burrell, Esq., in 1715, bequeathed to his nephew Timothy the sum of £20 a year, to be paid during his residence at the University, and to be continued to him until he obtained some preferment worth at least £30 a year. (*Sussex Archaeological Collections*, vol. iii. p. 172.) (See PASSING RICH.)

Parson Bate. A stalwart, choleric, sporting parson, editor of the *Morning Post* in the latter half of the eighteenth century. He was afterwards Sir Henry Bate Dudley, Bart.

"When Sir Henry Bate Dudley was appointed an Irish dean, a young lady of Dublin said, 'Oh, how I long to see our dean. They say he is a very handsome man, and that he fights like an angel.'"
—*Cassell's Magazine: London Legends, iii.*

Parson Trulliber, in Fielding's *Joseph Andrews*. A slothful, ignorant, and self-willed bigot.

Other parsons famous in story are the Rev. Micah Balwilder, the vicar of Bray, Brackleyhurst, Dr. Priarose, the parson in Goldsmith's *Deserted Village*, the parson in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, and some others.

Parsons (Walter), the giant porter of King James, died in 1622. (*Faller's Worthies*.)

Part. The character assigned to an actor in a play.

Part. A portion, piece, or fragment.

For my part. As far as concerns me.

For the most part. Generally, as a rule.

In good part. Favourably.

Part and parcel. An essential part, portion, or element.

Partant pour la Syrie. The national air of the French Empire. The words were composed by M. de Laborde in 1809; the music by Queen Hortense, mother of Napoleon III. It is a ballad, the subject of which is as follows:—Young Dunois followed the count, his lord, to Syria, and prayed the Virgin "that he might prove the bravest warrior, and love the fairest maiden." After the battle, the count said to Dunois, "To thee we owe the victory, and my daughter I give to thee." Moral: "*Amour à la plus belle; honneur au plus vaillant.*"

Parthe'nia. Mistress of Argulus, in the *Arcadia*, of Sir Philip Sydney.

Parthenopë (4 syl.). Naples: so called from Parthenopë, the siren, who threw herself into the sea out of love for Ulysses, and was cast up on the bay of Naples.

Parthenopean Republic. That of Naples, from January 22, 1799, to the June following.

Parti (A). An eligible person for a big marriage.

"Prince Frederick Leopold is a *parti*, as he has inherited the bulk of his father's enormous fortune (twenty-four millions sterling)." —*Newspaper Paragraph, 1883.*

Particular Baptists. That branch of the Baptist Dissenters who limit the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to those who have been recipients of adult baptism. Open Baptists admit any baptised person to receive it.

Particularists. Those who hold the doctrine of particular election and reprobation.

Parting.

"Parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say 'Good Night' till it be morning."
Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, ii. 2.

Parting Cup (*d.*), was, by the ancient Romans, drunk in honour of Mercury to insure sound sleep. (*See Ovid, Fasti, ii. 635.*) (*See STIRACUP CUP.*)

Partington. A Mrs. Malaprop, or Tabitha Bramble, famous for her misuse of hard words. (*B. P. Shillaber; an American author.*)

Dame Partington and her mop. A taunt against those who try to withstand progress. The newspapers say that a Mrs. Partington had a cottage at Sidmouth, in Devonshire. In November, 1824, a heavy gale drove the sea-waves into her house, and the old lady laboured with a mop to sop the wet up, till she was obliged to take refuge in the upper part of the house. The Rev. Sydney Smith, speaking on the Lords rejection of the Reform Bill, October, 1831, compares them to Dame Partington with her mop, trying to push back the Atlantic. "She was excellent," he says, "at a slop or puddle, but should never have meddled with a tempest."

Partlet. The hen in Chaucer's *Nun's Priest's Tale*, and in the tale of *Reynard the Fox* (fourteenth century). So called from the partlet or loose collar of "the doublet," referring to the frill-like feathers round the neck of certain hens. (A partlet was a ruff worn in the 16th century by women.)

• "In the barn the tenant cock
Close to partlet perched on high,"
Cunningham.

Sister Partlet with her hooded head, allegorises the cloistered community of nuns in Dryden's *Hind and Panther*, where the Roman Catholic clergy are likened to barnyard fowls.

Partridge. The attendant of Jones, half-barber and half-schoolmaster; shrewd, but simple as a child. His simplicity, and his strong excitement at the play-house, when he went to see Garrick in *Hamlet*, are admirably portrayed. (*Fielding: Tom Jones.*)

Partridge's Day (*St.*), September 1, the first day of partridge shooting.

Partula, according to Tertullian, was the goddess of pregnancy, who determined the time of gestation. (*Aulus Gellius, iii. c. 16.*)

Parturiunt Montes. "*Parturiunt montes, nascitur ridiculus mus.*" The Egyptian king Tachos sustained a long war against Artaxerxes Ochus, and sent to the Lacedemonians for aid. King Agesilaos went with a contingent, but when the Egyptians saw a little, ill-dressed lame man, they said: "*Parturiebat mons; formidabat Jupiter; illerero munem peperit.*" ("The mountain laboured, Jupiter stood aghast, and a mouse ran out.") Agesilaos replied, "You call me a mouse, but I will soon show you I am a lion."

Party. Person or persons under consideration. "This is the next party, your worship"—i.e. the next case to be examined. "This is the party that stole the things"—the person or persons accused. (*French, partie, a person.*)

"If an evil spirit trouble any, one must make a smoke," and the party shall be no more vexed."
—Tolst. vi. 7.

Party Spirit. The animus or feeling of a party man.

Parvenu (French). An upstart; one who has risen from the ranks.

Parvis (London). The "place" or court before the main entrance of a cathedral. In the parvis of St. Paul's lawyers used to meet for consultation, as brokers do in exchange. The word is now applied to the room above the church porch. (*Paravasis*, a Low Latin corruption of *paradise*, a church close.)

"A sergeant of law, war and wits,
That often hadde ben atte parvis,"
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales (Introduction)

Parvis [*Victorious*]. Surname of Khosru or Khosroes II., the grandson of Khosru the *Magnificent*. The reigns of Khosru I. and II. were the golden period of Persian history. Parviz kept 15,000 female musicians, 6,000 household officers, 20,500 saddle-mules, 960 elephants, 200 slaves to scatter perfumes when he went abroad, 1,000 sekabars to water the roads before him, and sat on a pillared throne of almost inconceivable splendour.

The horse of Khosroes Parviz. Shirdiz, the Persian Bucephalus. (*See HORSE.*)

Parysatis. Wife of Darius Nothos. (A corruption of *Peri Zadeher* [fairy

bird-of-Paradise], sometimes called *Azad-chér* [bird-of-Paradise].)

Pascal's Thoughts. *Pensées sur la Religion* (1670). Fugitive reflections and short sentences chiefly of a religious character, by Blaise Pascal (1623-1662).

Pasch Eggs (pron. *Pask*). Easter eggs, given as an emblem of the resurrection. They are generally coloured. Not unfrequently a name written with grease, which does not absorb the colouring matter, causes a pasch egg to appear with a name on it.

The day before Easter Sunday is called *Egg Saturday*.

Donner un œuf, pour avoir un bœuf. (Giving a sprat to catch a mackerel. To give an egg at Easter under the expectation of receiving a more substantial present later on.)

Pasha of Three Tails (A). There are three grades of pashas distinguished by the number of horse-tails on their standard. In war the horse-tail standard is carried before the pasha, and planted in front of his tent. The highest rank of pashas are those of three tails; the grand vizier is always *ex officio* such a pasha. Pashas of two tails are governors of provinces; it is one of these officers that we mean when we speak of a pasha in a general way. A pasha of one tail is a sanjak or lowest of provincial governors. (The word pasha is the Persian *pa*, support of *Shah*, the ruler.)

Pasque Eggs. (See PASCH EGGS.)

Pasquina'de (3 syl.). A lampoon or political squib, having ridicule for its object: so called from Pasquin, an Italian tailor of the fifteenth century, noted for his caustic wit. Some time after his death a mutilated statue was dug up, representing either Ajax supporting Menelaos, or Menelaos carrying the dead body of Patroclos, or else a gladiator, and was placed at the end of the Braschi Palace near the Piazza Navona. As it was not clear what the statue represented, and as it stood opposite Pasquin's house, the Italians called it "Pasquin." The Romans made this torso the depository of their political, religious, and personal satires, which were therefore called *Pasquin-songs* or *Pasquinades*. In the Capitol is a rival statue called Marforio, to which are affixed replies to the *Pasquinades*.

Pass. *A pass* or *A common pass*. An ordinary degree, without honours.

Where a person is allowed to pass up the senate-house to his degree without being "plucked." (See *PLUCK*.)

Well to pass. Well to do. Here "pass" is the synonym of *fare* (Saxon, *faran*, to go or pass). Shakespeare has the expression, "How goes it?"—i.e. How fares it, how passes it?

Passé Brewell. Sir Tristram's horse. Sir Tristram was one of the round-table knights. (*History of Prince Arthur*, ii, 68.)

Passé-partout. A sort of picture-frame. The middle is cut out to the size of the picture, and the border or edge is embossed, so as to present a raised margin. The *passé-partout* and picture, being backed and faced with a glass, are held together by an edging of paper which shows on the glass face. The word means something to "pass over all."

A master-key is also called a *passé-partout* (a pass through all the rooms).

Passelourdin (3 syl.). A great rock near Poitiers, where there is a very narrow hole on the edge of a precipice, through which the university freshmen are made to pass, to "matriculate" them. The same is done at Mantua, where the freshmen are made to pass under the arch of St. Longinus. *Passé-lourdan* means "lubber-pass."

Passelyon. A young foundling brought up by Morgane la Fée. He was detected in an intrigue with Morgane's daughter, and the adventures of this amorous youth are related in the romance called *Perceforest*, vol. iii.

Passing Bell (*The*). It now means the bell tolled to announce the death of one who has died in the parish; but originally it meant the bell which announced that the person was in *extrémis*, or passing from time into eternity.

"When a person lies in agony, the bells of the parish he belongs to are touched with the clappers until either he dies or recovers again. As soon as this sign is given, everybody in the street, as well as in the houses, falls on his knees, offering prayer for the sick person." (See *lxvii*, of the Canon Law.)—*Diary of the Duke of Stettin's Journey*.

Passing Fair. Admirably fair. (*Dutch, passen*, to admire.)

Passing Rich. Goldsmith tells us in his *Deserted Village*, that the clergyman was "passing rich with £40 a year." This is no covert satire, but a sober fact. Equal to about £350.

"A man he was to all the country dear,
And passing rich with forty pounds a year."
Goldsmith: *Deserted Village*.

In Norway and Sweden the clergy are paid from £20 to £40 a year, and in France £40 a year is the usual stipend of the working clergy. Of St. Yves it was said (1251-1303):—

"Il distribuait, avec une sainte profusion aux pauvres, les revenus de son bénéfice et ceux de son patrimoine, qui étaient de 200 de rente, alors une somme très notable, particulièrement en Basse Bretagne."—*Dom Lobineau: Lives of the Saints of Great Britain.*

Passion Flower.

The leaf symbolises the spear.

The five anthers, the five wounds.

The tendrils, the cords or whips.

The column of the crary, the pillar of the cross.

The stamens, the hammers.

The three styles, the three nails.

The fleshy threads within the flowers, the crown of thorns.

The calyx, the glory or nimbus.

The white tint, purity.

The blue tint, heaven.

It keeps open three days; symbolising the three years' ministry. (Matt. xii. 40.)

(See PIKE'S HEAD.)

Passionists. Certain priests of the Roman Catholic Church, who mutually agreed to preach "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." The founder of this "congregation" was Paul Francis, surnamed *Paul of the Cross*. (1694-1775.)

Pass-over. A Jewish festival to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites, when the angel of death (that slew the first-born of the Egyptians) passed over their houses, and spared all who did as Moses commanded them.

Passy-measure or Passing-measure. A slow, stately dance; a corruption of the Italian *passamezzo* (a middle pace or step). It is called a cinque measure, because it consists of five measures—"two singles and a double forward, with two singles side." (Collier.)

Passy-measure Pavin. A pavin is a stately dance (see PAVAN); a passy-measure pavin is a reeling dance or motion, like that of a drunken man, from side to side. Sir Toby Belch says of Dick Surgeon—

"He's a rogue and a passy-measure pavin. I hate a drunken rogue."—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night*, v. 1.

Pasteboard. A visiting card; so called from the material of which it is made.

Paston Letters. The first two volumes appeared in 1787, entitled *Original Letters written during the Reigns of Henry VI., Edward IV., and Richard III. by various Persons of Rank*; edited by Mr. (afterwards Sir John) Fenn. They are called Paston because chiefly written by or to members of the Paston

family in Norfolk. They passed from the Earl of Yarmouth to Peter le Neve, antiquary; then to Mr. Martin, of Palgrave, Suffolk; were then bought by Mr. Worth, of Dias; then passed to the editor. Charles Knight calls them "an invaluable record of the social customs of the fifteenth century" (the time of the Wars of the Roses), but of late some doubt has been raised respecting their authenticity. Three extra volumes were subsequently added.

Pastorale of Pope Gregory, by Alfred the Great.

Patavin'ity. A provincial idiom in speech or writing; so called from Patavium (*Padua*), the birthplace of Livy. (See PATOIS.)

Patch. A fool; so called from the motley or patched dress worn by licensed fools.

"What a pidd ninnys this! thou scurvy patch!"—*Shakespeare: The Tempest*, iii. 2.

Cross-patch. An ill-tempered person. (See above.)

Not a patch upon. Not to be compared with; as, "His horse is not a patch upon mine," "My patch is better than his garment."

Patch (To). To express certain political views. The allusion is to the custom, in Queen Anne's reign, of wearing on the face little black patches. If the patch was on the right cheek, it indicated that the wearer was a Whig; if on the left cheek, that she was a Tory; if on the forehead between the eyes, or on both cheeks, that she was of no political bias. (See COURT PLASTER.)

"Whatever might be her husband's politics, she was at liberty to patch as she pleased."—*Nineteenth Century*, February, 1890, p. 58.

Patelin. The artful dodger. The French say, *Savoir son Patelin* (to know how to bamboozle you). Patelin is the name of an artful cheat in a farce of the fifteenth century so called. On one occasion he wanted William Jossemaune to sell him cloth on credit, and artfully fell on praising the father of the merchant, winding up his laudation with this *ne plus ultra*: "He did sell on credit, or even lend to those who wished to borrow." This farce was reproduced in 1706 by Bruyets, under the name of *L'Aycent Patelin*.

"Consider, sir, I pray you, how the noble Patelin, having a mind to extol to the third heaven the father of William Jossemaune, said no more than this: 'And he did lend to those who were desirous to borrow of him.'"—*Babelais: Pantagruel*, iii. 4.

Patelinage. Foulery, buffoonery; acting like Patelin in the French farce.

"I never in my life laughed so much as at the acting of that Patelinage."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iii. 34.

Patent Rolls. Letters patent collected together on parchment rolls. Each roll is a year, though in some cases the roll is subdivided into two or more parts. Each sheet of parchment is numbered, and called a membrane: for example, the 8th or any other sheet, say of the 10th year of Henry III., is cited thus: "Pat. 10, Hen. III., m. 8." If the document is on the back of the roll it is called dorso, and "d" is added to the citation.

Pat'er Nos'ter. The Lord's Prayer; so called from the first two words in the Latin version. Every tenth bead of a rosary is so called, because at that bead the Lord's Prayer is repeated. Formerly applied to the Rosary beads.

Pater Patrum. St. Gregory of Nyssa was so entitled by the Nicæan Council. (332-395.)

Paternoster Row (London) was so named from the rosary or paternoster makers. We read of "one Robert Nikke, a paternoster maker and citizen, in the reign of Henry IV." Some say it was so called because funeral processions on their way to St. Paul's began their *pater noster* at the beginning of the Row, and went on repeating it till they reached the church-gate.

Pathfinder. Major-General John Charles Fremont, who conducted four expeditions across the Rocky Mountains. (1842.)

Pathfinder, in Fenimore Cooper's five novels, is Natty Bumppo, called the Pathfinder, the Deerslayer, the Hawk-eye, and the Trapper. (See NATTY BUMPP.)

Patience cry the Lepers. A punning proverbial phrase. Lepers seek diligently the herb *patience* (*lappathum*) to relieve them from their suffering.

Patient (*The*). Albert IV., Duke of Austria. (1377-1404.) (See HELENA.)

Patient Gris'el, Grisildes, Grisild, Grisilde, or Grisildis, according to Chaucer, was the wife of Wautier, Marquis of Saluces (*Clerkes Tale*). According to Boccaccio, Griselda, a poor country lass, became the wife of Gualtierre, Marquis of Saluzzo (*Tenth Day*, novel x.). She is put upon by her husband in the most wanton and gratuitous

manner, but bears it all, not only without a murmur, but even without loss of temper. She is the model of patience under injuries. The allegory means that God takes away our children and goods, afflicts us in sundry ways, and tries us "so as with fire;" but we should always say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Patin. Brother of the Emperor of Rome, who fought with Amadis of Gaul, and had his horse killed under him.

Pat'ina. A beautiful surface deposit or fine rust, with which, in time, buried coins and bronzes become covered. It is at once preservative and ornamental, and may be seen to advantage in the ancient bronzes of Pompeii. (Greek, *patinē*, a paten.)

Patmos (*My*). My solitude, my place of banishment from society, my out-of-the-way home. As "Good-bye, I must go to my Patmos." The allusion, of course, is to the banishment of St. John to the island of Patmos, in the reign of Domitian.

Patols (2 syl.). Dialectic peculiarity, provincialism. Asinius Pollio noticed something of the kind in Livy, which he called *patavinitas*, from Patavium, Livy's birth-town.

Patri-Passians One of the most ancient sectaries of the Christian Church, who maintained the oneness of the God-head. The founder was Praxeas, of Phrygia, in the second century. The appellation was given to them by their opponents, who affirmed that, according to their theory, the Father must have suffered on the cross.

Patrician, properly speaking, is one of the *patres* or fathers of Rome. These *patres* were the senators, and their descendants were the patricians. As they held for many years all the honours of the state, the word came to signify the magnates or nobility of a nation.

N.B. In Rome the patrician class was twice augmented: first by Tatius, after the Sabine war, who added a whole "century;" and again by Tarquinius Priscus, who added another. The Sabine century went by the name of patricians of the senior races (*majorum gentium*), and the Tarquinian patricians were termed of the junior creation (*minorum gentium*).

Patrick. Chambers says, "We can trace the footsteps of St. Patrick almost from his cradle to his grave by the names of places called after him." Thus, assuming the Scottish origin, he was born at *Kil-patrick* (the cell of Patrick), in Dumbartonshire; he resided for some time at *Dal-patrick* (the district of Patrick), in Lanarkshire; and visited *Crag-phadrig* (the rock of Patrick), near Inverness. He founded two churches, *Kirk-patrick* in Kirkcudbright, and *Kirk-patrick* in Dumfries; and ultimately sailed from *Port-patrick*, leaving behind him such an odour of sanctity that among the most distinguished families of the Scottish aristocracy Patrick has been a favourite name down to the present day.

Arriving in England, he preached at *Patter-dale* (Patrick's valley), in Westmoreland; and founded the church of *Kirk-patrick*, in Durham. Visiting Wales, he walked over *Sarn-hadrig* (causeway of Patrick), which now forms a dangerous shoal in Carnarvon Bay; and, departing for the Continent, sailed from *Llan-hadrig* (church of Patrick), in the isle of Anglesea. Undertaking his mission to convert the Irish, he first landed at *Innis-patrick* (island of Patrick), and next at *Hulm-patrick*, on the opposite shore of the mainland, in the county of Dublin. Sailing northwards, he touched at the Isle of Man, called *Innis-patrick*, where he founded another church of *Kirk-patrick*, near the town of Peel. Again landing on the coast of Ireland, in the county of Down, he converted and baptised the chieftain Dichu on his own threshing-floor, an event perpetuated in the word *Saul*--i.e. *Sabbal-patrick* (barn of Patrick). He then proceeded to *Temple-patrick*, in Antrim; and from thence to a lofty mountain in Mayo, ever since called *Crough-patrick*. In East Meath he founded the abbey of *Donnuch-Padraig* (house of Patrick), and built a church in Dublin on the spot where *St. Patrick's Cathedral* now stands. In an island of Lough Derg, in Donegal, there is *St. Patrick's Purgatory*; in Leinster, *St. Patrick's Wood*; at Cashel, *St. Patrick's Rock*. There are scores of *St. Patrick's Wells* from which he drank; and he died at *Saul*, March 17th, 493. (*Book of Days*.)

St. Patrick's real name was Succat, changed first into Cothraige, then to Maginnus, and afterwards (on his ordination) to Patricius. (See Dr. Todd, in the *Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy*, vol. vi.)

Patrick's Cave (*St.*), through which

was a descent to purgatory, for the behoof of the living who wished to expiate their evil deeds before death.

Patrick's Cross (*St.*). The same shape as St. Andrew's Cross (X), only different in colour, viz. red on a white field. (*See ANDREW.*)

Patrick's Grave (*St.*), in the yard of Downpatrick cathedral. The visitor is shown a spot where some of the mould has been removed, and is told that pilgrims take away a few grains as a charm, under the belief that the relic will insure good health, and help to atone for sin.

Patrick's Monument (*St.*), in the cemetery of Downpatrick cathedral. Visitors are shown the spot where the "saint" was buried, but, on asking why there is no memorial, is informed that both Protestants and Catholics agreed to erect a suitable one, but could not agree upon the inscription. Whatever the Protestants erected in the day the Catholics pulled down at night, and *reverted*. Tired of this toil of Penelope, the idea was abandoned, and the grave was left unmarked by monumental stone.

Patrick's Purgatory (*St.*), Ireland, described in the Italian romance called *Guerino Meschino*. Here gourmands are tantalised with delicious banquets which elude their grasp, and are at the same time troubled with colic. (*See TANTALUS.*)

Patrick and the Serpent (*St.*). According to tradition, St. Patrick cleared Ireland of its vermin; one old serpent resisted him; but St. Patrick overcame it by cunning. He made a box, and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected, saying it was too small; but St. Patrick insisted it was quite large enough to be comfortable. After a long contention, the serpent got in to prove it was too small, when St. Patrick slammed down the lid, and threw the box into the sea. To complete this wonderful tale, the legend says the waves of the sea are made by the writhings of this serpent, and the noise of the sea is that of the serpent imploring the saint to release it.

Patricio or **Pater-cove**. Hedge priests who for a fee married people under a hedge, as Abraham-men (*see*).

Patroclos. The gentle and amiable friend of Achilles, in Homer's *Iliad*. When Achilles refused to fight in order to annoy Agamemnon, he sent his

friend Patroclos to battle, and he was slain by Euphorbos.

Patten. Martha or Patty, says Gay, was the daughter of a Lincolnshire farmer, with whom the village blacksmith fell in love. To save her from wet feet when she went to milk the cows, the village Mulciber invented a clog, mounted on iron, which he called *patty*, after his mistress. This pretty fable is of no literary value, as the word is the French *patin* (a high-heeled shoe or skate), from the Greek *pa'in* (to walk).

¹ The patten now supports each frugal dame,
Which from the blue-eyed Patty takes its name.
Gay: *Trivia*, l.

Pattens-Money (*Chapins de la Reine*). A subsidy levied in Spain on all crown tenants at the time of a royal marriage.

Patter. To chatter, to cluck. Dr. Pusey thinks it is derived from *Pater-noster* (the Lord's Prayer). The priest recited it in a low, mumbling voice till he came to the words, "and lead us not into temptation," which he spoke aloud, and the choir responded, "but deliver us from evil." In our reformed Prayer Book, the priest is directed to say the whole prayer "with a loud voice." Probably the "pattering of rain"—*i.e.* the rain coming with its pit-pat, is after all the better derivation.

² *Glasy* talk is so called from the French *patois*.
(*See PATAVINITY*.)

• **Pattern.** A corruption of patron. As a patron is a guide, and ought to be an example, so the word has come to signify an artistic model. (French, *patron* Latin, *patrōnis*.)

Pattison (*Mr. Peter*). Introduced by Sir Walter Scott in the Introductions of the *Heart of Midlothian* and *Bride of Lammermoor*. He is represented as "assistant" at Gandercleugh, and author of the *Tales of My Landlord*, published posthumously by Jedidiah Cleishbotham.

Paul (*St.*). Patron saint of preachers and tentmakers. Originally called Saul. The name was changed in honour of Sergius Paulus, whom he converted.

His symbols are a sword and open book, the former the instrument of his martyrdom, and the latter indicative of the new law propagated by him as the apostle of the Gentiles. He is represented of short stature, with bald head and grey, bushy beard.

³ Born at Tarsus, a town of Judæa, from which he removed, with his parents, to Tarsus, of Cilicia.

⁴ Tribe, that of Benjamin.
⁵ Taught by Gamaliel.

⁶ Beheaded by a sword in the fourteenth year of Nero. On the same day as Peter was crucified.
⁷ Buried in the Ostian Way.
(*See Eusebius: Hieronymus*.)

Paul Pry. An idle, meddlesome fellow, who has no occupation of his own, and is always interfering with other folk's business. (*John Poole: Paul Pry, a comedy*.) The original was Thomas Hill.

Paul and Virginia. A tale by Bernardin de St. Pierre. At one time this little romance was as popular as *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Paul the Hermit (*St.*) is represented as an old man, clothed with palm-leaves, and seated under a palm-tree, near which are a river and loaf of bread.

Paul of the Cross. Paul Francis, founder of the Passionists. (1694-1775.)

Paul's Man (*A*). A braggart: a captain out of service, with a long rapier; so called because St. Paul's Walk was at one time the haunt of stale knights. Jonson called Bobadil (*q.v.*) a Paul's man.

Paul's Pigeons. The boys of St. Paul's School, London.

Paul's Walkers. Loungers who frequented the middle of St. Paul's, which was the Bond Street of London up to the time of the Commonwealth. (*See Ben Jonson's Every Man out of his Humour*, where are a variety of scenes given in the interior of St. Paul's. Harrison Ainsworth describes these "walkers" in his novel entitled *Old St. Paul's*.)

⁸ "The young gallants . . . used to meet at the central point, St. Paul's: and from this circumstance obtained the appellation of *Paul's Walkers*, as we now say *Bond Street Loungers*."—*Moser: European Magazine*, July, 1807.

Paulianists. A sect of heretics so called from Paulinus Samosatanus (Paul of Samosata), elected Bishop of Antioch in 262. He may be considered the father of the Socinians.

Paulicians. A religious sect of the Eastern Empire, an offshoot of the Manichæans. It originated in an Armenian named Paul, who lived under Justinian II. Neander says they were the followers of Constantine of Manaulis, and were called Paulicians because the apostle Paul was their guide. He says they rejected the worship of the Virgin and of saints, denied the doctrine of transubstantiation, and maintained the

right of everyone to read the Scriptures freely.

Paulina, wife of Antigonus, a Sicilian nobleman, takes charge of Queen Hermione, when unjustly sent to prison by her jealous husband, and after a time presents her again to Leontes as a statue "by that rare Italian master, Julio Romano." (*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale.*)

Paulo. The cardinal, brother of Count Guido Franceschini, who advised his scapegrace bankrupt brother to marry an heiress, in order to repair his fortune. (*Robert Browning: The Ring and the Book.*)

Pa'van or **Pavin**. Every *paran* has its *galliard* (Spanish). Every sage has his moments of folly. Every white must have its black, and every sweet its sour. The pavan was a stately Spanish dance, in which the ladies and gentlemen stalked like peacocks (Latin, *parvones*), the gentlemen with their long robes of office, and the ladies with trains like peacocks' tails. The pavan, like the minuet, ended with a quick movement called the *galliard*, a sort of gavotte.

Pavilion of Prince Ahmed (*The*). This pavilion was so small it could be covered with the hand, and yet would expand so largely as to encamp a whole army. (*Arabian Nights: Ahmed and Pari-Banou.*) (See SOLOMON'S CARPET.)

Pawnbroker. *The three golden balls*. The Lombards were the first money-lenders in England, and those who borrowed money of them deposited some security or pawn. The Medici family, whose arms were *three gilded pills*, in allusion to their profession of medicine, were the richest merchants of Florence, and greatest money-lenders. (See BALLS.)

P. Boscoe, in his *Life of Lorenzo de Medici*, gives a different solution. He says that Averardo de' Medici, a commander under Charlemagne, slew the giant Mugello, whose club he bore as a trophy. This club or mace had three iron balls, which the family adopted as their device.

Pawn is the Latin *pignus* (a pawn or pled gel).

Pawnee. *Brandy pawnee*. Brandy grog. (Hindu, *pa'ni*, water.)

Pax. The "kiss of peace." Also a sacred utensil used when mass is celebrated by a high dignitary. It is sometimes a crucifix, sometimes a tablet, and sometimes a reliquary. The *pax*

is omitted on Maundy Thursday, from horror at the kiss of Judas.

Pay (sea term). To cover with pitch. (Latin, *picare*, to cover with pitch.)

Here's the devil to pay, and no pitch hot. (See under DEVIL.)

Pay (*To*). To discharge a debt. (French, *payer*.)

Who's to pay the piper? Who is to stand Sam? who is to pay the score? The phrase comes from the tradition about the Pied Piper of Hameln, who agreed to cure the town of rats and mice; when he had done so, the people of Hameln refused to pay him, whereupon he piped again, and led all the children to Koppelberg Hill, which closed over them.

"From the corresponding French phrase, "*payer les violons*," it would seem to mean who is to pay the fiddler or piper if we have a dance [on the green]; who is going to stand Sam?

Pay (*To*). To slacken a cable; as, "Pay away" [more cable]; that is, "discharge" more cable. (French, *payer*.)

Pay (*To*). To requite, to punish. *I'll pay him out.* I'll be a match for him, I'll punish him.

"They with a foxe-tale him soundly did paye."
The King and Northern Man (1640).

Pay off old Scores (*To*). To pay off a debt, whether of money or revenge.

Pay with the Roll of the Drum (*To*). Not to pay at all. No soldier can be arrested for debt when on the march.

"How happy the soldier who lives on his pay,
And spends half-a-crown out of sixpence a day;
He cares not for justices, bundles, or bums,
But pays all his debts with the roll of the drum."
O Kefe.

Paynising. A process of preserving and hardening wood invented by Mr. Payne. (See KYANISE.)

Pea-jacket (*A*). Dutch. *pig* or *pije*, a coarse thick cloth or felt. A "pije jacket."

Peace. *The Perpetual Peace*. The peace concluded January 24th, 1502, between England and Scotland. But a few years afterwards the battle of Flodden Field was fought.

Peace-makers (*The*). The nickname of the Bedfordshire regiment. So called from having no battles on the colours.

Peace of Antalcidas (*The*), between Artaxerxes and the states of Greece. It was brought about by Antalcidas, the Spartan (B.C. 387).

Peace of God. In 1035 the clergy interfered to prevent the constant feuds between baron and baron; they commanded all men to lay down their arms on pain of excommunication. The command and malediction were read daily from the pulpits by the officiating priests after the proper gospel:—"May they who refuse to obey be accursed, and have their portion with Cain, the first murderer; with Judas, the arch-traitor; and with Dathan and Abi'ram, who went down alive into the pit. May they be accursed in the life that now is; and in that which is to come may their light be put out as a candle." So saying, all the candles were instantly extinguished, and the congregation had to make its way in the dark out of church as it best could.

Peace with Honour. The rallying cry of the late Lord Beaconsfield; it originated with his speech after the Berlin Conference (1878), when he stated that he had brought back Peace with Honour.

Peaceful (*The*). Kang-wang, third of the Thow dynasty of China, in whose reign no one was either put to death or imprisoned. (1098-1152.)

Peach. To inform, to "split;" a contraction of *inpeach*.

Peacock. *Let him keep peacock to himself.* Let him keep to himself his eccentricities. When George III. had partly recovered from one of his attacks, his Ministers got him to read the King's Speech, but he ended every sentence with the word "peacock." The Minister who drilled him said that peacock was an excellent word for ending a sentence, only kings should not let subjects hear it, but should whisper it softly. The result was a perfect success: the pause at the close of each sentence had an excellent effect.

By the peacock! A common oath which at one time was thought sacred. The fabled incorruptibility of the peacock's flesh caused the bird to be adopted as a type of the resurrection.

Peacock's Feather Unlucky (*A*). The peacock's tail is emblem of an Evil Eye, or an ever-vigilant traitor. The tale is this: Argus was the chief Minister of Osiris, King of Egypt. When the

king started on his Indian expedition, he left his queen, Isis, regent, and Argus was to be her chief adviser. Argus, with one hundred spies (called eyes), soon made himself so powerful and formidable that he shut up the queen-regent in a strong castle, and proclaimed himself king. Mercury marched against him, took him prisoner, and cut off his head; whereupon Juno metamorphosed Argus into a peacock, and set his eyes in its tale.

Peak (*The*), Derbyshire. "The Queen of Scots' Pillar" is a column in the cave of the peak as clear as alabaster, and so called because Mary Queen of Scots proceeded thus far, and then returned.

Peal. *To ring a peal* is to ring 5,040 changes; any number of changes less than that is technically called a *touch* or *flourish*. Bells are first *raised*, and then *pealed*. (Qy. Latin *pello*, to strike?)

"This society rung . . . a true and complete peal of 5,040 grandis triplets in three hours and fourteen minutes."—*Inscription in Windsor Curfew Tower.*

Pearl (*The*). Dioscorides and Pliny mention the belief that pearls are formed by drops of rain falling into the oyster-shells while open; the rain-drops thus received being hardened into pearls by some secretions of the animal.

According to Richardson, the Persians say when drops of spring-rain fall into the pearl-oyster they produce pearls.

"Precious the tear as flat rain from the sky
Which turns into pearls as it falls on the sea."
Thomas Moore.

"Pearls . . . are believed to be the result of an abnormal secretory process caused by an irritation of the mollusk consequent on the intrusion into the shell of some foreign body, as a grain of sand, an egg of the mollusk itself, or perhaps some cercarian parasite."—*G. F. King: Gems, etc., chap. xii. p. 211.*

"Cardan says that pearls are polished by being pecked and played with by doves. (*De Rerum Varietate*, vii. 34.)

Pearl. For Cleopatra melting her pearl in honour of Antony, see CLEOPATRA.

A similar act of vanity and folly is told by Horace (2 *Satire*, iii. verse 239). Clodius, son of Æsop the tragedian, drew a pearl from his ear of great value, melted it in a strong acid, and drank to the health of Cecilia Metella. This story is referred to by Valerius Maximus, Macrobius, and Pliny. Horace says,

"Qui sanior, ac si
Illi idem in rapidum fumes jaceretis clocam!"

Sir Thomas Gresham, it is said, when Queen Elizabeth dined with him at the

City banquet, melted a pearl worth £16,000, and drank to her health.

* Here fifteen thousand pounds alone clap goes instead of sugar, Gresham drinks the pearl 'nto his queen and mistress."

Thomas Heywood.

Pearl of the East. Zenobia, Queen of Palmyra (reigned 266-272).

Peasant Bard. Robert Burns, the lyric poet of Scotland. (1759-1796.)

Peasant-boy Philosopher (*The*). James Ferguson. (1710-1776.)

Peasants' War (*The*), between 1500 and 1525. It was a frequent rising of the peasantry of Swabia, Franconia, Saxony, and other German states, in consequence of the tyranny and oppression of the nobles. In 1502 was the rebellion called the *Laced Shoe*, from its cognisance; in 1514, the *League of Poor Conrad*; in 1523, the *Latin War*. The insurgents were put down, and whereas they had been whipped before with scourges, they were now chastised with scorpions.

Peasecod. Father of Peasblossom, if Bottom's pedigree may be accepted.

"I pray you commend me to Mistress Squash your mother, and to Master Peasecod your father, good Master Peasblossom."—*Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream*, iii. 1.

Winter fur shoeing, peasecod for wooing. The allusion in the latter clause is to the custom of placing a peasecod with nine peas in it on the door-lintel, under the notion that the first man who entered through the door would be the husband of the person who did so. Another custom is alluded to by Browne:—

"The peasecod greene oft with no little toyle
Heed secke for in the fattest, fertillst soyle.
And rend it from the stalk to bring it to her,
And in her bosome for acceptance woo her."
Britannia's Pastorals.

Pec. Eton slang for money. A contraction of the Latin *pecunia*.

Peccavi. *To cry peccavi.* To acknowledge oneself in the wrong. It is said that Sir Charles Napier, after the battle of Hyderabad, in 1843, used this word as a pun upon his victory -- "Peccavi" (I have sinned, i.e. Sindé).

Peck (*A*). Some food. "To have a peck," is to have something to eat.

Peckish. Hungry, or desirous of something to eat. Of course "peck" refers to fowls, etc., which peck their food.

"When shall I feel peckish again."—*Dionæst: Sybil*, book vi. chap. iii.

Pecker. *Keep your pecker up.* As the mouth is in the head, pecker (the

mouth) means the head; and to "keep your pecker up," means to keep your head up, or, more familiarly, "keep your tail up;" "never say die."

Peckham. *All holiday at Peckham.* i.e. no appetite, not peckish; a pun on the word peck, as going to Bedfordshire is a pun on the word bed.

Going to Peckham. Going to dinner.

Pecksniff. A canting hypocrite, who speaks homilies of morality, does the most heartless things "as a duty to society," and forgives wrong-doing in nobody but himself. (*Dickens: Martin Chuzzlewit*.)

Peculiar. A parish or church exempt from episcopal jurisdiction, as a royal chapel, etc.

Peculiars (*The Court of*). A branch of the Court of Arches having jurisdiction over the "peculiars" of the archbishop of Canterbury. (*See above*.)

Peculium. *My own peculium.* Private and individual property or possession. The Roman slaves were allowed to acquire property, over which their masters had no right or control; this was called their peculium.

Pecuniary. From *pecunia*, cattle, especially sheep. Varro says that sheep were the ancient medium of barter and standard of value. Ancient coin was marked with the image of an ox or sheep. We have the Gold Sheep (*monnaie d'or*) and Gold Lamb (*agneau d'or*) of ancient France, so called from the figure struck on them, and worth about a shilling. (Latin, *pecuniarius, pecunia*.)

Pedagogue (3 syl.) means a boy-leader. It was a slave whose duty it was to attend the boy whenever he left home. A schoolmaster "leads" his boys, morally and otherwise. (Greek, *paidagogus*.)

Pedlar is not a tramp who goes on his feet, as if from the Latin *pedes* (feet), but a man who carries a *ped* or hamper without a lid, in which are stored fish or other articles to hawk about the streets. In Norwich there is a place called the Ped-market, where women expose eggs, butter, cheese, etc., in open hampers.

Pedlar's Acre (Lambeth). According to tradition, a pedlar of this parish left a sum of money, on condition that his picture, with a dog, should be preserved for ever in glass in one of the

church-windows. In the south window of the middle aisle, sure enough, such a picture exists; but probably it is a rebus on *Chapman*, the name of some benefactor. In *Swaffham* church there is a portrait of one John Chapman, a great benefactor, who is represented as a pedlar with his pack; and in that town a similar tradition exists.

Pedlars' French. The slang of the Romany folk. Even *Bracton* uses the word *Frenchman* as a synonym of foreigner, and it is not long since that everyone who could not speak English was called a *Frenchman*. The Jews, with a similar width, used the word (*Heek*).

"Instead of *Pedlars' French*, gives him plain language." — *Beaumont and Fletcher: Faithful Friends*, i. 2.

Peebles. *Poor Peter Peebles*. The pauper litigant in *Redgauntlet*, by Sir Walter Scott.

Peel. *A Peel district*. A clerical district (not a parish) devised by Sir Robert Peel.

Peeler (*d*). Slang for a policeman: so called from Sir Robert Peel, who reconstructed the police system. *Bobby*, being the nickname of Robert, is applied to the same force. (*See BOBBY*.)

Peeler. It is an extraordinary circumstance that this word, now applied to a policeman or thief-catcher, was in the sixteenth century applied to robbers. *Holinshed*, in his *Scottish Chronicle* (1570), refers to Patrick Dunbar, who "delivered the countrie of these peelers." Thomas Mortimer, in his *British Phutarch*; Milton, in his *Paradise Regained* (book iv.); and Dryden, all use the word "peeler" as a plunderer or robber. The old Border towers were called "peels." The two words are, of course, quite distinct.

Peep. To look at. As a specimen of the ingenuity of certain etymologists in tracing our language to Latin and Greek sources, may be mentioned Mr. Casaubon's derivation of *peep* from the Greek *epipteo* (to stare at). (*Pe-pe-pe bo!*)

• *Playing bo-peep* or *peep-bo*. Hiding or skulking from creditors; in allusion to the infant nursery game.

Peep-o'-Day Boys. The Irish insurgents of 1784; so called because they used to visit the houses of their opponents (called *defenders*) at peep of day searching for arms or plunder.

Peeping Tom of Coventry. *Leofric*, Earl of Mercia and Lord of Coventry, imposed some very severe imposts on the people of Coventry, which his countess, *Godi'va*, tried to get mitigated. The earl, thinking to silence her importunity, said he would comply when she had ridden naked from one end of the town to the other. *Godi'va* took him at his word, actually rode through the town naked, and *Leofric* remitted the imposts. Before *Godi'va* started, all the inhabitants voluntarily confined themselves to their houses, and resolved that anyone who stirred abroad should be put to death. A tailor thought to have a peep, but was rewarded with the loss of his eyes, and has ever since been called *Peeping Tom of Coventry*. There is still a figure in a house at Coventry said to represent *Peeping Tom*.

• *Matthew of Westminster* (1307) is the first to record the story of *Lady Godi'va*: the addition of *Peeping Tom* dates from the reign of Charles II. In *Smithfield Wall* is a grotesque figure of the inquisitive tailor in "flowing wig and Stuart cravat."

In regard to the terms made by *Leofric*, it may be mentioned that *Rudder*, in his *History of Gloucester*, tells us that "the privilege of cutting wood in the Heriules was granted to the parishioners of St. Briavel's Castle, in Gloucestershire, on precisely similar terms by the Earl of Hereford, who was at the time lord of Dean Forest."

Tennyson, in his *Godi'va*, has reproduced the story.

Peerage of the Apostles. In the preamble of the statutes instituting the Order of St. Michael, founded in 1469 by Louis XI., the archangel is styled "my lord," and is created a knight. The apostles had been already ennobled and knighted. We read of "the Earl Peter," "Count Paul," "the Baron Stephen," and so on. Thus, in the introduction of a sermon upon St. Stephen's Day, we have these lines:—

"Contes vous vneille le patron
De St. Estienne le baron"

"The Apostles were gentlemen of Houde . . . and Christ . . . knight, if He had esteem'd of the same glorie of this world, have borne coat armour." — *The Blazon of Gentrie*.

I myself was intimate with a rector who always laid especial stress on the word *Lord*, applied to Jesus Christ.

Peers of the Realm. The five orders of duke, marquis, earl, viscount, and baron. The word *peer* is the Latin *paris* (equals), and in feudal times all great vassals were held equal in rank.

The following is well fitted to a dictionary of Phrase and Fable :—

"It is well known that, although the English aristocracy recruits itself from the sons of barbers, as Lord Tenterden; merchant tailors, as Count Craven; mercers, as the Counts of Caventry, etc., it will never tolerate poverty within its ranks. The male representative of Simon de Montfort is now a saddler in Tivoli Street; the great-grandson of Oliver Cromwell, a porter in Cork market; and Stephen James Penny, Verger of St. George's, Hanover Square, is a direct descendant of the fifth son of Edward III."—*The Gambois*.

Peg or Peggy, for Margaret, corrupted into Meg or Meggy. Thus, *Pnt* or *Patty* for Martha; *Poll* or *Polly*, for Mary, corrupted into Moll or Molly; etc.

Peg too Low (A). Low-spirited, moody. Our Saxon ancestors were accustomed to use peg-tankards, or tankards with a peg inserted at equal intervals, that when two or more drank from the same bowl, no one might exceed his fair proportion. We are told that St. Dunstan introduced the fashion to prevent brawling.

I am a peg too low means, I want another draught to cheer me up.

"Come, old fellow, drink down to your peg!

But do not drink any farther, I beg."

Lowfellow: Golden Legend, iv.

To take one down a peg. To take the conceit out of a braggart or pretentious person. The allusion here is not to peg-tankards, but to a ship's colours, which used to be raised and lowered by pegs; the higher the colours are raised the greater the honour, and to take them down a peg would be to award less honour.

"Trepanned your party with intrigue,

And took your grandees down a peg."

Butler: Hudibras, ii. 2.

There are always more round pegs than round holes. Always more candidates for office than places to dispose of.

Pegasus (Greek; *Pegasus*, Latin). The inspiration of poetry, or, according to Boiardo (*Orlando Innamorato*), the horse of the Muses. A poet speaks of his Pegasus, as "My Pegasus will not go this morning," meaning his brain will not work. "I am mounting Pegasus"—i.e. going to write poetry. "I am on my Pegasus," i.e. engaged in writing verses.

Pegasus or Pegasus, according to classic mythology, was the winged horse on which Bellerophon rode against the Chimæra. When the Muses contended with the daughters of Pieros, Helicon rose heavenward with delight; but Pegasus gave it a kick, stopped its ascent, and brought out of the mountain the soul-inspiring waters of Hippocrene [*Hip-po-crene*].

Pegg (Katharine). One of the mistresses of Charles II., daughter of Thomas Pegg, of Yeldersey, in Derbyshire, Esquire.

Pegging Away (Keep). Keep on attacking, and you will assuredly prevail. "But screw your courage to the sticking-place, and we'll not fail" (*Macbeth*). Patience and perseverance will overcome mountains. It was President Lincoln who gave this advice to the Federals in the American civil war.

Paine Forte et Dure. A species of torture applied to contumacious felons. In the reign of Henry IV. the accused was pressed to death by weights; in later reigns the practice prevailed of tying the thumbs tightly together with whipcord, to induce the accused to plead. The following persons were pressed to death by weights:—Juliana Quick, in 1442; Anthony Arrowsmith, in 1598; Walter Calverly, in 1605; Major Strangways, in 1657; and even in 1741 a person was pressed to death at the Cambridge assizes. Abolished 1772.

Pelagianism. The system or doctrines taught by Pelagius (q.v.). He denied what is termed birth-sin or the taint of Adam, and he maintained that we have power of ourselves to receive or reject the Gospel.

Pelagius. A Latinised Greek form of the name Morgun—the Welsh *môr*, like the Greek *pelagos*, meaning the sea.

Pelf. *Filthy pelf*. Money. The word was anciently used for refuse or rubbish. "Who steals my purse steals trash." Filthy means ungodly; the Scripture expression is "unrighteous mammon." It is certainly not connected with *pilfer*, as it is usually given; but it may possibly be with the Anglo-Saxon *pila*, a pile or heap.

"The old French word *peffre* means spoil."

Pel'ias. The huge spear of Achilles, which none but the hero could wield; so called because it was cut from an ash growing on Mount Pel'ion, in Thessaly.

Pel'ican, in Christian art, is a symbol of charity. It is also an emblem of Jesus Christ, by "whose blood we are healed" (Eucherius and Jerome). (See below.)

Pelican. A mystic emblem of Christ, called by Dante *nostro Pelicano*. St.

Hieronymus gives the story of the pelican restoring its young ones destroyed by serpents, and his salvation by the blood of Christ. The *Beatiarum* says that Physiologus tells us that the pelican is very fond of its brood, but when the young ones begin to grow they rebel against the male bird and provoke his anger, so that he kills them; the mother returns to the nest in three days, sits on the dead birds, pours her blood over them, revives them, and they feed on the blood. (*Bibl. Nat. Belg.*, No. 10,074.)

"Then said the Pellicane,
When my lyfde I layne
With my bloude I them reuynge (revive).
Scripture doth record
The same dyd our Lord,
And rose from deth to lyve."

Skelton; A mourey of Birds.

Pelicans. The notion that pelicans feed their young with their blood arose from the following habit:—They have a large bag attached to their under bill. When the parent bird is about to feed its brood, it macerates small fish in this bag or pouch, then pressing the bag against its breast, transfers the macerated food to the mouths of the young.

A pelican in her piety is the representation of a pelican feeding her young with her blood. The Romans called filial love piety, hence Virgil's hero is called *pious Aeneas*, because he rescued his father from the flames of Troy.

Pelides. Son of Peleus (2 syl.)—that is Achilles, the hero of Homer's *Iliad*, and chief of the Greek warriors that besieged Troy.

"When, like Pelides, bold beyond control,
Homer raised high to heaven the loud impetuous shout."
Beattie; Minstrel.

Pelion. *Heaping Ossa upon Pelion.* Adding difficulty to difficulty, embarrassment to embarrassment, etc. When the giants tried to scale heaven, they placed Mount Ossa upon Mount Pelion for a scaling ladder.

"Ter sunt conati impendere Pelio Ossam."

Virgil; Georgics, l. 291.

"A noteworthy hexameter verse. The *i* of "conati" does not elide, nor yet the *o* of "Pelio."

Pell-mell. Headlong; in reckless confusion. From the players of pall-mall, who rush heedlessly to strike the ball. The "pall" is the ball (Italian, *palla*), and the "mall" is the mallet or bat (Italian, *maglia*; Latin, *mallus*). Sometimes the game is called "pall mall;" and sometimes the ground set apart for the game, as Pall Mall, London.

"It is not quite certain that *pell-mell* is the same compound word as *pall-mall*."

Pelle'an Conqueror. Alexander the Great, born at Pella, in Macedonia.

"Remember that Pelle'an conqueror."
Milton; Paradise Lost, bk. ii.

Pelleas (Sir). One of the knights of the Round Table. In the *Færie Queene* he goes after the "blatant beast" when it breaks the chain with which it had been bound by Sir Calidore.

Pells. Clerk of the Pells. An officer of the Exchequer, whose duty it was to make entries on the pells or parchment rolls. Abolished in 1834.

Pel'ops. Son of Tan'talos, cut to pieces and served as food to the gods. The More'a was called Peloponnesos or the "island of Pelops," from this mythical king.

The ivory shoulder of the sons of Pelops. The distinguishing or distinctive mark of anyone. The tale is that Demeter ate the shoulder of Pelops when it was served up by Tan'talos, and when the gods put the body back into the cauldron to restore it to life, he came forth lacking a shoulder. Demeter supplied an ivory shoulder, and all his descendants carried this mark in their bodies. (*See PYTHAGORAS.*)

Pelor'us. Cape di Faro, a promontory of Sicily. (*Virgil; Æneid, iii. 6, 7.*)

"At which the force
Of subterranean wind transports a hill
Torn from Pelorus."

Milton; Paradise Lost, bk. i. 222.

Pelos [mud]. Father of Physignathos, king of the frogs. (*Battle of the Frogs and Mice.*)

Pelt, in printing. Untanned sheepskins used for printing-balls. (French, *pelle*; Latin, *pella*, a skin.)

Pen Name, sometimes written *nom-de-plume*. A fictitious name assumed by an author who does not wish to reveal his real name. (*See NOM DE GUERRE.*)

Pen and Feather are varieties of the same word, the root being the Sanskrit *pat*, to fly. (We have the Sanskrit *patra*, a wing or instrument for flying; Latin, *penna* or *penna*, pen; Greek, *pteron*; Teutonic, *phathra*; Anglo-Saxon, *fether*; our "feather.")

"Analogous examples are *PEAR* and *LAURE*, *NAG* and *EQUUS*, *WIG* and *PERUCHE*, *HEART* and *CŒUR*, etc."

Penang Lawyers. Clubs. Penang sticks come from Penang, or the Prince of Wales Island, in the Malaccas.

Penates (3 syl.). The household gods of the Romans.

Pencil of Rays. All the rays that issue from one point, or that can be focussed at one point (Latin, *penicillus*, little tail, whence *penicillum*, a painter's brush made of the hair of a cow's tail); so called because they are like the hairs of a paint-brush, except at the point where they aggregate.

Pendennis (*Arthur*). The hero of Thackeray's novel, entitled *The History of Pendennis*, etc.

Major Pendennis. A tuft-hunter, similar in character to Macklin's celebrated Sir Pertinax M'Sycophant.

Penden'te Lite (Latin). Pending the suit; while the suit is going on.

Pendragon. A title conferred on several British chiefs in times of great danger, when they were invested with dictatorial power; thus Uter and Arthur were each appointed to the office to repel the Saxon invaders. Cassibelaun was pendragon when Julius Cæsar invaded the island; and so on. The word *pen* is British for head, and *dragon* for leader, ruler, or chief. The word therefore means *summus rex* (chief of the kings).

So much for fact, and now for the fable: Geoffrey of Monmouth says, when Aurelius, the British king, was poisoned by Ambron, during the invasion of Pascentius, son of Vortigern, there "appeared a star at Winchester of wonderful magnitude and brightness, darting forth a ray, at the end of which was a globe of fire in form of a dragon, out of whose mouth issued forth two rays, one of which extended to Gaul and the other to Ireland." Uter ordered two golden dragons to be made, one of which he presented to Winchester, and the other he carried with him as his royal standard, whence he received the name of Uter Pendragon. (Books viii. xiv. xvii.)

Penelope (4 syl.). *The Web or Shroud of Penelope.* A work "never ending, still beginning;" never done, but ever in hand. Penelope, according to Homer, was pestered by suitors while her husband, Ulysses, was absent at the siege of Troy. To relieve herself of their importunities, she promised to make a choice of one as soon as she had finished weaving a shroud for her father-in-law. Every night she unravelled what she had done in the day, and so deferred making any choice till

Ulysses returned, when the suitors were sent to the right-about without ceremony.

Penel'ophon. The beggar loved by King Cophetua. (See COPHETUA.)

Penel'va. A knight whose adventures and exploits form a supplemental part of the Spanish romance entitled *Amadis of Gaul*. The first four books of the romance, and the part above referred to, were by Portuguese authors--the former by Vasco de Lobeira, of Oporto, who died 1403; the latter by an unknown author.

Penetra'lia. The private rooms of a house; the secrets of a family. That part of a Roman temple into which the priest alone had access; here were the sacred images, here the responses of the oracles were made, and here the sacred mysteries were performed. The Holy of Holies was the penetralia of the Jewish Temple. (Latin plural of *penetrâlis*.)

Penfeather (*Lady Penelope*). The lady patroness of the Spa. (*Sir Walter Scott: St. Ronan's Well*.)

Peninsular War. The war carried on, under the Duke of Wellington, against the French in Portugal and Spain, between 1808 and 1812.

Penitential Psalms. The seven psalms expressive of contrition--viz. the vi., xxxii., xxxviii., li., cii., cxxx., cxliii., of the Authorised Version, or vi., xxxi., xxxvii., l., ci., cxix., cxlii., of the Vulgate.

Penmanship.

The "Good King René," titular king of Naples in the middle of the fifteenth century, was noted for his initial letters.

St. Thecla, of Isauria, wrote the entire Scriptures out without a blot or mistake.

St. Theodosius wrote the Gospels in letters of gold without a single mistake or blur. (See *Longfellow's Golden Legend*, iv.) (See ANGEL.)

Penmanship. Dickens says of John Bell, of the Chancery, that he wrote three hands: one which only *he himself* could read, one which only his clerk could read, and one which nobody could read. Dean Stanley wrote about as bad a hand as man could write.

Pennals [*pen-cues*]. So the Freshmen of the Protestant universities of Germany were called, from the *pennale* or inkhorn which they carried with them when they attended lectures.

Pen'nalism. Fagging, bullying, petty persecution. • The pennals or freshmen of the Protestant universities were the fags of the elder students, called *schorists*. Abolished at the close of the seventeenth century. (*See above.*)

Pennant. The common legend is, that when Tromp, the Dutch admiral, appeared on our coast, he hoisted a broom on his ship, to signify his intention of sweeping the ships of England from the sea; and that the English admiral hoisted a horsewhip to indicate his intention of drubbing the Dutch. According to this legend, the pennant symbolises a horsewhip, and it is not infrequently called "the whip."

Penniless (*The*). The Italians called Maximilian I. of Germany *Pochi Danari*. (1459, 1493-1519.)

Penny (in the sense of pound). Sixpenny, eightpenny, and twopenny nails are nails of three sizes. A thousand of the first will weigh six pounds; of the second, eight pounds; of the third, ten pounds.

Penny sometimes expresses the duodecimal part, as twopenny and elevenpenny silver—meaning silver 10-12ths and 11-12ths fine.

"One was to be tenpenny, another eleven, another sterling silver."—*Wanderfeld: secrets of the adepts.*

Penny (*.1*) (Anglo-Saxon, *penning* or *penig*). For many hundred years the unit of money currency, hence *penning-mougre* (a money-changer). There were two coins so named, one called the greater = the fifth part of a shilling, and the other called the less = the 12th part of a shilling.

My penny of observation (*Love's Labour's Lost*, iii. 1). My pennyworth of wit; my natural observation or mother-wit. Probably there is some pun or confusion between *penetration* and "penny of observation" or "penn'orth of wit."

A penny for your thoughts. *See* Heywood's *Dialogue*, pt. ii. 4. (*See PENNY-WORTH.*)

Penny-a-liner (*.1*). A contributor to the local newspapers, but not on the staff. At one time these collectors of news used to be paid a penny a line, and it was to their interest to spin out their report as much as possible. The word remains, but is now a misnomer.

Penny Dreadfuls. Penny sensational papers, which delight in horrors.

Penny-father (*.1*). A miser, a penurious person, who "husbands" his pence.

"Good old penny-father was glad of his liquor."
Parquill: Jests (1629).

Penny Gaff (*.1*). A theatre the admission to which is one penny. Properly a gaff is a ring for cock-fighting, a sensational amusement which has been made to yield to sensational dramas of the Richardson type. (*Irish, gaff, a hook.*)

Penny Hop (*.1*). A rustic dancing club, in which each person pays a penny to the fiddler. In towns, private dancing parties were at one time not uncommon, the admission money at the doors being one penny.

Penny Lattice-house (*.1*). A low pthouse. Lattice shutters are a public-house sign, being the arms of Fitz-warren, which family, in the days of the Henrys, had the monopoly of licensing vintners and publicans.

Penny Pots. Pimples and spots on the tippler's face, from the too great indulgence in penny pots of beer.

Penny Readings. Parochial entertainments, consisting of readings, music, etc., for which one penny admission is charged.

Penny Saved (*.1*). *A penny saved is twopence gained.* In French, "*Un centime épargné en vaut deux.*"

Well, suppose a man asks twopence apiece for his oranges, and a boyzler obtains hundred at a penny apiece, would he save 20 pence by his bargain? If so, let him go on spending, and he will soon become a millionaire. Or suppose, instead of paying £1,000 for a bad bet, I had not wagered any money at all, would this have been worth £2,000 to me?

Penny Weddings. Wedding banquets in Scotland, to which a number of persons were invited, each of whom paid a small sum of money not exceeding a shilling. After defraying the expenses of the feast, the residue went to the newly-married pair, to aid in furnishing their house. Abolished in 1645.

"Vera true, vera true. We'll have a to pay . . . a sort of penny-wedding it will prove, where all men contribute to the young folks' maintenance."—*Sir Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel*, chap. xxvii.

Penny Wise. Unwise thrift. The whole proverb is *Penny wise and pound foolish*, like the man who lost his horse from his penny wisdom in saving the expense of shoeing it afresh when one of its shoes was loose.

Pennyroyal. Flea-bane, the odour being, as it is supposed, hateful to fleas.

This is a real curiosity of blundering derivation. The Latin word is *pulegium*, the flea destroyer, from *pulex*, a flea, softened into *pulegium*, and corrupted into the English-Latin *pule'-regium*. "Pule," changed first into *puny*, then into *penny*, gives us "penny-regium," whence "penny-royal." The French call the herb *pouliot*, from *pou* (a louse or flea).

Pennyweight. So called from being the weight of an Anglo-Norman penny. Dwt. is d = penny wt.

Pennyworth or Pen'oth. A small quantity, as much as can be bought for a penny. Butler says, "This was the pen'oth of his thought" (*Hudibras*, ii. 3), meaning that its scope or amount was extremely small.

He has got his pennyworth. He has got due value for his money.

To turn an honest penny. To earn a little money by working for it.

Pension is something *weighed out*. Originally money was weighed, hence our *pound*. When the Gauls were bribed to leave Rome the ransom money was weighed in scales, and then Brennus threw his sword into the weight-pan. (Latin, *pendo*, to weigh money.)

Pensioners at the Universities and Inns of Court. So called from the French *pension* (board), *pensionnaire* (a boarder, one who pays a sum of money to dine and lodge with someone else).

Pentacle. A five-sided head-dress of fine linen, meant to represent the five senses, and worn as a defence against demons in the act of conjuration. It is also called Solomon's Seal (*signum Salomonis*). A pentacle was extended by the magician towards the spirits when they proved contumacious.

"And on her head, lest spirits should invade,
A pentacle, for more assurance, laid."

Rosie: Orlando Furioso, iii. 21.

The Holy Pentacles numbered forty-four, of which seven were consecrated to each of the planets Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, and the Sun: five to both Venus and Mercury; and six to the Moon. The divers figures were enclosed in a double circle, containing the name of God in Hebrew, and other mystical words.

Pentap'olin. An imaginary chieftain, but in reality the drover of a flock of sheep. Don Quixote conceived him to be the Christian King of the Garamantians, surnamed the *Naked Arm*, because he always entered the field with his right arm bare. The drover of a flock from the opposite direction was dubbed by the Don the Emperor Alifanfaron

of the isle of Taproba'na, a pagan. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, pt. i. bk. iii. 4.)

Pentap'olia. (Greek, *pente polia*.)

(1) The five cities of the plain: Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zebo'im, and Zoar; four of which were consumed with fire, and their site covered with the Lake Asphaltitis, or the Dead Sea.

(2) The five cities of Cyrenaica, in Egypt: Berenice, Arsinoe, Ptolemais, Cyrene, and Apollonia.

(3) The five cities of the Philistines: Gaza, Gath, Ascalon, Ashdod, and Ekron.

(4) The five cities of Italy in the exarchate of Ravenna: Rimini, Pesaro, Fano, Sinigaglia, and Ancona. These were given by Pepin to the Pope.

(5) The Dorian pentapolis: Cnidus, Cos, Lindos, Ialyssos, and Camiros.

Pentateuch. The first five books of the Old Testament, supposed to be written by Moses. (Greek, *pente*, five; *teuchos*, a book.)

The Chinese Pentateuch. The five books of Confucius:—(1) *The Shoo-King*, or *Book of History*; (2) *The Lie-King*, or *Book of Rites*; (3) *The Book of Odes*, or *Chinese Homer*; (4) *The I-chi-King*, or *Book of Changes*; and (5) *The Chun-Ts'u*, or *Spring and Autumn Annals*.

The Samaritan Pentateuch. A version of the Pentateuch in the Samaritan character. It varies in some measure from the Jewish version. Not earlier than the fourth, nor later than the seventh, century. (See *Apocrypha: 2 Esdras* xiv. 21-48.)

Pentecost (Greek, *pente cost*, fiftieth). The festival held by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover; our Whit-Sunday.

Penthesilea. Queen of the Amazons, slain by Achilles. Sir Toby Belch says to Maria, in the service of Olivia—

"Good-night, Penthesilea (my fine woman)."
Shakespeare: Twelfth Night ii. 2.

Pent'house (2 syl.). A hat with a broad brim. The allusion is to the hood of a door, or coping of a roof. (Welsh, *penty*; Spanish, *pentice*; French, *ap-pentice*, also *pente*, a slope.)

Pentreath (*Dolly*). The last person who spoke Cornish. Daines Barrington went from London to the Land's End to visit her. She lived at Mousehole.

"Hail, Mousehole! birthplace of old Doll Pentreath,
The last who jabbered Cornish, so says Daines
Peter Pindar (Ode xxi, To Myself).

Peony (*The*). So called, according to fable, from Pæon, the physician who cured the wounds received by the gods in the Trojan war. The seeds were, at one time, worn round the neck as a charm against the powers of darkness. Virgil and Ovid speak of its sanative virtues. Others tell us Pæon was a chieftain who discovered the plant.

"Vetustissima inventa pœonia est, nomenque auctoris retinet, quam quidam pentelonem appellant, alii glycylden."—*Pliny*, xxv. 10.

People. *The people's friend.* Dr. William Gordon, the philanthropist. (1801-1849.)

People's Charter (*The*). The six points of the People's Charter, formulated in 1848, are:—

Manhood Suffrage (now practically established).

Annual Parliaments.

Vote by Ballot (established).

Abolition of Property.

Qualification for Members of Parliament (the Qualification Test is abolished).

Equal Electoral Districts.

Pepper. *To pepper one well.* To give one a good basting or thrashing.

To take pepper in the nose. To take offence. The French have a similar locution, "*La mortarde lui monte au nez*."

"Take you pepper in your nose, you mar our sport."—*The Spanish Gipsy*, iv. 10.

Pepper Gate. *When your daughter is stolen close Pepper Gate.* Pepper Gate used to be on the east side of the city of Chester. It is said that the daughter of the mayor eloped, and the mayor ordered the gate to be closed up. "Lock the stable-door when the steed is stolen." (*Albert Smith: Christopher Tadpole*, chap. i.)

Pepper-and-Salt. A light grey colour, especially applied to cloth for dresses.

Peppercorn Rent (*d.*). A nominal rent. A pepper-berry is of no appreciable value, and given as rent is a simple acknowledgment that the tenement virtually belongs to the person to whom the peppercorn is given.

Peppy Bap. A large erratic boulder, east of Leith.

Per Saltum (Latin). *By a leap.* A promotion or degree given without going over the ground usually prescribed. Thus, a clergyman on being made a bishop has the degree of D.D. given him *per saltum*—i.e. without taking the

B.D. degree, and waiting the usual five years.

"They dare not attempt to examine for the superior degree but elect *per saltum*."—*Nineteenth Century*, January, 1853, p. 66.

Perceforest (*King*). A prose romance, printed at Paris in 1528, and said to have been discovered in a cabinet hid in the massive wall of an ancient tower on the banks of the Humber, named Burtimer, from a king of that name who built it. The MS. was said to be in Greek, and was translated through the Latin into French.

It is also used for *Perceval*, an Arthurian knight, in many of the ancient romances.

Perceval (*Sir*), of Wales. A knight of the Round Table, son of Sir Pellinore, and brother of Sir Lamerock. He went in quest of the St. Graal (*q.v.*). Chrétien de Troyes wrote the *Roman de Perceval*. (1511-1596.) Menessier wrote the same in verse.

Perceinet. A fairy prince, who thwarts the malicious designs of Grognon, the cruel stepmother of Graciosa. (*Fairy Tales*.)

Percy [*pirce-ey*]. When Malcolm III. of Scotland invaded England, and reduced the castle of Alnwick, Robert de Mowbray brought to him the keys of the castle suspended on his lance; and, handing them from the wall, thrust his lance into the king's eye; from which circumstance, the tradition says, he received the name of "*Pierce-eye*," which has ever since been borne by the Dukes of Northumberland.

"This is all a fable. The Percies are descended from a great Norman baron, who came over with William, and who took his name from his castle and estate in Normandy."—*Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, iv.

Perdita. Daughter of Leontes and Herminone of Sicily. She was born when her mother was imprisoned by Leontes out of causeless jealousy. Paulina, a noble lady, hoping to soften the king's heart, took the infant and laid it at its father's feet; but Leontes ordered it to be put to sea, under the expectation that it would drift to some desert island. The vessel drifted to Bohemia, where the infant was discovered by a shepherd, who brought it up as his own daughter. In time Florizel, the son and heir of the Bohemian king Polixenes, fell in love with the supposed shepherdess. The match was forbidden by Polixenes, and the young lovers fled, under the charge of Camillo, to Sicily. Here the story is cleared up, Polixenes and Leontes are

reconciled, and the young lovers married, (*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale.*) Polixènes (4 syl.), Leontes (3 syl.)

Perdrix, toujours Perdrix. Too much of the same thing. Walpole tells us that the confessor of one of the French kings reproved him for conjugal infidelity, and was asked by the king what he liked best. "Partridge," replied the priest, and the king ordered him to be served with partridge every day, till he quite loathed the sight of his favourite dish. After a time, the king visited him, and hoped he had been well served, when the confessor replied, "*Mais oui, perdrix, toujours perdrix.*" "Ah! ah!" replied the amorous monarch, "and one mistress is all very well, but not '*perdrix, toujours perdrix.*'"

"Soup for dinner, soup for supper, and soup for breakfast again."—*Farquhar: The Inconstant*, iv. 2.

Père Duchêne. Jacques René Hébert, one of the most profligate characters of the French Revolution. He was editor of a vile newspaper so called, containing the grossest insinuations against Marie Antoinette. (1755-1794.)

Père la Chaise, the Parisian cemetery, is the site of a great monastery founded by Louis XIV., of which his confessor, Père la Chaise, was made the superior. After the Revolution, the grounds were laid out for a public cemetery; first used in May, 1801.

Peregrine (3 syl.) ran away from home, and obtained a loan of £10 from Job Thornbury, with which he went abroad and traded; he returned a wealthy man, and arrived in London on the very day Job Thornbury was made a bankrupt. Having paid the creditors out of the proceeds made from the hardwareman's loan, he married his daughter. (*George Colman the Younger: John Bull.*)

Peregrine Falcon (A). The female, is larger than the male, as is the case with most birds of prey. The female is the *falcon* of falconers, and the male the *tercel*. It is called peregrine from its wandering habits.

Peregrine Pickle. The hero of Smollett's novel so called. A savage, ungrateful spendthrift; fond of practical jokes to the annoyance of others, and suffering with evil temper the misfortunes brought on by his own wilfulness.

Perfectionists. A society founded by Father Noyes in Oneida Creek. They take St. Paul for their law-giver, but

read his epistles in a new light. They reject all law, saying the guidance of the Spirit is superior to all human codes. If they would know how to act in matters affecting others, they consult "public opinion," expressed by a committee; and the "law of sympathy" so expressed is their law of action. In material prosperity, this society is unmatched by all the societies of North America. (*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, vii. 20, 21.)

Perfide Albion! (French). The words of Napoleon I.

Perfume (2 syl.) means simply "from smoke" (Latin, *per fumum*), the first perfumes having been obtained by the combustion of aromatic woods and gums. Their original use was in sacrifices, to counteract the offensive odours of the burning flesh.

Perfumed Terms of the Time. So Ben Jonson calls euphemisms.

Per'i (plur. PERIS). Peris are delicate, gentle, fairy-like beings of Eastern mythology, begotten by fallen spirits. They direct with a wand the pure in mind the way to heaven. These lovely creatures, according to the Koran, are under the sovereignty of Eblis; and Mahomet was sent for their conversion, as well as for that of man.

"Like peris' wands, when pointing out the road
For some pure spirit to the blest abode"
Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh pt. i.

Per'icles, Prince of Tyre (*Shakespeare*). The story is from the *Gesta Romanorum*, where Pericles is called "Apollonius, King of Tyre." The story is also related by Gower in his *Confessio Amantis* (bk. viii.).

Pericles' Boast. When Pericles, Tyrant of Athens, was on his death-bed, he overheard his friends recounting his various merits, and told them they had omitted the greatest of all, that no Athenian through his whole administration had put on mourning through his severity—i.e. he had caused no Athenian to be put to death arbitrarily.

Perillo Swords. *Perillo* is a "little stone," a mark by which Julian del Rey, a famous armourer of Toledo and Zaragoza, authenticated the swords of his manufacture. All perillo swords were made of the steel produced from the mines of Mondragon. The swords given by Katharine of Aragon to Henry VIII. on his wedding-day were all *Perillo* blades.

The most common inscription was, "*Draw me not without reason, sheathe me not without honour.*"

Perillos and the Brazen Bull. Perillos of Athens made a brazen bull for Phalaris, Tyrant of Agrigentum, intended for the execution of criminals. They were shut up in the bull, and, fires being lighted below the belly, the metal was made "red hot." The cries of the victims, reverberating, sounded like the howling of the bull. Phalaris admired the invention, but tested it on Perillos himself. (See **INVENTORS**.)

Perilous Castle. The castle of Lord Douglas was so called in the reign of Edward I., because good Lord Douglas destroyed several English garrisons stationed there, and vowed to be revenged on anyone who should dare to take possession of it. Sir Walter Scott calls it "Castle Dangerous." (See **Introduction of Castle Dangerous**.)

Per'ion. A fabulous king of Gaul, father of "Amadis of Gaul." His encounter with the lion is one of his best exploits. It is said that he was hunting, when his horse reared and snorted at seeing a lion in the path. Perion leaped to the ground and attacked the lion, but the lion overthrew him; whereupon the king drove his sword into the belly of the beast and killed him. (*Amadis de Gaul*, chap. i.)

Peripatetics. Founder of the *Peripatetics* Aristotle, who used to teach his disciples in the covered walk of the Lycæum. This colonnade was called the *peripatos*, because it was a place for walking about (*peri pateo*).

Peris. (See **PERI**.)

Peris'sa (excess or prodigality; Greek, *Perissos*). Step-sister of Elissa and Med'na. "These ladies could never agree on any subject." (*Spenser: Faerie Queen*, bk. ii.)

Periwig. (See **PERUKE**.)

Periwinkle. The bind-around plant. (Anglo-Saxon, *pinewincle*; French, *peruiche*; Latin, *pervinco*, to bind thoroughly.) In Italy it used to be wreathed round dead infants, and hence its Italian name, *fiore di morto*.

Perk. To perk oneself. To plume oneself on anything. (Welsh, *percu*, to smarten or plume feathers, *percu*, neat.)

You begin to perk up a bit—i.e. to get a little fatter and more plump after an illness. (See **above**.)

Perku'nos. God of the elements. The Slavonic Trinity was Perku'nos, Rikollos, and Potrimpos. (*Grimm: Deutsche Mythologie*.)

Perm'ian Strata. So called from Perm, in Russia, where they are most distinctly developed.

Pernelle (Madame). A scolding old woman in Molière's *Tartuffe*.

Perpendiculars. Parties called crushes, in which persons have to stand almost stationary from the time of entering the suite of rooms to the time of leaving them.

"The night before I duly attended my mother to three fashionable crowds, 'perpendiculars' is the best name for them, for there is seldom more than standing room."—*Edna Lyall: Don Juan*, chap. ix.

Perpetual Motion. Restlessness; fidgety or nervous disquiet; also a chimerical scheme wholly impracticable. Many have tried to invent a machine that shall move of itself, and never stop; but, as all materials must suffer from wear and tear, it is evident that such an invention is impossible.

"It were better to be eaten to death with rust, than to be scoured to nothing with perpetual motion."—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry VI.*, i. 2.

Pers. Persia; called Fars. (French, *Perse*.)

Persecutions (*The ten great*). (1) Under Nero, A.D. 64; (2) Domitian, 95; (3) Trajan, 98; (4) Hadrian, 118; (5) Pertinax, 202, chiefly in Egypt; (6) Maximin, 236; (7) Decius, 249; (8) Valerian, 257; (9) Aurelian, 272; (10) Diocletian, 302.

"It would be well if these were the only religious persecutions; but, alas! those on the other side prove the truth of the Fomenter." (*Matt. x. 34*). Witness the long and relentless persecutions of the Waldenses and Albigenses, the six or seven crusades, the wars of Charlemagne against the Saxons, and the thirty years' war of Germany. Witness, again, the persecution of the Guineas, the Bartholomew slaughter, the wars of Louis XIV. on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, the Dragonades, and the wars against Holland. Witness the bitter persecutions stirred up by Luther, which spread to England and Scotland. No wars so lasting, so relentless, so bloody as religious wars. It has been no this red line.

Persep'olis, called by the Persians "The Thrope of Jam-sheid," by whom it was founded. Jam-sheid removed the seat of government from Balk to Istakhar.

Per'seus (2 syl.). A bronze statue in the Loggia dei Lanzi, at Florence. The best work of Bevenuto Cellini. (1500-1562).

Perseus' flying horse. A ship.

"Perseus conquered the head of Medusa, and did make *Perseus*, the most swift ship, which he always calls *Perseus' flying horse*."—*Destruction of Troy*.

"The strong-ribbed bark through liquid mountains cut
Like *Perseus' horse*."

Shakespeare: *Troilus and Cressida*, i. 3.

Persevere (3 syl.). This word comes from an obsolete Latin verb, *servere* (to stick rigidly); hence *serenus* (severe or rigid). *Asseverate* is to stick rigidly to what you say; *persevere* is to stick rigidly to what you undertake till you have accomplished it. (*Per-servere*.)

Persian Alexander (*The*). Sandjar (1117-1158). (See ALEXANDER.)

Persian Bucephalos (*The*). Sheh-diz, the charger of Chosroes Parviz. (See BUCEPHALOS.)

Person (Latin, *persona*, a mask; *personatus*, one who wears a mask, an actor). A "person" is one who impersonates a character. Shakespeare says, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players" or persons. When we speak of the "person of the Deity" we mean the same thing, the character represented, as that of the Father, or that of the Son, or that of the Holy Ghost. There is no more notion of corporeality connected with the word than there is any assumption of the body of Hamlet when an actor impersonates that character.

Persona Grata (Latin). An acceptable person; one liked.

"The Count (Minster) is not a *persona grata* at court, as the royal family did not relish the count as he took in Hanoverian affairs in 1866."—*Truth*, October 22nd, 1888.

Perth is Celtic for a bush. The county of Perth is the county of bushes.

Fair Maid of Perth. Catherine Glover, daughter of Simon Glover, glover, of Perth. Her lover is Henry Gow, alias Henry Smith, alias Gow Chrom, alias Hal of the Wynd, the armourer, foster-son of Dame Shoubred. (*Sir Walter Scott: Fair Maid of Perth*.)

The *Five Articles of Perth* were those passed in 1618 by order of James VI., enjoining the attitude of kneeling to receive the elements; the observance of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost; the right of confirmation, etc. They were ratified August 4, 1621, called *Black Saturday*, and condemned in the General Assembly of Glasgow in 1638.

Peru. That's not Peru. Said of something utterly worthless. A French

expression, founded on the notion that Peru is the El Dorado of the world.

Peruvian Bark, called also *Jesuit's Bark*, because it was introduced into Spain by the Jesuits. "Quinine," from the same tree, is called by the Indians *quinquina*. (See CINCCHONA.)

Perruke or **Periwig**. Menage ingeniously derives these words from the Latin *pilus* ("hair"). Thus, *pilus*, *pelus*, *pelitus*, *peluticus*, *pelutica*, *peruca*, *perruque*. The wigs are first mentioned in the 16th century; in the next century they became very large. The fashion began to wane in the reign of George III. Periwig is a corrupt form of the French word *perruque*.

Pescicola. The famous swimmer drowned in the pool of Charybdis. The tale says he dived once into the pool, and was quite satisfied with its horrors and wonders; but the King Frederick then tossed in a golden cup, which Pescicola dived for, and was never seen again. (See Schiller's *Diver*.)

Pessimist. One who fancies everything is as bad as possible. (Latin, *pessimus*, the worst.)

Petard. Hoist on his own petard. Caught in his own trap, involved in the danger he meant for others. The petard was a conical instrument of war employed at one time for blowing open gates with gunpowder. The engineers used to carry the petard to the place they intended to blow up, and fire it at the small end by a fusee. Shakespeare spells the word *petar*: "'Tis the sport to have the engineer hoist with his own petar." (*Hamlet*, ii. 4.)

"Turning the muzzles of the guns Marchward, and getting a piece of lighted rope (the party) blazed away as vigorously as possible, and tried to hoist Theodore on his own petard." *Daily paper*.

Petaud. 'Tis the court of King Petaud, where everyone is master. There is no order or discipline at all. This is a French proverb. Petaud is a corruption of *peto* (I beg), and King Petaud means king of the beggars, in whose court all are equal. (See A-SATIA.)

Peter. (See BLUE PETER.)

Great Peter. A bell in York Minster, weighing 10½ tons, and hung in 1845.

Lord Peter. The Pope in Swift's *Tale of a Tub*.

Rob Peter to pay Paul. (See ROBBING.)

St. Peter. Patron saint of fishers and fishmongers, being himself a fisherman.

St. Peter, in Christian art, is represented as an old man, bald, but with a flowing beard; he is usually dressed in a white mantle and blue tunic, and holds in his hand a book or scroll. His peculiar symbols are the keys, and a sword, the instrument of his martyrdom.

He has got St. Peter's fingers—i.e. the fingers of a thief. The allusion is to the fish caught by St. Peter with a piece of money in its mouth. They say that a thief has a fish-hook on every finger.

Peter Botte Mountain, in the island of Mauritius; so called from a Dutchman who scaled its summit, but lost his life in coming down. It is a rugged cone, more than 2,800 feet in height.

Peter Parley. The *nom de plume* of Samuel G. Goodrich, an American (1793-1860).

Peter Peebles. *Peter Peebles' Law-suit*. In Sir Walter Scott's novel of *Redgauntlet*. Peter is a litigious hard-hearted drunkard, poor as a church-mouse, and a liar to the backbone. His "ganging plea" is Hogarthian comic, as Carlyle says.

Peter-pence. An annual tribute of one penny, paid at the feast of St. Peter to the see of Rome. At one time it was collected from every family, but afterwards it was restricted to those "who had the value of thirty pence in quick or live stock." This tax was collected in England from 740 till it was abolished by Henry VIII.

Peter Pindar. The *nom de plume* of Dr. John Wolcot (*Wool-cut*), of Dodbroke, Devonshire. (1738-1819.)

Peter Porcupine. William Cobbett, when he was a Tory. We have *Peter Porcupine's Gazette* and the *Porcupine Papers*, in twelve volumes. (1762-1835.)

Peter Wilkins was written by Robert Pultock, of Clifford's Inn, and sold to Dodsley, the publisher, for £20.

Peter of Provence came into possession of Merlin's wooden horse. There is a French romance called *Peter of Provence and the Fair Magalo'na*, the chief incidents of which are connected with this flying charger.

Peter the Great of Russia built St. Petersburg, and gave Russia a place among the nations of Europe. He laid aside his crown and sceptre, came to England, and worked as a common

labourer in our dockyards, that he might teach his subjects how to build ships.

Peter the Hermit (in Tasso), "the holy author of the crusade" (bk. i.). It is said that six millions of persons assumed the cross at his preaching.

Peter the Wild Boy, found 1723 in a wood near Hameln, in Hanover; at the supposed age of thirteen. (Died 1785.)

Peterboat. A boat made to go either way, the stem and stern being both alike.

Peterborough (Northamptonshire). So called from the monastery of St. Peter, founded in 655. Tracts relating to this monastery are published in Sparke's collection.

Peterloo. The dispersal of a large meeting in St. Peter's Field, Manchester, by an armed force, August 16th, 1819. The assemblage consisted of operatives, and the question was parliamentary reform. The word, suggested by Hunt, is a parody upon what he absurdly called "the bloody butchers of Waterloo."

It is a most exaggerated phrase. The massacre consisted of six persons accidentally killed by the rush of the crowd, when the military, and some 400 special constables appeared on the field.

Petit-Maitre. A fop; a lad who assumes the manners, dress, and affectations of a man. The term arose before the Revolution, when a great dignity was styled a *grand-maitre*, and a pretentious one a *petit-maitre*.

Petit Serjeantry. Holding lands of the Crown by the service of rendering annually some small implement of war, as a bow, a sword, a lance, a flag, an arrow, and the like. Thus the Duke of Wellington holds his country seat at Strathfieldsaye and Aspley House, London, by presenting a flag annually to the Crown on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo. The flag is hung in the guard-room of the state apartments of Windsor Castle till the next anniversary, when it becomes the perquisite of the officer of the guard. The Duke of Marlborough presents also a flag on the anniversary of the battle of Blenheim, for his estate at Blenheim. This also is placed in the guard-room of Windsor Castle.

Petitio Principii (4). A begging of the question, or assuming in the premises the question you undertake to prove. Thus, if a person undertook to

prove the infallibility of the pope, and were to take for his premises—(1) Jesus Christ promised to keep the apostles and their successors in all the truth; (2) the popes are the regular successors of the apostles, and therefore the popes are infallible—it would be a vicious syllogism from a *petitio principii*.

Petitioners and Abhorrrers. Two political parties in the reign of Charles II. When that monarch was first restored he used to grant everything he was asked for; but after a time this became a great evil, and Charles enjoined his loving subjects to discontinue their practice of "petitioning." Those who agreed with the king, and disapproved of petitioning, were called *Abhorrrers*; those who were favourable to the objectionable practice were nicknamed *Petitioners*.

Petrarch. *The English Petrarch.* Sir Philip Sidney; so called by Sir Walter Raleigh. Cowper styles him "the warbler of poetic prose." (1554-1586.)

Petrel. *The stormy petrel.* So named, according to tradition, from the Italian *Petrello* (little Peter), in allusion to St. Peter, who walked on the sea. Our sailors call them "Mother Carey's chickens." They are called *stormy* because in a gale they surround a ship to catch small animals which rise to the surface of the rough sea; when the gale ceases they are no longer seen.

Petrified (3 syl.). *The petrified city.* Iahmonie, in Upper Egypt, is so called from the number of petrified bodies of men, women, and children to be seen there. (Latin, *petra-fia*, to become rock.)

Petrobrusians or Petrobrusians. A religious sect, founded in 1110, and so called from Peter Bruns, a Provençal. He declaimed against churches, asserting that a stable was as good as a cathedral for worship, and a manger equal to an altar. He also declaimed against the use of crucifixes.

Petronel. *Sir Petronel Flash.* A braggadocio, a tongue-doughty warrior. "Give your scholar degrees and your lawyer his fees,
And some dice for Sir Petronel Flash."
Brit. Dibl.

Petru'chio. A gentleman of Verona who undertakes to tame the haughty Katharine, called *the Shrew*. He marries her, and without the least personal chastisement brings her to lamb-like

submission. (*Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew.*)

Petticoat. A woman.

"There's a petticoat will prove to be the cause of this."—*Howley Smart: Struck Down*, chap. xi.

Petticoat Government. Femalerule.

Petticoat and Gown. The dress. When the gown was looped up, the petticoat was an important item of dress.

The poppy is said to have a red petticoat and a green gown; the daffodil, a yellow petticoat and green gown; a candle, a white petticoat; and so on in our common nursery rhymes—

- 1 "The king's daughter is coming to town,
With a red petticoat and a green gown."
- 2 "Daffodown dilly is now come to town,
In a yellow petticoat and a green gown."

Petto. *In petto.* In secrecy, in reserve (Italian, *in the breast*). The pope creates cardinals *in petto*—i.e. in his own mind—and keeps the appointment to himself till he thinks proper to announce it.

"Belgium, a department of France *in petto*—i.e. in the intention of the people."—*The Herald*, 1837.

Petty Cury (Cambridge) means "The Street of Cooks." It is called *Parva Cokeria* in a deed dated 13 Edward III. Probably at one time it was part of the Market Hall. It is a mistake to derive Cury from *Ecurie*. Dr. Pegge derives it from *cure'd*, to cure or dress food.

Peuting'erian Map. A map of the roads of the ancient Roman world, constructed in the time of Alexander Severus (A.D. 226), made known to us by Conrad Peuting'er, of Augsburg.

Peveril of the Peak. Sir Geoffrey the Cavalier, and Lady Margaret his wife; Julian Peveril, their son, in love with Alice Bridgenorth, daughter of Major Bridgenorth, a Roundhead; and William Peveril, natural son of William the Conqueror, ancestor of Sir Geoffrey. (*Sir Walter Scott: Peveril of the Peak.*)

Pewter. *To scour the pewter.* To do one's work.

"But if she neatly scour her pewter,
Give her the money that is due her."
King: Ophelia and Elouidee.

Phædria [*wantonness*]. Handmaid of Acrasia the enchantress. She sails about Idle Lake in a gondola. Seeing Sir Guyon she ferries him across the lake to the floating island, where Cymochles attacks him. Phædria interposes, the combatants desist, and the little wanton ferries the knight Temperance over the lake again. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, ii.)

Phæ'ton. The son of Phæbus, who undertook to drive the chariot of the

sun, was upset, and caused great mischief; Libya was parched into barren sands, and all Africa was more or less injured, the inhabitants blackened, and vegetation nearly destroyed.

"Gallop apace, you fiery-footed steeds,
Toward Phœbus' mansion; such a waggoner
As Phaëton would whip you to the west,
And bring in cloudy night immediately."
Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, iii. 2.

Phaëton. A sort of carriage; so called from the sun-car driven by Phaëton. (See above.)

Phaëton's bird. The swan. Cygnus was the friend of Phaëton, and lamented his fate so grievously that Apollo changed her into a swan, and placed her among the constellations.

Phalanx. The close order of battle in which the heavy-armed troops of a Grecian army were usually drawn up. Hence, any number of people distinguished for firmness and solidity of union.

Phalaris. *The brazen bull of Phalaris.* Perillos, a brass-founder of Athens, proposed to Phalaris, Tyrant of Agrigentum, to invent for him a new species of punishment; accordingly, he cast a brazen bull, with a door in the side. The victim was shut up in the bull and roasted to death, but the throat of the engine was so contrived that the groans of the sufferer resembled the bellowings of a mad bull. Phalaris commended the invention, and ordered its merits to be tested by Perillos himself.

The epistles of Phalaris. Certain letters said to have been written by Phalaris, Tyrant of Agrigentum, in Sicily. Boyle maintained them to be genuine, Bentley affirmed that they were forgeries. No doubt Bentley is right.

Phaleg, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is Mr. Forbes, a Scotchman.

Phantom Ship. (See CARMILHAN.)

"Or of that phantom ship, whose form
Shoots like a meteor through the storm;
When the dark scud comes driving hard,
And lowered is every topsail yard,
And well the doomed spectators know
'Tis harbinger of wreck and woe."

Sir Walter Scott: Rokeby, ii. 11.

Phaon. A young man greatly ill-treated by Furor, and rescued by Sir Guyon. He loved Claribel, but Philemon, his friend, persuaded him that Claribel was unfaithful, and, to prove his words told him to watch in a given place. He saw that he thought was Claribel holding an assignation with what seemed to be a groom, and, rushing forth, met the true Claribel, whom he slew on the spot. Being tried for the

murder, it came out that the groom was Philemon, and the supposed Claribel only her lady's maid. He poisoned Philemon, and would have murdered the handmaid, but she escaped, and while he pursued her he was attacked by Furor. This tale is to expose the intolerance of revenge. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, ii. 4, 28.)

Pharamond. King of the Franks and a knight of the Round Table. He is said to have been the first king of France. This reputed son of Marcomir and father of Clodion, is the hero of one of Calprenède's novels.

Pharaoh (2 syl.). The king. It is the Coptic article P and the word *ouro* (king). There are eleven of this title mentioned in Holy Scripture:—

i. *Before Solomon's time.*

(1) The Pharaoh contemporary with Abraham (Gen. xii. 25).

(2) The good Pharaoh who advanced Joseph (Gen. xli.).

(3) The Pharaoh who "knew not Joseph" (Exod. i. 8).

(4) The Pharaoh who was drowned in the Red Sea (Exod. xiv. 28); said to be Menephtah or Meneptah, son of Ramesses II.

(5) The Pharaoh that protected Hadad (1 Kings xi. 19).

(6) The Pharaoh whose daughter Solomon married (1 Kings iii. 1; ix. 16).

ii. *After Solomon's time.*

(7) Pharaoh Shishak, who warred against Rehoboam (1 Kings xiv. 25, 26).

(8) Pharaoh Shabakok, or "So," with whom Hoshea made an alliance (2 Kings xvii. 4).

(9) The Pharaoh that made a league with Hezekiah against Sennacherib, called Tirhakah (2 Kings xviii. 21; xix. 9).

(10) Pharaoh Necho, who warred against Josiah (2 Kings xxiii. 29, etc.).

(11) Pharaoh Hophra, the ally of Zedekiah (Jer. xlv. 30); said to be Apries, who was strangled B.C. 570. (See KING.)

After Solomon's time the titular word *Pharaoh* is joined to a proper name.

iii. *Other Pharaohs of historic note.*

(1) Cheops or Suphis I. (Dynasty IV.), who built the great pyramid.

(2) Cephrenes or Suphis II., his brother, who built the second pyramid.

(3) Mencheres, his successor, who built the most beautiful pyramid of the three.

(4) Memnon or A-menophis III. (Dynasty XVIII.), whose musical statue is so celebrated.

(5) Sethos I., the Great (Dynasty XIX.), whose tomb was discovered by Belzoni.

(6) Sethos II., called Proteus (Dynasty XIX.), who detained Helen and Paris in Egypt.

(7) Phœris or Thuōria, who sent aid to Priam in the siege of Troy.

(8) Rampsinitus or Rameses Néfer, the miser (Dynasty XX.), mentioned by Herodotus.

(9) Osorthon IV. or Osorkon (Dynasty XXIII.), the Egyptian Hercules.

Pharaoh, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, means Louis XIV. of France.

"If Pharaoh's doubtful succour he [Charles II.] should use
A foreign aid would more incense the Jews
[English nation]."

Pharaoh who Knew not Joseph. Supposed to be Menephtah, son of Rameses the Great. Rider Haggard adopts this hypothesis. After Rameses the Great came a period of confusion in Egypt, and it is supposed the Pharaoh who succeeded was a usurper. No trace of the destruction of Pharaoh and his host has been discovered by Egyptologists.

His wife was Asia, daughter of Moza-hem. Pharaoh cruelly maltreated her for believing in Moses. He fastened her hands and feet to four stakes, and laid a millstone on her as she lay exposed to the scorching sun; but God took her, without dying, into Paradise. (*Sale: Al Koran*, lxvi. note.)

Among women, four have been perfect: Asia, wife of Pharaoh; Mary, daughter of Imran; Khadijah, daughter of Khowailed (Mahomet's first wife); and Fatima, Mahomet's daughter. Attributed to Mahomet.

Pharaoh who made Joseph his Viceroy. Supposed to be Osorthon II. There is a tablet in the sixth year of his reign which is thought to represent Jacob and his household.

Pharaoh's Chicken. The Egyptian culture, so called from its frequent representation in Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Pharaoh's Daughter, who brought up Moses, Bathia.

"Bathia, the daughter of Pharaoh, came, attended by her maidens, and entering the water she chanced to see the box of bulrushes, and, pitying the infant, she rescued him from death."
—*The Talmud*.

Pharian Fields, Egypt. So called

from Pharos, an island on the coast, noted for its lighthouse.

"And passed from Pharian fields to Canaan land."
Milton: Psalm cxlv.

Pharisees means "separatists" (Heb. *parash*, to separate), men who looked upon themselves as holier than other men, and therefore refused to hold social intercourse with them. The Talmud mentions the following classes:—

(1) The "Dashers," or "Handy-legged" (*Nikkif*), who scarcely lifted their feet from the ground in walking, but "dashed them against the stones," that people might think them absorbed in holy thought (*Matt. xxi. 44*).

(2) The "Mortars," who wore a "mortier," or cap, which would not allow them to see the passers-by, that their meditations might not be disturbed. "Having eyes, they saw not" (*Mark viii. 18*).

(3) The "Bleeders," who inserted thorns in the borders of their gaberlines to prick their legs in walking.

(4) The "Cryers," or "Inquirers," who went about crying out, "Let me know my duty, and I will do it" (*Matt. xix. 16-22*).

(5) The "Almsgivers," who had a trumpet sounded before them to summon the poor together (*Matt. vi. 2*).

(6) The "Stumblers," or "Bloody-browed" (*Kizai*), who shut their eyes when they went abroad that they might see no women, being "blind leaders of the blind" (*Matt. xv. 14*). Our Lord calls them "blind Pharisees," "fools and blind."

(7) The "Inmovables," who stood like statues for hours together, "praying in the market places" (*Matt. vi. 5*).

(8) The "Pestle Pharisees" (*Medin-kic*), who kept themselves bent double like the handle of a pestle.

(9) The "Strong-shouldered" (*Shik-mi*), who walked with their back bent as if carrying on their shoulders the whole burden of the law.

(10) The "Dyed Pharisees," called by our Lord "Whited Sepulchres," whose externals of devotion cloaked hypocrisy and moral uncleanness. (*Talmud of Jerusalem, Berakoth*, ix; *Sota*, v. 7; *Talmud of Babylon, Sota*, 22 b.)

Pharos. A lighthouse, so called from the lighthouse built by Sostratus Cnidius in the island of Pharos, near the port of Alexandria, in Egypt. It was 450 feet high, and could be seen at the distance of 100 miles. Part was blown down in 793. This Pharos was one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Pharsalia. An epic in Latin hexameters by Lucan. The battle of Pharsalia was between Pompey and Cæsar. Pompey had 45,000 legionaries, 7,000 cavalry, and a large number of auxiliaries; Cæsar had 22,000 legionaries and 1,000 cavalry. Pompey's battle-cry was "*I Hercules incitatus*;" that of Cæsar was "*Venus victrix*." On this occasion Cæsar won the battle.

Pheasant. So called from Phasis, a stream of the Black Sea.

There was formerly at the fort of Pout a preserve of pheasants, which birds derive their European name from the river Phasis (the present Irtan). - *Lieut. General Monteth.*

Ph'ebe (2 syl.). A shepherdess. (*Shakespeare: As You Like It.*)

Phelia, called the *Fair*. The wife of Sir Guy, Earl of Warwick. (*See Guy.*)

Phenomenon (plural, *phenomena*) means simply what has appeared (Greek, *phainomai*, to appear). It is used in science to express the visible result of an experiment. In popular language it means a prodigy. (Greek, *phainomēnon*.)

Phid'ias. The French *Phidias*. Jean Goujon (1510-1572); also called the *Correggio of sculptors*. (2) J. B. Pigalle (1714-1785).

Phigalian Marbles. A series of twenty-three sculptures in alto-relievo, discovered in 1812 at Phigalia, in Arcadia, and in 1814 purchased for the British Museum. They represent the combat of the Centaurs and Lapithæ, and that of the Greeks and Amazons. They are part of the "Elgin Marbles" (q.v.).

Philadelph'ia Stones, called *Christian Bones*. It is said that the walls of Philadelphia, in Turkey, were built of the bones of Christians killed in the Holy Wars. This idle tale has gained credit from the nature of the stones, full of pores and very light, not unlike petrified bones. Similar incrustations are found at Knaresborough and elsewhere.

Philan'der (in *Orlando Furioso*). A sort of Joseph. (*See GABRINA.*)

Philan'dering. Coquetting with a woman; paying court, and leading her to think you love her, but never declaring your preference. The word is coined from Philander, the Dutch knight who coquetted with Gabri'na (q.v.).

Philanthropist (*The*). John Howard, who spent much of his life in visiting the prisons and hospitals of Europe. (1726-1790.) (Greek, *phil-anthropos*.)

Philemon and Baucis entertained Jupiter and Mercury when everyone else refused them hospitality. Being asked to make a request, they begged that they might both die at the same time. When they were very old, Philemon was changed into an oak, and Baucis into a linden tree. (*Ovid: Metamorphoses*, iii. 631, etc.)

Philip. *Philip, remember thou art mortal.* A sentence repeated to the Macedonian king every time he gave an audience.

Philip sober. When a woman who asked Philip of Macedon to do her justice was snubbed by the petulant monarch, she exclaimed, "Philip, I shall appeal against this judgment." "Appeal!" thundered the enraged king, "and to whom will you appeal?" "To Philip sober," was her reply.

St. Philip is usually represented bearing a large cross, or a basket containing loaves, in allusion to St. John vi. 5-7.

Philip Nye (in *Hudibras*). One of the assembly of Dissenting ministers, noted for his ugly beard.

Philip Quarl. A castaway sailor, solaced on a desert island by a monkey. Imitation of Robinson Crusoe. (1727.)

Philippe Égalité. Louis Philippe Joseph, Duc d'Orléans (1747-1793).

Philipp'ic. A severe scolding; an invective. So called from the orations of Demosthenes against Philip of Macedon, to rouse the Athenians to resist his encroachments. The orations of Cicero against Anthony are called "Philippics."

Philipp'ins. A Russian sect: so called from the founder, Philip Pustosviät. They are called *Old Faith Men*, because they cling with tenacity to the old service books, old version of the Bible, old hymn-book, old prayer-book, and all customs previous to the reforms of Nekol, in the 17th century.

Philips (*John*), author of *The Splendid Shilling*, wrote a georgic on *Cider* in blank verse—a serious poem modelled upon Milton's epics.

"Philips, Pomona's ward, the second thou
Who nobly durst, in rhyme-unfettered verse,
With British freedom sing the British song."
Thomson: Autumn.

Philisides (4 syl.). Philip Sidney (*Phil' Sid*). Spenser uses the word in the *Pastoral Eglogue on the Death of Sir Philip*.

"Philisides is dead."

Philistines, meaning the ill-behaved and ignorant. The word so applied arose in Germany from the Charles of Philisters, who were in everlasting collision with the students; and in these "town and gown rows" identified themselves with the town, called in our universities "the snobs." Matthew Arnold, in the *Cornhill Magazine*, applied the term Philistine to the middle class, which he says is "ignorant, narrow-minded, and deficient in great ideas," inasmuch that the middle-class English are objects of contempt in the eyes of foreigners.

Philistines (3 syl.). Earwigs and other insect tormentors are so called in Norfolk. Bailiffs, constables, etc. "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson" (Judges xvi.).

Philistinism. A cynical indifference and supercilious sneering at religion. The allusion is to the Philistines of Palestine.

Phillis. A play written in Spanish by Lupercio Leonardo of Argensola. (See *Don Quixote*, vol. iii. p. 70.)

Philoctetes, in Sidney's *Arcadia*, is Lady Penelope Devereux, with whom he was in love; but the lady married another, and Sir Philip transferred his affections to Frances, eldest daughter of Sir Francis Walsingham.

Philoctetes. The most famous archer in the Trojan war, to whom Hercules, at death, gave his arrows. He joined the allied Greeks, with seven ships, but in the island of Lemnos, his foot being bitten by a serpent, ulcerated, and became so offensive that the Greeks left him behind. In the tenth year of the siege Ulysses commanded that he should be sent for, as an oracle had declared that Troy could not be taken without the arrows of Hercules. Philoctetes accordingly went to Troy, slew Paris, and Troy fell.

¶ The *Philoctetes* of Sophocles is one of the most famous Greek tragedies. Laharpe wrote a French tragedy, and Warren, in 1871, a metrical drama on the same subject.

Philoemel or Philomela. (See NIGHTINGALE.)

Philomelus. The Druid bard that accompanied Sir Industry to the *Castle of Indolence*. (Thomson, *cauto* ii. 34.)

Philopomen, general of the Achaean league, made Epaminondas his model.

He slew Meehanidas, tyrant of Sparta, and was himself killed by poison.

Philosopher. The sages of Greece used to be called *sophoi* (wise men), but Pythagoras thought the word too arrogant, and adopted the compound *philosophoi* (lover of wisdom), whence "philosopher," one who courts or loves wisdom.

Philosopher. "There was never yet philosopher who could endure the toothache patiently, however they have writ the style of gods, and made a push at chance and sufferance." (*Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing*, v. 1.)

The Philosopher. Marcus Aurelius Antoninus is so called by Justin Martyr. (121, 161-180.)

Leo VI., Emperor of the East. (866, 886-911.)

Porphyry, the Antichristian. (233-305.)

The Philosopher of China. Confucius. His mother called him *Little Hillock*, from a knob on the top of his head. (B.C. 551-479.)

The Philosopher of Ferney. Voltaire; so called from his chateau of Ferney, near Geneva. (1691-1778.)

The Philosopher of Malmsbury. Thomas Hobbes, author of *Leviathan*. (1588-1679.)

The Philosopher of Persia. Abou Elu Sina, of Shiraz. (Died 1637.)

The Philosopher of Samosata. Lucan. "Just such another feast as was that of the Lapthae, described by the philosopher of Samosata."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, book iv. 15.

The Philosopher of Saint-Sauveur. Frederick the Great (1712, 1740-1786).

The Philosopher of Wambledon. John Horne Took, author of *Diversions of Puckey*. (1736-1812.)

Philosopher with the Golden Thigh. Pythagoras. General Zedissians had a golden hand, which was given him by Bolissians III. when he lost his right hand in battle. Nual had an artificial hand made of silver by Cred.

"Quite discard the symbol of the old philosopher with the golden thigh."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel* (Prologue to book v.).

Philosopher's Egg (*The*). A preservative against poison, and a cure for the plague; a panacea. The shell of a new egg being pricked, the white is blown out, and the place filled with saffron or a yolk of an egg mixed with saffron.

Philosopher's Stone. The way to wealth. The ancient alchemists thought there was a substance which would

convert all baser metals into gold. This substance they called the philosopher's stone. Here the word stone is about equal to the word substratum, which is compounded of the Latin *sub* and *stratus* (spread-under), the latter being related to the verb *stand*, *stood*, and meaning something on which the experiment stands. It was, in fact, a red powder or amalgam to drive off the impurities of baser metals. (Stone, Saxon, *stān*.)

Philosopher's stone. According to legend, Noah was commanded to hang up the true and genuine philosopher's stone in the ark, to give light to every living creature therein.

Inventions discovered in searching for the philosopher's stone. It was in searching for this treasure that Böttcher stumbled on the invention of Dresden porcelain manufacture; Roger Bacon on the composition of gunpowder; Geber on the properties of acids; Van Helmont on the nature of gas; and Dr. Glauber on the "salts" which bear his name.

Philosopher's Tree (The), or Diana's tree. An amalgam of crystallised silver, obtained from mercury in a solution of silver; so called by the alchemists, with whom Diana stood for silver.

Philosophers.

The Seven Sages or Wise Men of Greece. Thales, Solon, Chilon, Pittacus, Bias, Cleobulus, Periander; to which add Sostiades, Anacharsis the Scythian, Myso the Spartan, Epimenides the Cretan, and Pherecydes of Syros.

Philosophers of the Academic sect. Plato, Speusippus, Xenocrates, Polemon, Crates, Crantor, Arcesilaus, Carneades, Clitomachus, Philo, and Antiochus.

Philosophers of the Cynic sect. Antisthenes, Diogenes of Sinope, Monimus, Onesicritus, Crates, Metrocles, Hipparchia, Menippus, and Menedemus of Lampascus.

Philosophers of the Cyrenaic sect. Aristippus, Hegesias, Anniceris, Theodorus, and Bion.

Philosophers of the Eleatic or Eretrian sect. Phaedo, Plisthenus, and Menedemus of Eretria.

Philosophers of the Eleatic sect. Xenophanes, Parmenides, Melissos, Zeno of Tarsos, Leucippus, Democritus, Protagoras, and Anaxarchos.

Philosophers of the Epicurean sect. Epicurus, and a host of disciples.

Philosophers of the Heraclitan sect. Heraclitus; the names of his disciples are unknown.

Philosophers of the Ionic sect. Anaximander, Anaximenes, Anaxagoras, and Archelaus.

Philosophers of the Italic sect. Pythagoras, Empedocles, Epicharmus, Archytas, Alcmæon, Hippasos, Philolaos, and Eudoxos.

Philosophers of the Megarian sect. Euclid, Eubulides, Alexinos, Euphantos, Apollonios, Chronos, Diodoros, Ichthyas, Clinomachos, and Stilpo.

Philosophers of the Peripatetic sect. Aristotle, Theophrastus, Straton, Lyco, Aristocritolaos, and Diodoros.

Philosophers of the Sceptic sect. Pyrrho and Timon.

Philosophers of the Socratic sect. Socrates, Xenophon, Eschines, Crito, Simon, Glauco, Simmias, and Cebes.

Philosophers of the Stoic sect. Zeno, Cleanthes, Chrysippus, Zeno the Less, Diogenes of Babylon, Antipater, Panætius, and Posidonius.

Philosophy. *Father of Philosophy.* Albrecht von Haller, of Berne. (1708-1777.)

Philotimé. The word means *lover of honour*. The presiding Queen of Hell, and daughter of Mammon. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, ii.)

"And fair Philotimé, the rightly bight,
The fairest wight that woneht under sky."
Book II. canto vii.

Philoxenos of Cythéra. A most distinguishing dithyrambic poet. He was invited to the court of Dionysius of Syracuse, who placed some poems in his hand to correct. Philoxenos said the only thing to do was to run a line through them and put them in the fire. For this frankness he was cast into prison, but, being released, he retired to Ephesus. The case of Voltaire and Frederick II. the Great of Prussia is an exact parallel.

"Bolder than Philoxenos
Down the veil of truth I tear."
Amand Charlemagne. *Les Grandes Vérités*.

• **Philoxenos of Leucadia.** A great epicure, who wished he had the neck of a crane, that he might enjoy the taste of his food the longer. (*Aristotle: Ethics*, iii. 10.)

Philter (A). A draught or charm to incite in another the passion of love. The Thessalian philters were the most renowned, but both the Greeks and Romans used these dangerous potions, which sometimes produced insanity. Lucretius is said to have been driven mad by a love-potion, and Caligula's death is attributed to some philters

administered to him by his wife, Cæsonia. Brabantio says to Othello—

"Thou hast practised on her [Desdemona] with
foul charms,
Abused her delicate youth with drugs or minerals
That weaken motion."

Shakespeare: Othello, i. 1.

∴ ("Philter," Greek, *philtion, philos*, loving)

Phineus (2 syl.). A blind king of Thrace, who had the gift of prophecy. Whenever he wanted to eat, the Harpies came and took away or defiled his food.

"Blind Thamyras, and blind Mæonides,
And Tiresias, and Phineus, prophets old,"
Milton: Paradise Lost, iii. 51.

Phiz, the face, is a contraction of physiognomy.

Phiz. Hablot K. Browne, who illustrated the *Pickwick Papers*, etc.

Phleg'ethon. A river of liquid fire in Hadēs. (Greek, *phlego*, to burn.)

"Fierce Phleg'ethon,
Whose waves of torrent fire inflame with rage,"
Milton: Paradise Lost, ii.

Phleg'ra, in Macedonia, was where the giants attacked the gods. Encel'ados was the chief of the giants.

Phlogiston. The principle or element of heat, according to Stahl. When latent the effect is imperceptible, but when operative it produces all the effects of heat from warmth to combustion. Of course, this theory has long been exploded. (Greek, *phlogiston*, inflammable.)

Phocensian Despair. Desperation which terminates in victory. In the days of Philip, King of Macedonia, the men of Phocis had to defend themselves single-handed against the united forces of all their neighbours, because they presumed to plough a sacred field belonging to Delphi. The Phocensians suggested that they should make a huge pile and that all the women and children should join the men in one vast human sacrifice. The pile was made, and everything was ready, but the men of Phocis, before mounting the pile, rushed in desperation on the foe, and obtained a signal victory.

Phocion, surnamed *The Good*, who resisted all the bribes of Alexander and his successor. It was this real patriot who told Alexander to turn his arms against Persia, their common enemy, rather than against the states of Greece, his natural allies.

"Phocion the Good, in public life severe,

To virtue still inexorably firm,"

Thomson: Winter.

Phœbē. The moon, sister of Phœbus.

Phœbus. The sun or sun-god. In Greek mythology Apollo is called Phœbos (the sun-god), from the Greek verb *phao* (to shine).

"The rays divine of vernal Phœbus shine"

Thomson: Spring.

Phoenix. Said to live a certain number of years, when it makes in Arabia a nest of spices, sings a melodious dirge, flaps his wings to set fire to the pile, burns itself to ashes, and comes forth with new life, to repeat the former one. (*See PHENIX PERIOD*.)

"The enchanted idle of that lonely bird,
Who sings at the last his own death-day,
And in music and perfume dies away,"

Thomas Moore: Paradise and the Peri.

Phoenix, as a sign over chemists' shops, was adopted from the association of this fabulous bird with alchemy. Paracelsus wrote about it, and several of the alchemists employed it to symbolise their vocation.

A phoenix among women. A phoenix of his kind. A paragon, unique; because there was but one phoenix at a time.

"If she be furnished with a mind so rare,
She is alone the Arabian bird!"

Shakespeare: Cymbeline, i. 1.

The Spanish Phoenix. Lope de Vega is so called by G. H. Lewes.

"Insigne poeta, a cuyo verso o prosa
Ninguno le aventaja ni aun Meca."

Phoenix Alley (London). The alley leading to the Phoenix theatre, now called Drury Lane.

Phoenix Park (Dublin). A corruption of the Gaelic *Fion-uise* (fair water), so called from a spring at one time resorted to as a chalybeate spa.

Phoenix Period or *Cycle*, generally supposed to be 500 years; Tacitus tells us it was 250 years; R. Stuart Poole that it was 1,460 Julian years, like the Gothic Cycle; and Lipsius that it was 1,500 years. Now, the phoenix is said to have appeared in Egypt five times: (1) in the reign of Sesostris; (2) in the reign of Am-asis; (3) in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphos; (4) a year or two prior to the death of Tiberius; and (5) in A.D. 334, during the reign of Constantine. These dates being accepted, a Phoenix Cycle consists of 300 years: thus, Sesostris, B.C. 868; Am-asis, B.C. 566; Ptolemy, B.C. 266; Tiberius, A.D. 34; Constantine, A.D. 334. In corroboration of this suggestion it must be borne in mind that Jesus Christ, who died A.D. 34, is termed *the Phoenix* by monastic writers. Tacitus mentions the first three of these appearances. (*Annals*, vi. 28.)

Phoenix Theatre. (See PHOENIX ALLEY.)

Phoenix Tree. The palm. In Greek, *phoenix* means both phoenix and palm-tree.

"Now I will believe . . . that in Arabia
There is one tree, the phoenix' throne—one
phoenix
At this hour reigneth there."
Shakespeare: The Tempest, iii. 2.

Phoo'ka or Pooka. A spirit of most malignant disposition, who hurries people to their destruction. He sometimes comes in the form of an eagle, and sometimes in that of a horse, like the Scotch kelpie (*q.v.*). (*Irish superstition.*)

Phor'cos. "The old man of the sea." He was the father of the three Grains, who were grey from their birth, and had but one eye and one tooth common to the three. (*Greek mythology.*)

Phormio. A parasite who accommodates himself to the humour of everyone. (*Troence: Phormio.*)

Phry'gians. An early Christian sect, so called from Phrygia, where they abounded. They regarded Montanus as their prophet, and laid claim to the spirit of prophecy.

Phry'ne (2 syl.). A courtesan or Athenian hetæra. She acquired so much wealth by her beauty that she offered to rebuild the walls of Thebes if she might put on them this inscription: "Alexander destroyed them, but Phryne the hetæra rebuilt them." The Cnidian Venus of Praxiteles was taken from this courtesan. Apelles' picture of *Venus Rising from the Sea* was partly from his wife Campaspe, and partly from Phryne, who entered the sea with dishevelled hair as a model.

Phylac'tery. A charm or amulet. The Jews wore on their wrist or forehead a slip of parchment bearing a text of Scripture. Strictly speaking, a phylactery consisted of four pieces of parchment, enclosed in two black leather cases, and fastened to the forehead or wrist of the left hand. One case contained Ex. xiii. 1-10, 11-16; and the other case, Deut. vi. 4-9, xi. 13-21. The idea arose from the command of Moses, "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart . . . and bind them for a sign upon your hand . . . as frontlets between your eyes" (Deut. xi. 18). (*Greek, phylactêrion, from the verb phylasseo, to watch.*)

Phyllis. A country girl. (*Virgil: Eclogues, iii. and v.*)

Country menses,
Which the next-handed Phyllis dresses.
Shelton: L'Allegro.

Phyllis and Brunetta. Rival beauties who for a long time vied with each other on equal terms. For a certain festival Phyllis procured some marvellous fabric of gold brocade to outshine her rival; but Brunetta dressed the slave who bore her train in the same material, clothing herself in simple black. Upon this crushing mortification Phyllis went home and died. (*Spectator.*)

Phyl'ising the Fair. Philandering—making soft speeches and winning faces at them. Garth says of Dr. Atterbury—

"He passed his easy hours, instead of prayer,
In madrigals and phyl'ising the fair."
The Dispensary, l.

Phynnod'derec [*the Hairy-one*]. A Manx spirit, similar to the Scotch "brownie," and German "kobold." He is said to be an outlawed fairy, and the offence was this: He absented himself without leave from Fairy-court on the great levée-day of the Harvest-moon, being in the glen of Rushen, dancing with a pretty Manx maid whom he was courting.

Physician. *The Beloved Physician.* Lucius, supposed to be St. Luke, the evangelist (Col. iv. 14).

The Prince of Physicians. Avicenna, the Arabian (980-1037).^o

Physician or Fool. Plutarch, in his treatise *On the Preservation of Health*, tells us that Tiberius was wont to say, "A man of thirty is his own physician or a fool."

Physician, heal Thyself. "First cast out the beam from thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote which is in thy brother's eye."

Physigna'thos [*one who swells the cheeks*]. King of the Frogs, and son of Pelus [mud], slain by Troxartas, the Mouse-king.

"Great Physignathos I, from Pelus' race,
Beset in fair Hydronede's embrace,
Where, by the nuptial bank that paints his side,
The swift Erid'anus delights to glide."
Parnell: Bards of the Frogs, bk. i.

Piarists, or Brethren of the Pious School. A religious congregation founded in the 16th century by Joseph of Calasanza, for the better instruction and education of the middle and higher classes.

Pic-nic. Dr. John Anthony derives it from the Italian *piccola nicchia* (a small task), each person being set a small task towards the general entertainment. (French, *picu-nique*.)

The modern custom dates from 1802, but picnics, called *epicuri*, where each person contributed something, and one was appointed "master of the feast," are mentioned by Homer, in his *Odyssey*, l. 204.

Picador (Spanish). A horseman; one who in bull fights is armed with a gilt spear (*pica-dorada*), with which he pricks the bull to madden him for the combat.

Picards. An immoral sect of fanatics in the 15th century; so called from Picard of Flanders, their founder, who called himself the New Adam, and tried to introduce the custom of living nude, like Adam in Paradise.

You are as hot-headed as a Picard. This is a French expression, and is tantamount to our "Peppery as a Welshman."

Picaroon. A pirate; one who plunders wrecks. (French, *picarreau*, *picorer*, to plunder; Scotch, *pikary*, rapine; Spanish, *picaroun*, a villain.)

Picatrix. The pseudonym of a Spanish monk, author of a book on demonology, collected from the writings of 224 Arabic magicians. It was dedicated to King Alfonso.

"At the time when I was a student in the University of Toulouse, that same reverend Picatrix, rector of the University, Faculty, was wont to tell us that devils did not actually fear the bright glancing of swords, so much as the splendour and fire of the sun."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, lib. 2.

Piccadilly (London). So called from Piccadilla Hall, the chief depôt of a certain sort of lace, much in vogue during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The lace was called *piccadilly lace*, from its little spear-points (a diminutive of *pica*, a pike or spear). In the reign of James I. the high ruff was called a *piccadilly*, though divested of its lace edging. Barnaby Rudge, speaking of the piccadillies, says—"He that some forty years sithen should have asked after a piccadilly, I wonder who would have understood him, and would have told him whether it was fish or flesh" (1614). Another derivation is given in the *Glossographia* (1681). Piccadilly, we are there told, was named from Higgins' famous ordinary near St. James's, called Higgins's *Pickadilly*, "because he made his money by selling piccadillies" (p. 495). (See also *Home: Everyday Book*, vol. ii. p. 381.)

"Where Backville Street now stands was Piccadilla Hall, where piccadillies or turnovers were sold, which gave name to Piccadilly."—*Pennant*.

Piccolinists (1774-1780). A French musico-political faction, who contended that pure Italian music is higher art than the mixed German school. In other words, that music is the Alpha and Omega of opera, and the dramatic part is of very minor importance.

Niccolo Piccino, of Naples (1728-1801), was the rival of Christopher Gluck, of Bohemia, and these two musicians gave birth to a long paper war. Those who sided with the Italian were called Piccinists, those who sided with the German were called Gluckists.

Pick. To throw; same as *pitch*. The instrument that throws the shuttle is called the *pieker*. (Anglo-Saxon, *pyc-an*, to throw, pull, or pick.)

"I'll pick you over the palm."
Shakespeare: Henry VIII., v. 3.

Pick Straws (*To*). To show fatigue or weariness, as birds pick up straws to make their nests (or bed).

"Their eyelids did not once pick straws,
And wink, and sink away;
No, no; they were as brisk as bees,
And loving things did say."
Peter Pindar: Orson and Ellen, canto v.

Pick a Hole in his Coat (*To*). To find fault with one; to fix on some small offence as censurable.

"And shall such mob as thou, not worth a coat,
Dare pick a hole in such great men's coats?"
Peter Pindar: Epistle to John Nichols

Pickaninny. A young child. A West Indian negro word. (Spanish, *pequeno*, little; *nino*, child.)

Pick'elher'ring (5 syl.). A buffoon is so called by the Dutch.

Pickers and Stealers. The hands. In French *a god hands* are called *harpes*, which is a contracted form of *harpans*; and harpion is the Italian *arpione*, a hook used by thieves to pick linen, etc., from hedges. A *harpe d'un chien* means a dog's paw, and "*Il mama très bien ses harpes*" means he used his fingers very dexterously.

"*Romances*: My lord, an once did love me.
Hamlet. And do still, by these pickers and stealers."
Shakespeare: Hamlet, in 3.

Pickle. A rod in pickle. One ready to chaffise with at any moment. Pickled means preserved for use. (Danish, *pek-el*.)

I'm in a pretty pickle. In a sorry plight, or state of disorder.

"How camest thou in this pickle?"
Shakespeare: Tempest, v. 1.

Pickwick (*Mr. Samuel*). The hero of the *Pickwick Papers*, by Charles Dickens. He is a simple-minded, benevolent old gentleman, who wears spectacles, breeches, and short black gaiters, has a bald head, and "good round belly." He founds a club, and travels with its

members over England, each member being under his guardianship.

Pickwickian. *In a Pickwickian sense.* An insult whitewashed. Mr. Pickwick accused Mr. Blotton of acting in "a vile and calumnious manner," whereupon Mr. Blotton retorted by calling Mr. Pickwick "a humbug." It finally was made to appear that both had used the offensive words only in a Pickwickian sense, and that each had, in fact, the highest regard and esteem for the other. So the affront was adjusted, and both were satisfied.

"Lawyers and politicians daily abuse each other in a Pickwickian sense."—*Bowdich.*

Picrochole, King of Lerne. A Greek compound, meaning "bitter-bile," or choleric. The rustics of Utopia one day asked the cake-bakers of Lerne to sell them some cakes, but received only abuse; whereupon a quarrel ensued. When Picrochole was informed thereof, he marched with all his men against Utopia. King Grangousier tried to appease the choleric king, but all his efforts were in vain. At length Gargantua arrived, defeated Picrochole, and put his army to the rout. (*Rabelais: Gargantua*, bk. i.)

King Picrochole's statesman. One who without his host reckons of mighty achievements to be accomplished. The Duke of Smalltrash, Earl of Swashbuckler, and Captain Durtaille advised King Picrochole to divide his army into two parts: one was to be left to carry on the war in hand, and the other to be sent forth to make conquests. They were to take England, France and Spain, Asia Minor, the Greek Islands, and Turkey, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Russia, etc., and to divide the lands thus taken among the conquerors. Echeph'ron, an old soldier, replied—"A shoemaker bought a halfpenny of milk; with this he was going to make butter, the butter was to buy a cow, the cow was to have a calf, the calf was to be changed for a colt, and the man was to become a nabob; only he cracked his jug, spilt his milk, and went supperless to bed." (*Rabelais: Gargantua*, bk. i. 33.)

• In 1870 the French emperor (Napoleon III.) was induced to declare war against Germany. • He was to make a demonstration and march in triumph to Berlin. Having taken Berlin, he was to march to Italy to restore the Pope to his dominions, and then to restore the Queen of Spain to her throne; but he failed in the first, lost his throne, and Paris fell

into the hands of the allied Prussian army.

His uncle's "Berlin Decree," for the subjection of Great Britain, was a similar miscalculation. This decree ordained that no European state was to deal with England; and, the trade of England being thus ruined, the kingdom must perforce submit to Napoleon. But as England was the best customer of the European states, the states of Europe were so impoverished that they revolted against the dictator, and the battle of Waterloo was his utter downfall.

Picts. The inhabitants of Albin, north-east of Scotland. The name is usually said to be the Latin *picti* (painted [or tattooed] with wood), but in the Irish chronicles the Picts are called *Pictones*, *Pictores*, *Piccardaig*, etc.

Picts' Houses. Those underground buildings more accurately termed "earth houses," as the Pict's House at Kettleburn, in Caithness.

Picture. A model, or beau-ideal, as, *He is the picture of health; A perfect picture of a house.* (Latin, *pictura*.)

The Picture. Massinger has borrowed the plot of this play from Baudello of Piedmont, who wrote *novelles* or tales in the fifteenth century.

Picture Bible. (See BIBLIA.)

Picture Galleries.

London is famous for its Constables, Turners, Landseers, Gainsboroughs, etc.

Madrid for its Murillos, Van Dycks, Da Vincis, Rubenses, etc.

Dresden for its Raphael, Titian, and Correggio.

Amsterdam for its Dutch masters.

Rome for its Italian masters.

Pictures. (See CABINET, CARTOONS, etc.)

• **Pie.** *Looking for a pie's nest* (French). Looking for something you are not likely to find. (See *below*.)

He is in the pie's nest (French). In a fix, in great doubt, in a quandary. The pie places her nest out of reach, and fortifies it with thorny sticks, leaving only a small aperture just large enough to admit her body. • She generally sits with her head towards the hole, watching against intruders.

"Je m'en vray chercher un grand peut-estre. Il est au nid de la pie."—*Rabelais.*

Pie Corner (London). So named from an eating-house—the [*Mag*]pie.

Pie Poudre. A court formerly held at a fair on St. Giles's Hill, near Winchester. It was originally authorised by the Bishop of Winton from a grant of Edward IV. Similar courts were held elsewhere at wakes and fairs for the rough-and-ready treatment of pedlars and hawkers, to compel them and those with whom they dealt to fulfil their contracts. (French, *pié poudreux*, dusty foot. A vagabond is called 'in French *pié poudreux*.)

"Have its proceedings disallowed or Allowed, at fancy of pie-powder."

Butler: Hudibras, pt. ii. 2.

Piebald. Party-coloured. A corruption of *pie-baited*, speckled like a pie. The words Bull, Dun, and Favel are frequently given as names to cows. "Ball" means the cow with a mark on its face; "Dun" means the cow of a dun or brownish-yellow colour; and "Favel" means the bay cow. (*Ball*, in Gaelic, means a mark; *ballach*, speckled.)

Pied de la Lettre (Au). Quite literally.

"Of course, you will not take everything I have and quite as *pied de la lettre*."—*Fra. Olla: A Philosophical Trilogy*.

Pied Piper of Hamelin. The Pied Piper was promised a reward if he would drive the rats and mice out of Hameln (Westphalia). This he did, for he gathered them together by his pipe, and then drowned them in the Weser. As the people refused to pay him, he next led the children to Koppelberg Hill, where 130 of them perished (July 22nd, 1376). (See *HARRO*.)

"To blow the pipe his lips he wrinkled,
And green and blue his sharp eyes twinkled ...
And ere three notes his pipe had uttered ...
Out of the houses rats came tumbling—
Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats,
Brown rats, black rats, grey rats, tawny rats,
And step by step they followed him dancing.
Till they came to the river Weser."

Robert Browning.

† **Hameln**, on the river Hamel, is where the Rattenfänger, played this prank. It is said that the children did not perish in the mountain, but were led over it to Transylvania, where they formed a German colony.

Pierre. A conspirator in Otway's *Venue Preserved*. He is described as a patriot of the bluntest manners, and a stoical heart.

Uglier than Pierre du Coignet (French). Coignères was an advocate-general in the reign of Philippe de Valois, who stoutly opposed the encroachments of the Church. The monks, in revenge, called, by way of pun, those grotesque monkey-like figures carved in stone,

used in church architecture, *pierres du Coignet* or *pierres du Coignères*. At Notre Dame de Paris they used to extinguish their torches in the mouths and nostrils of these figures, which thus acquired a superadded ugliness. (See *Recherches de Pasquier*, iii. chap. xxvii.)

"You may associate them with Master Peter du Coignet ... in the middle of the porch ... to perform the office of extinguishers, and with their noses put out the lighted candles, torches, tapers, and flambeaux."—*Kabelaux*.

Pierrot {*pe'er-ro*}. A character in French pantomime representing a man in growth and a child in mind and manners. He is generally the tallest and thinnest man that can be got, has his face and hair covered with white powder or flour, and wears a white gown with very long sleeves, and a row of big buttons down the front. The word means Little Peter.

Piers. The shepherd who relates the fable of the *Kid and her Dam*, to show the danger of bad company. (*Spenser: Shepherd's Calendar*.)

Piers Plowman. The hero of a satirical poem of the fourteenth century. He falls asleep, like John Bunyan, on the Malvern Hills, and has different visions, which he describes, and in which he exposes the corruptions of society, the dissoluteness of the clergy, and the allurements to sin, with considerable bitterness. The author is supposed to be Robert or William Langland.

Pieta. A representation of the Virgin Mary embracing the dead body of her Son. Filial or parental love was called *piety* by the Romans. (See *PIOUS*.)

Pietists. A sect of Lutherans in the seventeenth century, who sought to introduce a more moral life and a more "evangelical" spirit of doctrine into the reformed church. In Germany the word *Pietist* is about equal to our vulgar use of Methodist.

Pietro (2 syl.). The putative father of Pompey's, criminally assumed as his child to prevent certain property from passing to an heir not his own. (*Robert Browning: The Ring and the Book*, ii. 580.) (See *RING*.)

Pig (*The*) was held sacred by the ancient Cretans, because Jupiter was suckled by a sow; it was immolated in the mysteries of Eleusis; was sacrificed to Hercules, to Venus, the Lares (2 syl.), and all those who sought relief from bodily ailments. The sow was sacrificed to Ceres (2 syl.), "because it taught men

to turn up the earth;" and in Egypt it was slain on grand weddings on account of its fecundity.

Pig. In the forefeet of pigs is a very small hole, which may be seen when the hair has been carefully removed. The tradition is that the legion of devils entered by these apertures. There are also round it some six rings, the whole together not larger than a small spangle; they look as if burnt or branded into the skin, and the tradition is that they are the marks of the devil's claws when he entered the swine (Mark v. 11-15). (See CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.)

Riding on a pig. It was Jane, afterwards Duchess of Gordon, who, in 1770, undertook for a wager to ride down the High Street of Edinburgh, in broad daylight, on the back of a pig, and she won her bet.

Some men there are love not a gaping pig (*Merchant of Venice*, iv. 1). Marshal d'Albert always fainted at the sight of a roast sucking pig. (See ANTIPATHY, CAT.)

The same is said of Vaugheim, the renowned Hanoverian huntsman. Keller used to faint at the sight of smoked bacon.

Pig-back, Picka-back, or a Tigger-back, does not mean as a pig is carried by a butcher, but as a *piga* or *child* is carried. It should be written *opigga-back*. A butcher carries a pig head downwards, with its legs over his shoulders; but a child is carried with its arms round your neck, and legs under your arms.

"She carries the other a pickapack upon her shoulders," - *L'Estivage*.

Pig-eyes. Very small black eyes, like those of a pig. Southey says, "Those eyes have taught the lover flattery." The ace of diamonds is called "a pig's eye."

Pig Hunt (A). A village sport, in which a certain number of persons blindfolded hunt a small pig confined by hurdles within a limited space. The winner, having caught the pig, tucks it under his arm, and keeps it as his prize.

Pig-iron. This is a mere play upon the word sow. When iron is melted it runs off into a channel called a sow, the lateral branches of which are called the pigs; here the iron cools, and is called pig-iron.

Pig and Tinderbox. The Elephant and Castle.

Pig and Whistle. The bowl and

wassail, or the wassail-cup and wassail. A *piggen* is a pail, especially a milk-pail; and a *pig* is a small bowl, cup, or mug, making "milk and wassail;" similar to the modern sign of *Jug and Glass*—i.e. beer and wine. Thus a crockery-dealer is called a *pig-wife*.

Pig in a Poke (A). A blind bargain. The French say *Acheter chat en poche*. The reference is to a common trick in days gone by of substituting a cat for a sucking-pig, and trying to palm it off on greenhorns. If anyone heedlessly bought the article without examination he bought a "cat" for a "pig;" but if he opened the sack he "let the cat out of the bag," and the trick was disclosed. The French *chat en poche* refers to the fact, while our proverb regards the trick. Pocket is diminutive of poke.

Pigs. (See BARTHOLOMEW PIGS.)

He has brought his pigs to a pretty market. He has made a very bad bargain; he has managed his business in a very bad way. Pigs were the chief articles of sale with our Saxon herdsmen, and till recently the village cottager looked to pay his rent by the sale of his pigs.

He follows me about like an Anthony pig, or such and such a one is a Tuntony pig; meaning a beggar, a hanger-on. Stow says that the officers of the market used to slit the ears of pigs unfit for food. One day one of the proctors of St. Anthony's Hospital tied a bell about a pig whose ear was slit, and no one would ever hunt it. The pig would follow like a dog anyone who fed it.

Please the pigs. If the Virgin permits. (Saxon, *piga*, a virgin.) In the Danish New Testament "maiden" is generally rendered *pigen*. "Pig Cross," dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is *Virgin Cross*, or the *Lady Cross*. So also "Pig's Hill," "Pig's Ditch," in some instances at least, are the field and diggin' attached to the Lady's Chapel, though in others they are simply the hill and ditch where pigs were offered for sale. Another etymology is *Please the pizies* (fairies), a saying still common in Devonshire.

It is somewhat remarkable that *pige* should be Norse for maiden, and *hog* or *og* Gaelic for young generally. Thus *ogan* (a young man), and *goie* (a young woman).

Pigskin (A). A gentleman's saddle, made of pigskin. "To throw a leg across a pigskin" is to mount a horse.

Pigtails (The). The Chinese; so called because the Tartar tonsure and braided queue are very general.

"We laid away telling one another of the pigtails till we both dropped off to sleep."—*Tales about the Chinese.*

Pigeon (To). To cheat, to gull one of his money by almost self-evident hoaxes. Pigeons are very easily gulled, caught by snares, or scared by malkins. One easily gulled is called a *pigeon*. The French *pigeon* means a dupe.

"Je me défieroy tantost que tu serois un de ceux qui ne se laissent si facilement pigeonner à telles gens."—*Les Dialogues de Jacques Tahureau*, (1585).

Flying the pigeons. Stealing coals from a cart or sack between the coal-dealer's yard and the house of the customer.

Flying the blue pigeon. Stealing the lead from off the roofs of churches or buildings of any kind.

To pigeon a person is to cheat him clandestinely. A gullible person is called a pigeon, and in the sporting world sharps and flats are called "rooks and pigeons." The brigands of Spain used to be called *palomos* (pigeons); and in French argot a dupe is called *pechon*, or *peschon de ruby*; where *pechon* or *peschon* is the Italian *piccione* (a pigeon), and *de ruby* is a pun on *derobé*, bamboozled.

To pluck a pigeon. To cheat a gullible person of his money. To fleece a greenhorn. (See GREENHORN.)

"Here comes a nice pigeon to pluck," said one of the thieves."—*C. Reade*.

Pigeon, Pigeons. Pitt says in Mecca no one will kill the blue pigeons, because they are held sacred.

The black pigeons of Dodo'na. Two black pigeons, we are told, took their flight from Thebes, in Egypt; one flew to Libya, and the other to Dodo'na, in Greece. On the spot where the former alighted, the temple of Jupiter Ammon was erected; in the place where the other settled, the oracle of Jupiter was established, and there the responses were made by the black pigeons that inhabited the surrounding groves. This fable is probably based on a pun upon the word *peleiai*, which usually means "old women," but in the dialect of the Epi'rots signifies pigeons or doves.

Mahomet's pigeon. (See MAHOMET.)

In Russia pigeons are not served for human food, because the Holy Ghost assumed the likeness of a dove at the baptism of Jesus; and part of the marriage service consists in letting loose

two pigeons. (See *The Sporting Magazine*, January, 1825, p. 307.)

Pigeon lays only two eggs. Hence the Queen says of Hamlet, after his fit he will be—

"As patient as the female dove
When that her golden couplets are disclosed (i. e. hatched)." *Hamlet*, v. 1.

He who is sprinkled with pigeon's blood will never die a natural death. A sculptor carrying home a bust of Charles I. stopped to rest on the way; at the moment a pigeon overhead was struck by a hawk, and the blood of the bird fell on the neck of the bust. The sculptor thought it ominous, and after the king was beheaded the saying became current.

Flocks of wild pigeons presage the penitence, at least in Louisiana. Longfellow says they come with "naught in their claws but an acorn." (*Evangeline*.)

Pigeon-English or Pigeon-talk. A corruption of *business-talk*. Thus: business, bidginess, bidgin, pidgin, pigeon. A mixture of English, Portuguese, and Chinese, used in business transactions in "The Flowery Empire."

"The traders care nothing for the Chinese language, and are content to carry on their business transactions in a hideous jargon called 'pigeon English.'"—*The Times*.

Pigeon-hole (A). A small compartment for filing papers. In pigeon-lockers a small hole is left for the pigeons to walk in and out.

Pigeon-livered. Timid, easily frightened, like a pigeon. The bile rules the temper, and the liver the bile.

Pigeon Pair. A boy and girl, twins. It was once supposed that pigeons always sit on two eggs which produce a male and a female, and these twin birds live together in love the rest of their lives.

Pigg. (See under the word BREWER.)

Piggie-wiggie or Piggie-whidden. A word of endearment; a pet pig, which, being the smallest of the litter, is called by the diminutive *Piggie*, the *wiggie* being merely alliterative.

Pightel or Pightle. A small parcel of land enclosed with a hedge. In the eastern counties called a *pi'kle*.

"Never had that novelty in manner whitened the . . . pightles of Court Farm."—*Miss Miford: Our Village*, p. 68.

Pigmy. A dwarf. In fabulous history the pigmies were a nation of dwarfs devoured by cranes. (See PROMISE.)

Pigeoney or Piganie. A word of

endearment to a girl. (Diminutive of the Anglo-Saxon *piga*, a little girl.)

Pigwigin. An elf in love with Queen Mab. He combats the jealous Oberon with great fury. (*Drayton: Nymphidia.*)

Pike's Head (A). A pike's head has all the parts of the crucifixion of Christ. There are the cross, three nails, and a sword distinctly recognisable. The German tradition is that when Christ was crucified all fishes dived under the waters in terror, except the pike, which, out of curiosity, lifted up its head and beheld the whole scene. (*See PASSION FLOWER.*)

Pikestaff. Plain as a pikestaff. Quite obvious and unmistakable. The pikestaff was the staff carried by pilgrims, which plainly and somewhat ostentatiously announced their "devotion." It has been suggested that "pikestaff" is a corruption of "pack-staff," meaning the staff on which a pedlar carries his pack, but there is no need for the change.

Pilate Voice. A loud ranting voice. In the old mysteries all tyrants were made to speak in a rough ranting manner. Thus Bottom the Weaver, after a rant "to show his quality," exclaims, "That's 'Ereles' vein, a tyrant's vein;" and Hamlet describes a ranting actor as "out-heroding Herod."

"In Pilate voice began to cry,
And swor by armes, and by blood and bones!"
(*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales*, 3128.)

Pilate's Wife, who warned Pilate to have nothing to do with Jesus, is called Procla. (*E. Johnson: The Rise of Christendom*, p. 416.)

Others call her Justitia, evidently an assumed name.

Pilatus (Mount) in Switzerland. The similarity of the word with the name of Pontius Pilate has given rise to the tradition that the Roman Governor, being banished to Gaul by Tiberius, wandered to this mount and threw himself into a black lake on its summit. But Mont Pilatus means the "hatted mountain," because it is frequently capped with clouds.

7 The story goes, that once a year Pilate appears in his robes of office, and whoever sees the ghost will die before the year is out. In the sixteenth century a law was passed forbidding anyone to throw stones in the lake, for fear of bringing a tempest on the country.

There is a town called Pilate in the island of Hispaniola, and a Mont Pilate in France.

Pileh. The flannel napkin of an infant; a buff or leather jerkin. (Anglo-Saxon *pylce*, a pileh.)

Plicher. A scabbard. (Anglo-Saxon, *pylce*; Latin, *pellis*, skin.)

"Will you pluck your sword out of his plicher?"
—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, iii. 1.

Pilgarlic or Pill'd Garlic (A). One whose hair has fallen off from dissipation. Stow says of one getting bald: "He will soon be a peeled garlic like myself." Generally a poor wretch avoided and forsaken by his fellows. The editor of *Notes and Queries* says that garlic was a prime specific for leprosy, so that garlic and leprosy became inseparably associated. As lepers had to pill their own garlic, they were nicknamed *Pil-garlics*, and anyone shunned like a leper was so called likewise. (To pill = to peel; see Gen. xxx. 37.)

"It must be borne in mind that at one time garlic was much more commonly used in England than it is now.

"After this feast we jockeyed off to bed for the night, but never a bit could poor pilgarlic sleep our wink, for the everlasting jingle of bells!"
—*Rubens: Pontiquet*, v. 7.

Pilgrim Fathers (The). The 102 English, Scotch, and Dutch Puritans who, in December, 1620, went to North America in the ship called the *Mayflower*, and colonised Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Pilgrimage (3eryl). The chief places in the West were (1) Walsingham and Canterbury (England); (2) Fourvières, Puy, and St. Denis (France); (3) Rome, Loretto, Genetsano, and Assisi (Italy); (4) Compostella, Guadalupe, and Montserrat (Spain); (5) Oetting, Zell, Cologne, Trier, and Einsiedeln (Germany). Chaucer has an admirable account, chiefly in verse, of a pilgrimage to Becket's tomb in Canterbury Cathedral. The pilgrims beguile the weariness of the way by telling tales. These *Canterbury Tales* were never completed.

Pillar Saints or Stylites. A class of ascetics, chiefly of Syria, who took up their abode on the top of a pillar, from which they never descended. (*See STYLITES.*)

Pillar to Post. Running from pillar to post—from one thing to another without any definite purpose. This is an allusion to the *manège*. The pillar is the centre of the riding ground, and the posts are the columns at equal

distances, placed two and two round the circumference of the ring.

Pillars of Heaven (*The*). The Atlas Mountains are so called by the natives.

Pillars of Hercules (*The*). The opposite rocks at the entrance of the Mediterranean Sea, one in Spain and the other on the African continent. The tale is that they were bound together till Hercules tore them asunder in order to get to Gades (Cadiz). The ancients called them Calpē and Ab'yia; we call them Gibraltar Rock and Mount Hacho, on which stands the fortress of Ceuta (Ku'tah).

Pillory. The following eminent men have been put in the pillory for literary offences:—Leighton, for tracts against Charles I.; Lilburn, for circulating the tracts of Dr. Bastwick; Bastwick, for attacking the Church of England; Warton the publisher; Pryne, for a satire on the wife of Charles I.; Daniel Defoe, for a pamphlet entitled *The Shortest Way with Dissenters*, etc.

Pilot, according to Scaliger, is from an old French word, *pile* (a ship).

Pilot Balloon (*A*). A political feeler; a hint thrown out to ascertain public opinion on some moot point.

"As this gentleman is in the confidence of ministers, it is fair to assume that he was deputed to start this statement as a pilot balloon."—*Newspaper leader*, 1865.

Pilot Fish. So-called because it is supposed to pilot the shark to its prey.

Pilot that weathered the Storm (*The*). William Pitt, son of the first Earl of Chatham. George Canning, in 1802, wrote a song so called in compliment to William Pitt, who steered us safely through the European storm stirred up by Napoleon.

Pilpay or *Bidpay*. The Indian *Æsop*. His compilation was in Sanskrit, and entitled *Pantcha-Tantra*. Khosru (Choeros) the Great, of Persia, ordered them to be translated into Pehlvi, an idiom of Medish, at that time the language of Persia. This was in the middle of the sixth century.

Pimlico (London). At one time a district of public gardens much frequented on holidays. According to tradition, it received its name from Ben Pimlico, famous for his nut-brown ale. His tea-gardens, however, were near Hoxton, and the road to them was termed Pimlico Path, so that what is

now called Pimlico was so named from the popularity of the Hoxton resort.

"Have at thee, then, my merrie boyes, and beg for old Ben Pimlico's nut-brown ale."—*News from Hogsdon* (1605).

Pimlico. To walk in Pimlico. To promenade, handsomely dressed, along Pimlico Path.

"Not far from this place were the Asparagus Gardens and Pimlico Path, where were fine walks, cool arbours, etc., much used by the citizens of London and their families."—*Nat. Hist. Surrey* v. 221.

Pin (*.f*). A cask holding $4\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of ale or beer. This is the smallest of the casks. Two pins = a firkin or 9 gallons, and 2 firkins = a kilderkin or 18 gallons.

Pin. Not worth a pin. Wholly worthless.

I don't care a pin, or a pin's point. In the least.

The pin. The centre; as, "the pin of the heart" (*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4). The allusion is to the pin which fastened the clout or white mark on a target in archery.

Weak on his pins. Weak in his legs, the legs being a man's pegs or supporters.

A merry pin. A roysterer.

We are told that St. Dunstan introduced the plan of pegging tankards, to check the intemperate habits of the English in his time. Called "pin tankards."

In merry pin. In merry mood, in good spirits. Pegge, in his *Anonymous*, says that the old tankards were divided into eight equal parts, and each part was marked with a silver pin. The cups held two quarts, consequently the quantity from pin to pin was half a Winchester pint. By the rules of "good fellowship" a drinker was supposed to stop drinking *only at a pin*, and if he drank beyond it, was to drink to the next one. As it was very hard to stop exactly at the pin, the vain efforts gave rise to much mirth, and the drinker had generally to drain the tankard. (*See* PEG.)

"No song, no laugh, no jovial din
Of drinking wasail to the pin."

Longfellow: Golden Legend.

I do not pin my faith upon your sleeve. I am not going to take your *ipse dixit* for gospel. In feudal times badges were worn, and the partisans of a leader used to wear his badge, which was pinned on the sleeve. Sometimes these badges were changed for specific purposes, and persons learned to doubt. Hence the phrase, "You wear the badge, but I do

not intend to pin my faith on your sleeve."

He tumbled at the pin. Rattled at the latch to give notice that he was about to enter. The pin was not only the latch of chamber-doors and cottages, but the "rasp" of castles used instead of the modern knocker. It was attached to a ring, which produced a grating sound to give notice to the warder.

"Sae licht he jumped up the stair,
And tumbled at the pin;
And wha sae ready as hersel'
To let the laddie in."

Charlie is my Darling.

Pin Money. A lady's allowance of money for her own personal expenditure. Long after the invention of pins, in the fourteenth century, the maker was allowed to sell them in open shop only on January 1st and 2nd. It was then that the court ladies and city dames flocked to the depôts to buy them, having been first provided with money by their husbands. When pins became cheap and common, the ladies spent their allowances on other fancies, but the term pin money remained in vogue.

It is quite an error to suppose that pins were invented in the reign of François I., and introduced into England by Catherine Howard, the fifth wife of Henry VIII. In 1347, just 200 years before the death of François, 12,000 pins were delivered from the royal wardrobe for the use of the Princess Joan, and in 1400 (more than a century before François ascended the throne) the Duchess of Orleans purchased of Jehan le Breconnier, *espugnier*, of Paris, several thousand long and short pins, besides 500 *de la façon d'Angleterre*. So that pins were not only manufactured in England, but were of *high repute* even in the reign of Henry IV. of England (1399-1413).

Pinabello or **Pin'abel** (in *Orlando Furioso*). Son of Anselmo, King of Maganza. Marphisa, having overthrown him, and taken the steed of his dame, Pinabello, at her instigation, decreed that nothing would wipe out the disgrace except a thousand dames and a thousand warriors unhorsed, and spoiled of their arms, steed, and vest. He was slain by Bradamant.

Pinchbeck. So called from Christopher Pinchbeck, a musical-clock maker, of Fleet Street. (Died 1732.) The word is used for Brummagem gold; and the metal is a compound of copper, zinc, and tin.

"Where, in these pinchbeck days, can we hope to find the old virginal virtue in all its purity?"—*Anthony Trollope: Framley Parsonage.*

Pindar. *The French Pindar.* Jean Dorat (1507-1588). Also Ponce Denis Lebrun (1729-1807).

The Italian Pindar. Gabriello Chiabrera; whence *Chiabresario* is in Italian tantamount to "Pindaric." (1552-1637.)

Peter Pindar. Dr. John Wolcott (1738-1812).

Pindar of England. George, Duke of Buckingham, most extravagantly declared Cowley to be the Pindar, Horace, and Virgil of England.

In Westminster Abbey, the last line of Gray's tablet claims the honour of British Pindar for the author of *The Bard*.

"She (Britain) felt a Homer's fire in Milton's strains,
A Pindar's rapture in the lyre of Gray."

Pindar and the Bees. (See PLATO.)

Pindar of Wakefield (*George-a-Green*) has given his name to a celebrated house on the west side of the Gray's Inn Road; and a house with that name still exists in St. Chad's Row, on the other side of the street. (*The Times*.) (See PINDER.)

Pindaric Verse. Irregular verse; a poem of various metres, but of lofty style, in imitation of the odes of Pindar. *Alexander's Feast*, by Dryden, is the best specimen in English.

Pinder. One who impounds cattle, or takes care of the cattle impounded; thus George-a-Green was the "Pinder of Wakefield," and his encounter with Robin Hood, Scarlet, and Little John forms the subject of one of the Robin Hood ballads. (Anglo-Saxon *pund*, a fold.)

Pindo'rus (in *Jerusalem Delivered*). One of the two heralds; the other is Arideus.

Pine-bender (*The*). Sinis, the Corinthian robber; so called because he used to fasten his victims to two pine-trees bent towards the earth, and then leave them to be rent asunder by the rebound.

Pink (*A*). The flower is so called because the edges of the petals are pinked or notched. (See below.)

Pink of Perfection (*The*). The acme; the beau-ideal. Shakespeare has "the pink of courtesy" (*Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4); the pink of politeness. (Welsh, *pwnc*, a point, an acme; our *pink*, to stab; *pink*ing, cutting into points.)

P'ony or Peony. A flower; so called from the chieftain Paion, who discovered it. (*Saxon Leechdoms*, i.)

Pion-pion. An infantry soldier. This is probably a corruption of *pion*, a pawn or foot-soldier. Cotgrave, however, thinks the French foot-soldiers are so called from their habit of pilfering chickens, whose cry is *pion pion*.

P'ious (2 syl.). The Romans called a man who revered his father *pius*; hence Antoninus was called *pius*, because he requested that his adopted father (Hadrian) might be ranked among the gods. Æneas was called *pius* because he rescued his father from the burning city of Troy. The Italian word *pietà* (*q.v.*) has a similar meaning.

The Pious. Ernst I., founder of the House of Gotha. (1601-1674.)

Robert, son of Hugues Capet. (971, 996-1031.)

Eric IX. of Sweden. (*, 1155-1161.)

Pip: The hero of Dickens's *Great Expectations*. He is first a poor boy, and then a man of wealth.

Pipe. Anglo-Saxon *pip*, a pipe or flute.

Put that into your pipe and smoke it. Digest that, if you can. An expression used by one who has given an adversary a severe rebuke. The allusion is to the pipes of peace and war smoked by the American Indians.

Put your pipe out. Spoil your piping or singing; make you sing another tune, or in another key. "Take your shine out" has a similar force.

As you pipe, I must dance. I must accommodate myself to your wishes.

To pipe your eye. To snivel; to cry.

Pipe Rolls or *Great Rolls of the Pipe*. The series of Great Rolls of the Exchequer, beginning 2 Henry II., and continued to 1834, when the Pipe Office was abolished. These rolls are now in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane.

"Take, for instance the Pipe Rolls, that magnificent series of documents on which, from the middle of the 12th century until well on in the 19th, we have a perfect account of the crown revenue, rendered by the sheriffs of the different counties."—*Notes and Queries*, June 3, 1846, p. 421.

Office of the Clerk of the Pipe. A very ancient office in the Court of Exchequer, where leases of Crown lands, sheriffs' accounts, etc., were made out. It existed in the reign of Henry II., and was abolished in the reign of William IV. Lord Bacon says, "The office is so called because the whole receipt of the court is finally conveyed into it by means of

divers small pipes or quills, as water into a cistern.

Pipe of Peace. The North American Indians present a pipe to anyone they wish to be on good terms with. To receive the pipe and smoke together is to promote friendship and goodwill, but to refuse the offer is virtually a declaration of hostility.

Pipeclay. Routine; fossilised military dogmas of no real worth. In government offices the term *red-tape* is used to express the same idea. Pipeclay was at one time largely used by soldiers for making their gloves, accoutrements, and clothes look clean and smart.

Pipelet. A *courrière* or French door-porter; so called from a character in Eugène Sue's *Mysteries of Paris*.

Piper. *The Pied Piper.* (*See* PIED.) *Who's to pay the piper?* (*See* PAY.)

Tom Piper. So the piper is called in the morris dance.

There is apparently another Tom Piper, referred to by Drayton and others, of whom nothing is now known. He seems to have been a sort of Mother Goose, or *raconteur* of short tales.

Tom Piper is gone out, and with few tales,
He never will come in to tell us tales.

Piper that Played before Moses (*By the*). *Per tibicenum qui coram Mose modulatus est.* This oath is from *Tales in Blackwood* [*Magazine*, May, 1838]: *Father Time and the Pope* (name of the tale). (*Notes and Queries*, April 2, 1857, p. 276.)

Piper's News or *Haucker's News*, *Fiddler's News.* News known to all the world. "*Le secret de polichinelle.*"

Piping Hot. Hot as water which pipes or sings.

Pippa Passes. A little heaven leaveneth the whole lump. Some casual influence has dropped good seed, which has taken root and beareth fruit to perfection. The words are the title of a dramatic poem by Robert Browning. Pippa is a chaste-minded, light-hearted peasant maiden, who resolves to enjoy New Year's Day, her only holiday. Various groups of persons overhear her as she passes—by singing her innocent ditties, and some of her stray words, falling into their hearts, not with secret but sure influence for good. (1842.)

Piræus. Now called the port *Leo'nê*.

Pirie's Chair. "The lowest seat o' hell." "If you do not mend your ways, you will be sent to Pirie's chair, the lowest seat of hell."

"In Pirie's chair you'll sit, I say,
The lowest seat o' hell;
If ye do not amend your ways,
It's there that ye must dwell."
*Child's English and Scottish Ballads:
The Courteous Knight.*

* **Pirrie** or **pyrrie** means a sudden storm at sea (Scotch *pirr*). "They were driven back by storme of winde and pyrries of the sea." (*North: Plutarch*, p. 355.)

Pirith'oës. King of the Lapithæ, proverbial for his love of Theseus (2 syl.), King of Athens.

Pis-aller (French). As a shift; for want of a better; a *dernier ressort*; better than nothing.

"She contented herself with a *pis-aller*, and gave her hand . . . in six months to the son of the baronet's steward."—*Sir W. Scott: Waverley*, chap. v.

Pisa'nio. A servant noted for his attachment to Imogen. (*Shakespeare: Cymbeline*.)

Piso's Justice. *That is Piso's justice.* Verbally right, but morally wrong. Seneca tells us that Piso condemned a man on circumstantial evidence for murder; but when the suspect was at the place of execution, the man supposed to have been murdered exclaimed, "Hold, hold! I am the man supposed to have been killed." The centurion sent back the prisoner to Piso, and explained the case to him; whereupon Piso condemned all three to death, saying, "*Fiat justitia*." The man condemned is to be executed because sentence of death has been passed upon him, and *fiat justitia*; the centurion is to be executed because he has disobeyed orders, and *fiat justitia*; the man supposed to have been murdered is to be executed because he has been the cause of death to two innocent men, and *fiat justitia etiam cæcū ruat*.

Pistol. Falstaff's lieutenant or ancient; a bully, but a coward, a rogue, and always poor.* (*Shakespeare: 1 and 2 Henry IV.; Merry Wives of Windsor*.)

Pistols. So called from Pistoja, in Tuscany, where they were invented in 1545. (Latin, *pistorium*.)

To discharge one's pistol in the air. To fight a man of straw; to fight harmlessly in order to make up a foolish quarrel.

"Dr. Réville has discharged his pistol in the air (that is, he pretends to fight against me, but discharges his shot against objections which I never made)."—*W. F. Gladstone: Nineteenth Century*, November, 1885.

Pistris, Pistrix, Pristis, or Pristrix. The sea-monster sent to devour Andromeda. In ancient art it is represented with a dragon's head, the neck and head of a beast, fins for the fore-legs, and the body and tail of a fish. In Christian art the *pistris* was usually employed to represent the whale which swallowed Jonah. (*Aratus: Commentaries*.) Aratus died A.D. 213.

Pit-a-pat. *My heart goes pit-a-pat.* Throbs, palpitates. "Pat" is a gentle blow (Welsh, *ffat*), and "pit" is a mere ricochet expletive. We have a vast number of such ricochet words, as "fiddle-fiddle," "harum-scarum," "ding-dong," etc.

"Anything like the sound of a rat
Makes my heart go pit-a-pat."
Browning: Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Pitch. *Touch pitch, and you will be defiled.* "The finger that touches rouge will be red." "Evil communications corrupt good manners." "A rotten apple injures its companions."

Pitch and Pay. Pitch down your money and pay at once. There is a suppressed pun in the phrase: "to pay a ship" is to pitch it.

"The word is pitch and pay—trust none."
Shakespeare: Henry V., II. 2.

Pitch into Him. Thrust or dart your fists into him.

Pitcher. *The pitcher went once too often to the well.* The dodge was tried once too often, and utterly failed. The same sentiment is proverbial in most European languages.

Pitchers. *Little pitchers have long ears.* Little folk or children hear what is said when you little think it. The ear of a pitcher is the handle, made in the shape of a man's ear. The handle of a cream-ewer and of other small jugs is quite out of proportion to the size of the vessel, compared with the handles of large jars.

Pithos. A large jar to keep wine or oil in. Winckelmann has engraved a copy of a curious bas-relief representing Diogenes occupying a pithos and holding conversation with Alexander the Great. (Greek *pithos*, a large wine jar.)

Pitri (plur. *PITABAS*). An order of divine beings in Hindu mythology inhabiting celestial regions of their own, and receiving into their society the spirits of those mortals whose funeral rites have been duly performed.

Pitt Diamond or *The Regent*. Called Pitt diamond because it once belonged to Mr. Pitt, grandfather of the famous Earl of Chatham. Called the *Regent* diamond from the Duke of Orleans, Regent of France, who purchased it. This famous diamond was worn in the sword-hilt of Napoleon, and now belongs to the King of Prussia.

Pitt's Mark. The printer's name and place of business affixed to printed books, according to William Pitt's Act, 39 Geo. III., c. 79.

Pitt's Pictures or *Billy Pitt's Pictures*. Blind windows; so called because many windows were blocked up when William Pitt augmented the Window Tax in 1781, and again in 1797.

Pittacus (Greek, *Pittakos*). One of the "Seven Sages" of Greece. His great sayings were: (1) "Know the right time" ("Gno'thi kairon"), and (2) "'Tis a sore thing to be eminent" ("Chalepon esthlon emmenai").

Pittance. An allowance of victuals over and above bread and wine. Anthony du Pinet, in his translation of Pliny, applies the term over and over again to figs and beans. The word originally comes from the people's piety in giving to poor mendicants food for their subsistence. (Probably connected with *pietas*. Monkish Latin, *pietancia*; Spanish, *pitar*, to distribute a dole of food; *pitancero*, one who distributes the dole, or a begging friar who subsists by charity.)

Pixies (2 syl.). The Devonshire Robin Goodfellows; said to be the spirits of infants who have died before baptism. The Pixy monarch holds his court like Titania, and sends his subjects on their several tasks. The word is a diminutive of Pix, probably the same as Puck. (Swedish, *pyke*; old English, *pouk*, *bug*, *bogie*; Danish, *pog* and *pokker*.)

"Ye let the pouke nor other evil apices . . .
Fray us with things that be not."

Spenser: *Epithalamion*.

Pixy-led (Devonshire), **Ponke-lodden** (Worcestershire). Mired into bogs and ditches.

Place aux Dames. Make way for the ladies; give place to the ladies; the ladies first, if you please. Indirectly it means women beat the men hollow in every contest.

Place'bo. One of the brothers of January, an old baron of Lombardy. When January held a family council to

know whether he should marry, Placebo very wisely told him to do as he liked, for says he—

"A ful gret fool is eny counsellor,
That serveth any lord of high honour,
That dar presume, or oones (once) thenken it.
That his counsell' schuld passe his lordes wit."
Chaucer: *The Merchantes Tale*, line 912, etc.

To sing Placebo. To seek to please; to trim in order not to offend. The word Placebo is often used to denote vespers for the dead, from the fact that it is the first word of the first Antiphon of that Office.

Pla'giarist means strictly one who kidnaps a slave. Martial applies the word to the kidnappers of other men's brains. Literary theft unacknowledged is called *plagium ism*. (Latin, *plagiaris*.)

Plain (*The*). The Girondists were so called in the National Convention, because they sat on the level floor or plain of the hall. After the overthrow of the Girondists this part of the House was called the marsh or swamp (*marais*), and included such members as were under the control of the Mountain (*q.v.*).

Plain Dealer (*The*). Wycherly was so called, from his celebrated comedy of the same title. (1610-1715.)

"The Countess of Drogheda inquired for the *Plain Dealer*. 'Madame,' says Mr. Fairhead, 'since you are for the "*Plain Dealer*," then let us for you, pushing Mr. Wycherly towards her."—*Gibber: Lives of the Poets*, iii. p. 222.

Plan of Campaign (*The*). Often cited shortly as "The Plan," promulgated by John Dillon in October, 1886. It provided that Irish tenants on an estate should band together, and determine what abatement of rent they considered to be called for. If the landlord accepted the abatement, well and good; if not, the tenants were to pay into a campaign fund the amount offered to the landlord, and the money thus funded should be used in fighting the landlord if he went to law to recover his rents.

"The Plan of Campaign promised to reduce rents by an average of about 30 per cent."—*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1886, p. 598.

In 1885 the Land Commission reduced all the rents from 10 to 14 per cent.; so that 30 per cent. more would equal from 40 to 45 per cent.

Planets.

i. In *astrology* there are seven planets:—

APOLLO, the sun, represents gold.
DIANA, the moon, represents silver.
MERCURY represents quicksilver.
VENUS represents copper.
MARS represents iron.
JUPITER represents tin.
SATURN represents lead.

ii. In *heraldry* the arms of royal personages used to be blazoned by the names of planets, and those of noblemen by precious stones, instead of the corresponding colours.

SOL.—topaz.—or (gold)—bezants.
LUNA—pearl—argentei (silver)—plates.
SATURN—diamond—sable (black)—pellets.
MARS—ruby—rubes (red)—tortoisés.
JUPITER—sapphire—azure (blue)—hurts.
VENUS—emerald—vert (green)—poissons.
MERCVRY—amethyst—purpure (violet)—golpes.

Inferior planets. Mercury and Venus; so called because their orbits are within the orbit of the earth.

Superior planets. Mars, the Planetoids, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune; so called because their orbits are outside the earth's orbit—i.e. farther from the sun.

iii. Planets represented by symbols.

MERCURY, ☿; VENUS, ♀; EARTH, ☷; MARS, ♂; the PLANETIDS, in the order of discovery—(1), (2), (3), etc.; JUPITER, ♃; SATURN, ♄; URANUS, ♅; NEPTUNE, ♆; THE SUN, ☉; the MOON, ☾.

iv. The planets in Greece were symbolised by seven letters:

JUPITER, *iota-perseion*; MARS, *alpha-sun-con*; MERCURY, *epsilon-pedion*; THE MOON, *alpha*; SATURN, *omega-megon*; THE SUN, *iota*; VENUS, *eta* (*iota*).

To be born under a lucky [or unlucky] planet. According to astrology, some planet, at the birth of every individual, presides over his destiny. Some of the planets, like Jupiter, are lucky; and others, like Saturn, are unlucky. In casting a horoscope the heavens must be divided into twelve parts or houses, called (1) the House of Life; (2) the House of Fortune; (3) the House of Brethren; (4) the House of Relations; (5) the House of Children; (6) the House of Health; (7) the House of Marriage; (8) the House of Death; (9) the House of Religion; (10) the House of Dignities; (11) the House of Friends and Benefactors; (12) the House of Enemies. Each house had one of the heavenly bodies as its *lord*. (See *STAR IN THE ASCENDANT*.)

Planet-struck. ^uA blighted tree is said to be planet-struck. Epilepsy, paralysis, lunacy, etc., are attributed to the malignant aspects of the planets. Horses are said to be planet-struck when they seem stupefied, whether from want of food, colic, or stoppage. The Latin word is *sideratus*.

"Evidentissimum id fuit, quod quacunq[ue] equo invecus est, ibi haud secus quam pestifero sidere lecti pavabant."—*Livy*, viii. v.

Plank (A). Any one principle of a political platform. (See *PLATFORM*.)

Plank. *To walk the plank.* To be about to die. Walking the plank was a mode of disposing of prisoners at sea, much in vogue among the South Sea pirates in the 17th century.

Plantagenet, from *planta genista* (broom-plant), the family cognisance first assumed by the Earl of Anjou, the first of his race, during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as a symbol of humility. (Sir George Buck: Richard III.) Died 1622.

Plaster of Paris. Gypsum, found in large quantities in the quarries of Montmartre, near Paris.

Plate (A). A race in which a prize is given out of the race fund, or from some other source, without any stakes being made by the owners of the horses engaged. Usually entrance money is required. (See *SWEESTAKES*, *HANDICAP*, *PLATE*, *SELLING RACE*, *WEIGHT-FOR-AGE RACE*.)

♂ Plate, meaning silver, is the Spanish *plata*.

Plat'on, among printers, is the power or weight which presses on the tympan (*q.r.*), to cause the impression of the letters to be given off and transferred to the sheet. (French, *plat*, flat.)

♂ In type-writing machines, the platen is the feeding roller on which the paper rests to receive the proper impressions.

Plates or Plates of Meat. Slang for feet. One of the chief sources of slang is rhyme. Thus *must* rhymes with feet, and "warming my plates" is slang for warming my feet. Similarly, "Rory O'More" is slang for door, and "there came a knock at the Rory O'More" means there was a knock at the door. A prescott is slang for waistcoat. (See *CHIVV*.)

Platform, in the United States, is the policy of a political or religious party. Of course the meaning is the policy on which the party stands. An American revival. Each separate principle is a *plank* of the platform.

Queen Elizabeth, in answer to the *Supplication* of the Puritans (offered to the Parliament in 1566), said she "had examined the platform, and account it most prejudicial to the religion established, to her crown, her government, and her subjects."

Again, the Rev. John Norrie writes, in 1687, that Plato said, "God created τὰς ἀπὸ τῶν πλάτων ἀνθρώπων," implying that all things were formed according to His special platform, meaning the ideas formed in the divine mind.

The word has been resuscitated in North America. Lily, in 1581, says he

"discovered the whole platform of the conspiracie." (*Discovery of the New World*, p. 115.)

"Their declaration of principles—their 'platform,' to use the appropriate term—was settled and published to the world. Its distinctive elements, or 'planks,' are financial."—*The Times*.

Plato. His original name was Aris'totles, but he was called *Platōn* from the great breadth of his shoulders.

The German Plato. Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi (1743-1819).

The Jewish Plato. Philo Judæus, an Alexandrine philosopher. (Flourished 20-40.)

The Puritan Plato. John Howe, the Nonconformist (1630-1706).

Plato and the Bees. When Plato was an infant, some bees settled on his lips when he was asleep, indicating that he would become famous for his honeyed words. The same is said of Sophocles, Pindar, St. Ambrose, St. Chrysostom, and others.

"And as when Plato did'r the cradle thrive,
Bees to his lips brought honey from their hive."
W. Browne: *Britannia's Pastorals*, II.

Plato's Year. A revolution of 25,000 years, in which period the stars and constellations return to their former places in respect to the equinoxes.

"Cut out more work than can be done
In Plato's year, but finish none."
Butler: Hudibras, pt. iii. 1.

Platonic Bodies. The five regular geometric solids described by Plato—viz. the tetrahedron, hexahedron, octahedron, dodecahedron, and icosahedron, all of which are bounded by like, equal, and regular planes.

Platonic Love. Spiritual love between persons of opposite sexes. It is the friendship of man and woman, without mixture of what is usually called love. Plato strongly advocated this pure affection, and hence its distinctive name.

Platonic Puritan (*The*). John Howe, the Nonconformist divine. (1630-1706.)

Platonism. The philosophical system of Plato; *dialectics*. Locke maintains that the mind is by nature a sheet of white paper, the five senses being the doors of knowledge. Plato maintained the opposite theory, drawing a strong line of demarcation between the province of thought and that of sensations in the production of ideas. (*See DIALECTICS*.)

It is characterized by the doctrine of pre-existing eternal ideas, and teaches the immortality and pre-existence of the soul, the dependence of virtue upon discipline, and the trustworthiness of cognition.

In *theology*, he taught that there are two eternal, primary, independent, and incorruptible causes of material things—*God* the maker, and *matter* the substance.

In *psychology*, he maintained the ultimate unity and mutual dependence of all knowledge.

In *physics*, he said that God is the measure of all things, and that from God, in whom reason and being are one, proceed human reason and those "ideas" or laws which constitute all that can be called *real* in nature.

Platter with Two Eyes (*A*). Emblematical of St. Lucy, in allusion to her sending her two eyes to a nobleman who wanted to marry her for the exceeding beauty of her eyes. (*See* *LUCY*.)

Play. "This may be play to you, 'tis death to us." The allusion is to the fable of the boys throwing stones at some frogs. (*Roger L'Estrange*.)

As good as a play. So said King Charles when he attended the discussion of Lord Ross's "Divorce Bill."

Play the Dunc. The Irish say, *Play the pooka*. Pooka or Pouke is an evil spirit in the form of a wild colt, who does great hurt to benighted travellers.

Played Out. Out of date; no longer in vogue; exhausted.

"Valentines, I suppose, are played out," said Milton.—*Truth: Quaker Story*, Feb. 18, 1881.

Playing to the Gods. Degrading one's vocation *ad captandum vulgus*. The gods, in theatrical phrase, are the spectators in the uppermost gallery, the *ignobile vulgus*. The ceiling of Drury Lane theatre was at one time painted in imitation of the sky, with Cupids and other deities here and there represented. As the gallery referred to was near the ceiling, the occupants were called the gods. In French this gallery is nicknamed *paradis*.

Please the Pig. (*See* under *Pigs*.)

Pleased as Punch. Greatly delighted. Our old friend Punch is always singing with self-satisfaction in all his naughty ways, and his evident "pleasure" is contagious to the beholders.

"You could skip over to Europe whenever you liked; mamma would be pleased as Punch."—*R. Grant*.

Pleasure. It was Xerxes who offered a reward to anyone who could invent a new pleasure.

Plebeians. Common people; properly it means the free citizens of Rome, who were neither patricians nor clients. They were, however, free landowners, and had their own "gentēs." (Latin, *plebes*, 2 syl.)

Plebscote (3 syl.). A decree of the people. In Roman history, a law enacted by the "comitia" or assembly of tribes. In France, the resolutions adopted in the Revolution by the voice of the people, and the general votes given during the Second Empire—such as the general vote to elect Napoleon III. emperor of the French.

Pledge. *I pledge you in this wine—*
i.e. I drink to your health or success.

"Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine."
Rita Jonson (translated from Philostratus)
second century.

To pledge. To guarantee. Pledging a drinker's security arose in the tenth century, when it was thought necessary for one person to watch over the safety of a companion while in the act of drinking. It was by no means unusual with the fierce Danes to stab a person under such circumstances.

"If I
Were a huge man, I should fear to drink at meals,
Lest they should spy my windpipe's dangerous
note."
Great men should drink with lances on their
throats."
Timon of Athens, i. 2.

Pleiades (3 syl.) means the "sailing stars" (Greek, *plōo*, to sail), because the Greeks considered navigation safe at the return of the Pleiades, and never attempted it after those stars disappeared.

The **PLEIADES** were the seven daughters of Atlas and Pleione (Πλειόνη). They were transformed into stars, one of which (Meropë) is invisible out of shame, because she alone married a human being. Some call the invisible star "Electra," and say she hides herself from grief for the destruction of the city and royal race of Troy.

i. *The Pleiad of Alexandria.* A group of seven contemporary poets in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphos; so called in reference to the cluster of stars in the back of Taurus. Their names are—Callimachos, Apollonios of Rhodes, Aratos, Philiscos (called *Homer the Younger*), Lycophron, Nicander, and Theocritus.

7. There are in reality eleven stars in the Pleiades.

ii. *The literary Pleiad of Charlemagne.* Alcuin (*Albinus*), Angilbert (*Homer*), Adelard (*Augustine*), Riculf (*Dametas*), Charlemagne (*David*), Varnfried, and Eginhard.

iii. *The first French Pleiad.* Seven contemporary poets in the sixteenth century, in the reign of Henri III., who wrote French poetry in the metres, style, and verbiage of the ancient Greek and Latin poetry. Of these, Ronsard was by far the most talented; but much that would be otherwise excellent is spoilt by pedantry and Frenchified Latin. The seven names are Ronsard, Dorat, Du Bellay, Remi-Belleau, Jodelle, Baif, and Thiard.

The second French Pleiad. Seven contemporary poets in the reign of Louis XIII., very inferior to the "first Pleiad." Their names are Rapiu, Commire, Larue, Santeuil, Ménage, Duprier, and Letur.

iv. *The lost Pleiad.* Electra, one of the Pleiades, wife of Dardanus, disappeared a little before the Trojan war (B.C. 1193), that she might be saved the mortification of seeing the ruin of her beloved city. She showed herself occasionally to mortal eye, but always in the guise of a comet. Mons. Fréret says this tradition arose from the fact that a comet does sometimes appear in the vicinity of the Pleiades, rushes in a northerly direction, and passes out of sight. (See *Odys.* v. and *Iliad*, xvli.)

Letitia Elizabeth Landon published, in 1829, a poem entitled *The Lost Pleiad*.

(See above, **PLEIADES**.)

Plet is a lash like a knout, but not made of raw hides. (Russian, *pletu*, a whip.)

Pleydell (*Mr. Paul's*). An advocate in Edinburgh, formerly sheriff of Ellangowan.

"Mr. Counsellor Pleydell was a lively, sharp-looking gentleman, with a professional shrewdness in his eye, and, generally speaking, a professional formality in his manner; but this he could slip off on a Saturday evening, when he joined in the ancient pastime of High Jinks."—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering*, xxxix.

Pil'able. One of Christian's neighbours, who went with him as far as the Slough of Despond, and then turned back again. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, pt. i.)

Pliny. *The German Pliny.* Konrad von Gesner, of Zürich (1516-1565).
Pliny of the East. (See **ZAKARIJA**.)

Pliny's Doves. In one of the rooms on the upper floor of the museum of the Capitol at Rome are the celebrated Doves of Pliny, one of the finest and most perfectly preserved specimens of ancient mosaic. It represents four doves drinking, with a beautiful border surrounding the composition. The mosaic is formed of natural stones, so small

that 160 pieces cover only a square inch. It is supposed to be the work of Sosus, and is described by Pliny as a proof of the perfection to which that art had arrived. He says:—

"At Pergamos is a wonderful specimen of a dove drinking, and darkening the water with the shadow of her head; on the lip of the vessel are other doves pluming themselves."

This exquisite specimen of art was found in Villa Adriana, in 1737, by Cardinal Furietti, from whom it was purchased by Clement XIII.

Plith. A piece of iron made hot and put into an iron box, to be held for punishment by a criminal. (See PLET.)

Plon-plon. The sobriquet of Prince Napoleon Joseph Charles Bonaparte, son of Jerome Bonaparte. He was nicknamed *Craint-plon* (Fear-bullet) in the Crimean war (1854-1856), a nickname afterwards perverted into *Plon-plon*. (1822-1891.)

Plot, in a theatrical sense, does not only mean the incidents which lead to the development of a play, but half a dozen other things; thus, the "scenario plot" is a list of the various scenes to be used; the "flyman's plot" is a list of the articles required by the flyman in the "flies;" there is also the "gasman's plot;" the "property plot" is a list of all the properties required in the play, for which the manager is responsible.

Plotoock. The old Scotch form of the Roman Pluto, by which Satan is meant. Chaucer calls Plato the "king of Faërie," and Dunbar names him "Pluto the elrich incubus."

Plough. *Fond, Fool, or White Plough.* The plough dragged about a village on Plough Monday. Called *white*, because the mummers who drag it about are dressed in white, gaudily trimmed with flowers and ribbons. Called *fond* or *fool*, because the procession is fond or foolish—not serious, or of a business character.

Plough Monday. The first Monday after Twelfth Day is so called because it is the end of the Christmas holidays, and the day when men return to their plough or daily work. It was customary on this day for farm labourers to draw a plough from door to door of the parish, and solicit "plough-money" to spend in a frolic. The queen of the banquet was called Bessy. (See DISTAFF.)

Plover. To live like a plover, i.e. to live on nothing, to live on air. Plovers do not, however, live on air, but feed

largely on small insects. They also eat worms, which they hunt for in newly-ploughed fields.

Plowden. "*The case is altered*," quoth *Plowden*. Plowden was a priest, very unpopular, and in order to bring him into trouble some men inveigled him into attending mass performed by a layman, and then impeached him for so doing. Being brought before the tribunal, the cunning priest asked the layman if it was he who officiated. "Yes," said the man. "And are you a priest?" said Plowden. "No," said the man. "Then," said Plowden, turning to the tribunal, "that alters the case, for it is an axiom with the church, 'No priest, no mass.'"

Plowman. *The Vision of Piers Plowman* is a satirical poem by W. [or R.] Langland, completed in 1362. The poet supposes himself falling asleep on the Malvern Hills, and in his dream sees various visions of an allegorical character, bearing on the vices of the times. In one of the allegories, the Lady Anima (*the soul*) is placed in Castle Caro (*flesh*) under the charge of Sir Constable Inwit, and his sons See-well, Hear-well, Work-well, and Go-well. The whole poem consists of nearly 15,000 verses, and is divided into twenty parts, each part being called a *passus*, or separate vision.

Pluck. To reject a candidate for literary honours because he is not up to the required mark. The rejected candidate is said to be *plucked*.

When degrees are conferred the name of each person is read out before he is presented to the Vice-Chancellor. The proctor used at one time to walk once up and down the room, and anyone who objected to the degree being conferred might signify his dissent by *plucking* or *twitching* the proctor's gown. This was occasionally done by tradesmen to whom the candidate was in debt; but now all persons likely to be objected to, either by tradesmen or examiners, know it beforehand, and keep away. They are virtually plucked, but not really so.

A case of pluck. An instance of one who has been plucked: as "Tom Jones is a case of pluck," i.e. is a plucked man.

A man of pluck. Of courage or spirit. The pluck is the heart, liver, and whatever else is "plucked" away from the chest of a sheep or hog. We also use the expressions *bold heart*, *lily-livered*, a man of another *kidney*, *huculs* of mercy, a vein of fun, it raised his *bile*, etc. (See LIVER.)

Pluck his Goose. *I'll pluck his goose for him.* That is: I'll cut his crest, I'll lower his pride, I'll make him eat umble pie. Comparing the person to a goose, the threat is to pluck off his feathers in which he prides himself.

Plucked Pigeon (A). One fleeced out of his money; one plucked by a rook or sharper.

"There were no smart fellows whom fortune had troubled, . . . no plucked pigeons or winged rooks, no disappointed speculators, no ruined miners."—*Sir W. Scott: Peveril of the Peak*, c. xi.

Plugson of Undershot. Carlyle's typical commercial Radical in the middle of the 19th century, who found that no decent Tory would shake hands with him; but at the close of the century found free-competition company with latter-day Tories.

"There are two motive forces which may impel the Plugsons of Toryism . . . the pressure is not great enough to . . . overcome the *vis inertia* of Plugson and Co."—*Nineteenth Century*, Dec., 1892, p. 878.

Plum. *A plum bed* (Devonshire). A soft bed, in which the down lies light.

The dough plums well (Devonshire). It is as well, and will not be heavy.

The cat is nice and plum (Devonshire). Light. (*Plump*, swelled out.)

He is worth a plum. The Spanish *plum* means both plumage and wealth. Hence *tuca pluma* (he has feathered his nest). We arbitrarily place this desideratum at £100,000, and the man who has realised only £50,000 has got only half a plum. "Either a plum or a plumstone"—i.e. "*But Cesar and nullus*."

Plumo Oneself (Ti). To be conceited of . . . ; to boast of . . . A plume is a feather, and to plume oneself is to feather one's own conceit.

"Mrs. Bate Crawley . . . plumed herself upon her resolute manner of performing [what she thought right]."—*Thackeray: Vanity Fair*.

Plumes. *In borrowed plumes.* Assumed merit; airs and graces not merited. The allusion is to the fable of the jackdaw who dressed up in peacock's feathers.

Plumper (A). Every elector represented in Parliament by two members has the power of voting for both candidates at an election. To give a plumper is to vote for only one of the candidates, and not to use the second vote. If he votes for two candidates of opposite politics, his vote is termed a *split vote*.

Plunger. One who *plunges*, or spends money recklessly in bets, etc. The Marquis of Hastings was the first person

so called by the turf. One night he played three games of draughts for £1,000 a game, and lost all three. He then cut a pack of cards for £500 a cut; and lost £5,000 in an hour and a half. He paid both debts at once before he left the room.

Plus Ultra. The motto in the royal arms of Spain. It was once *Ne plus ultra*, in allusion to the pillars of Hercules, the *ne plus ultra* of the world; but after the discovery of America, and when Charles V. inherited the crown of Aragon and Castile, with all the vast American possessions, he struck out *ne*, and assumed the words *plus ultra* for the national motto, as much as to say Spain and the *plus ultra* country.

Plush (John). A gorgeous footman, conspicuous for his plush breeches.

To take plush. To take a subordinate place in the ministry, where one can only act as a government flunkey.

"Lord Rosebery perhaps remembers that, years ago, a young politician who had just finished his education, was warned by an old and affectionate teacher 'not to take plush.' The reply was, 'I have been offered plush tied with red tape and have refused it.'"—*Nineteenth Century*, Jan., 1892, p. 137.

Pluto. The grave, or the god of that region where the dead go; to before they are admitted into Elysium, or sent to Tartarus.

"Brothers, be of good cheer, this night we shall sup with Pluto."—*Æneidos* in the three hundred Spartans before the battle of Thermopylae.

"Give the untrasted portion you have won . . . To those who mock you, come to Pluto's reign." *Thomson: Castle of Indolence*, canto 1.

Pluto. Many artists of great repute have painted this god, the three most famous being that by Jule-Romain (1192-1516), a pupil of Raphael, in Mantua; one by Augustin Carrache (1558-1601), in Modena, generally called *Il Famoso*; and the third by Luc Giordano (1632-1701), in the gallery of the Palace Riccardi. Raphael has introduced Pluto in his *Assembly of the Gods*.

In the Villa Albani of Rome is the famous antique statue of Pluto and Cerberus.

Pluton'ic Rocks. Granites, and certain porphyries, supposed to be of igneous, but not of volcanic, origin. So called by Lyell from Pluto, the principle of elemental fire.

Plutus. *Rich as Plutus.* In Greek mythology Plutus is the god of riches. Plutus and Pluto are widely different.

Plymouth Brethren. A sect that protests against all sectarianism, and

advocates the unity of the church; some even go so far as to advocate a community of goods. So called from Plymouth, where they sprang into existence in 1830.

Plymouth Cloak (*A*). A good stout cudgel. In the time of the Crusades many men of good family used to laud at Plymouth utterly destitute. They went to a neighbouring wood, cut themselves a good stout club, and, stopping the first passenger that passed by, provided themselves with money and clothing. (*Fuller: Worthies.*)

Pocahontas. Daughter of Powhatan, an Indian chief of Virginia, who rescued Captain John Smith when her father's hand was on the point of killing him. She subsequently married John Rolfe, and was baptised under the name of Rebecca. (1595-1617.) (See *Old and New London*, ii. 481.)

Pocket (diminutive of *poeke*, a pouch). To put one's hand in one's pocket. To give money (generally to some charity).

Put your pride in your pocket. Lay your pride aside for the nonce.

To be in pocket. To be a gainer by some transaction.

To be out of pocket. To be a loser by some transaction.

Pocket an Insult (*To*). To submit to an insult without apparent displeasure.

Pocket Borough (*A*). A borough where the influence of the magnate is so powerful as to be able to control the election of any candidate he may choose to support. Well nigh a thing of the past since the introduction of voting by ballot.

Pocket Judgment (*A*). A bond under the hand of a debtor, countersigned by the sovereign. This bond can be enforced without legal process, but has quite fallen into disuse.

Pocket Pistol (*A*). A dram-flask for the pocket, in "self-defence," because we may be unable to get a dram on the road.

Pocket Pistol (*Queen Bess's*). A formidable piece of ordnance given to Queen Elizabeth by the Low Countries in recognition of her efforts to protect them in their reformed religion. It used to overlook the Channel from Dover Cliffs, but in 1894 was removed to make room for a battery of modern guns. It is said that it contains in

Flemish the equivalent of the following words:—

"Load me well and keep me clean,
And I'll carry a ball to Calais Green."

But this translation is only fanciful.

Poco, rather, as a *poco forte*, *poco animato*.

Pococurante (5 syl.). Insocient, devil-may-care, easy-go-lucky. As the "Pococurante Guardsman" (the imperturbable and impassive . . .). Also used for one who in argument leaves the main gist and rides off on some minor and indifferent point.

Pococurantism. Insocientance, imperturbability. Also indifference to important matters, but concern about trifles.

Podgers. Toadies, veneratora (real or pretended) of everything and everyone with a name. (*John Hollingshead: The Birthplace of Podgers, a farce.*)

Podsnap. A type of the heavy gentry, lumbering and straight-backed as Elizabethan furniture. (*Dickens: Our Mutual Friend.*)

Podsnappery. The etiquette of the fossil gentry, stiff-starched and extremely proper.

"It may not be so in the Gospel according to Podsnappery . . . but it has been the truth since the foundations of the universe were laid." - *Our Mutual Friend*.

Poo (*Edgar Allan*). The alias of Arthur Gordon Pym, the American poet. (1811-1849.)

Poet Squab. So Rochester calls Dryden, who was very corpulent. (1631-1701.)

Poets (Greek, *poien*, to make).

Skalds of Scandinavia (etym., *scalla*, to sing, Swedish, etc.)

Minnesingers of the Holy Empire (Germany), love-singers.

Troubadours of Provence in France (*troubair*, to invent, in the Provençal dialect).

Trouvères of Normandy (*trouver*, to invent, in the Walloon dialect).

Bards of Wales (*bardgan*, a song, Celtic).

Poet of Haslemere (*The*). Alfred Tennyson (Lord Tennyson), poet laureate (1809-1893). (See *BARD*.)

Poet of the poor. Rev. George Crabbe (1754-1832).

Prince of poets. Edmund Spenser is so called on his monument in Westminster Abbey. (1533-1598.)

Prince of Spanish poets. Garcilaso de la Vega, frequently so called by Cervantes. (1503-1536.)

Quaker poet (The). Bernard Barton (1781-1849).

Poets' Corner (The). In Westminster Abbey. The popular name given to the south corner, because some sort of recognition is made of several British poets of very varied merits. As a national Valhalla, it is a national disgrace. It is but scant honour to be ranked with Davenant, Mason, and Shadwell. Some recognition is taken of five of our first-class poets—viz. Chaucer, Dryden, Milton, Shakespeare, and Spenser. Wordsworth and Tennyson are recognised, but not Byron, Pope, Scott, and Southey. Gray is very properly acknowledged, but not Cowper. Room is found for Longfellow, an American, but none for Burns and Hogg, both Scotchmen.

Poets Laureate, appointed by letters patent.

	Appointed.	Buried.
BEN JONSON	1613-4	Westminster Abbey.
SIR W. DAVENANT (?) ..	1633	Westminster Abbey.
JOHN DRYDEN	1670	Westminster Abbey.
THOMAS SHADWELL (?) ..	1688	
NATHAN TATE (?) ..	1693	
NICHOLAS ROWE	1715	Westminster Abbey.
LAWRENCE KILBURN (?) ..	1719	
COLLEY CLOSTER	1720	
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD (?) ..	1757	
THOMAS WARTON	1785	
HENRY JAMES PYE (?) ..	1790	
ROBERT SOUTHEY	1813	
W. W. WORDSWORTH	1843	
ALFRED TENNYSON (<i>Lord</i>) ..	1850	Westminster Abbey.
ALFRED ACSTON	1896	

The following are sometimes included, though not appointed by letters patent:—Chaucer, Gower, John Key, Bernard, Skelton, Robt. Whittington, Richard Edwards, Spenser, and Sam. Daniel.

(?) Six of the fifteen known only by their names. * Three others quite third-rate poets. The remaining 5 were distinguished men.

* A poet laureate is one who has received a laurel crown. There were at one time "doctors laureate," "bachelors laureate," etc.

Postaster. A very inferior poet. The suffix *-aster* is depreciative (compare "cleaster,"). At one time we had also "grammatic - aster," "politic - aster," "critic - aster," and some others. (Italian, *postastro*, a paltry poet.)

Poetical. (See AONIAN.)

Poetical Justice. That ideal justice which poets exercise in making the good happy, and the bad unsuccessful in their evil schemes.

Poetry on the Greek Model. (See CHIABRERESCO.)

Father of English poetry. Geoffrey Chaucer (1328-1400); so called by

Dryden. Spenser calls him "the pure well of English undefiled." He was not the first English poet, but was so superior to his predecessors that he laid the foundation of a new era. He is sometimes termed "the day-starre," and Spenser the "sun-rise" of English poetry.

Po'gram. A "creak-shoes," a Puritanical starch mawworm.

Poille. An Apulian horse. The horses of Apulia were very greatly valued at one time. Richard, Archbishop of Armagh in the fourteenth century, says of St. Thomas, "Neither the mule of Spain, the courser of Apulia, the repledo of Ethiopia, the elephant of Asia, the camel of Syria, nor the English ass, is bolder or more combative than he."

"Therto so horsly, and so quyk of ye,
As if a gentil Poille bys courser were;
For certes, fro his tayl unto his eere
Nature ne art ne couthe him nought amend."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, line 10536.

Poins. One of the companions of Sir John Falstaff. (*Shakespeare: 1 and 2 Henry IV.*)

Point. Defined by Euclid as "that which hath no parts." Playfair defines it as "that which has position but not magnitude," and Legendre says it "is a limit terminating a line;" but none of these definitions can be called either philosophical or exact. A point is not necessarily a "limit terminating a line," for if so a point could not exist, even in imagination, without a line. Besides, Legendre's definition presupposes that we know what a line is; but assuredly a "point" precedes a "line," as a line precedes a "superficies." To arrive at Legendre's idea we must begin with a solid, and say a superficies is the "limit terminating each face of a solid," lines are the "limits terminating a superficies," and points are the "limits terminating a line." In regard to Euclid's definition, we say: *Ex nihilo nihil fit.*

In good point (French, *embonpoint*, plump.) (See *Stretch a point*.)

To carry one's point. To gain the object sought for. The allusion is to archery.

To dine on potatoes and point. To have potatoes without salt, a very meagre dinner indeed. "When salt was very dear, and the cellar was empty, parents used to tell their children to point their potato to the salt cellar, and eat it. This was potato and point. In the tale of *Ralph Richards the Miser*, we are told that he gave his boy dry bread, and

whipped him for pointing it towards the cupboard where a bit of cheese was kept in a bottle.

To make a point of [doing something]. To consider the matter as a point of duty. The reference is to the old Roman way of voting by ballot. The ballot tablets were thrown by the voters into a chest, and were afterwards counted by points marked on a tablet, and to obtain every vote was to "carry every point" ("*Omne talit punctum*" [*Horace*]). Hence a point of duty or point of conscience is a plank on the platform of duty or conscience.

To stretch a point. To exceed what is strictly right. Points were the tagged laces used in ancient dress: hence, to "truss a point," to truss or tie the laces which held the breeches; to "stretch a point" is to stretch these laces, so as to adjust the dress to extra growth, or the temporary fulness of good feeding. At Whitsuntide these points or tags were given away by the churchwardens.

"Their points being broken, down fell their hose."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., ii. 4.*

Point-blank. Direct. A term in gunnery; when a cannon is so placed that the line of sight is parallel to the axis and horizontal, the discharge is point-blank, and is supposed to go direct to the object without a curve. In French *point blanc* is the white mark or bull's eye of a target, to hit which the ball or arrow must not deviate in the least from the exact path.

"Now art thou within point-blank of our jurisdiction regal."—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry VI., iv. 7.*

Point d'appui (French). A standpoint; a fulcrum: a position from which you can operate; a pretext to conceal the real intention. Literally the point of support.

"The material which gives name to the dish is but the *point d'appui* for the literary cayenne and curry-powder, by which it is recommended to the palate of the reader."—*The Athenæum.*

Point de Judas (French). The number 13. The twelve apostles and our Lord made thirteen at the Last Supper.

Point-de-vie. Punctilious; minutely exact. *Holofernes* says, "I abhor such insouciant and *point de vie* companions, such rakers of orthography." (French, *point de vue*.)

"You are rather *point de vue* in your accoutrements."—*Shakespeare: As You Like It, iii. 2.*

Points. Armed at all points. "*Armé de toutes pièces*," or "*Armé jusqu'aux dents*." "Armed at all points exactly cap-à-pie."

To stand on points. On punctilios; delicacy of behaviour.

"This fellow doth not stand upon points."—*Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, v. 1.*

Points of the Escutcheon. There are nine points distinguished in heraldry by the first nine letters of the alphabet—three at top, A, B, C; three down the middle, D, E, F; and three at the bottom, G, H, I. The first three are *chiefs*; the middle three are the *collar point*, *fores point*, and *nombil* or *navel point*; the bottom three are the *base points*.

Poison. It is said that poisons had no effect on Mithridates, King of Pontus. This was Mithridates VI., called the Great, who succeeded his father at the age of eleven, and fortified his constitution by drinking antidotes to poisons which might at any moment be administered to him by persons about the court. (*See AQUA TOFANA.*)

Poison Detectors.

Aladdin's ring was a preservative against every evil.

Gundoforus. No one could pass with poison the gate of Gundoforus.

Nourghan's bracelet. When poison was present the stones of this bracelet seemed agitated.

Opals turn pale at the approach of poison.

Peacocks ruffle their feathers at the sight of poison.

Rhinoceros. If poison is put into a cup made of rhinoceros' horn, the liquid will effervesce.

Sign of the Cross was supposed in the Middle Ages to be a poison detector.

Teutonic glass will shiver at the approach of poison. (*See also PHILOSOPHER'S EGG.*)

Poison of Khaibar refers to the poisoned leg of mutton of which Mahomet partook while in the citadel of Khaibar. It was poisoned by Zamah, a Jewess, and Mahomet felt the effects of the poison to the end of his life.

Poisoners (Secret).

(1) *Locusta*, a woman of ancient Rome, who was employed by the Empress Agrippina to poison her husband Claudius. Nero employed the same woman to poison Britannicus and others.

(2) The *Borgias* (Pope Alexander VI. and his children, Caesar and Lucrezia) were noted poisoners.

(3) *Hieronyma Spara* and *Toffania*, of Italy. (*See AQUA TOFANA.*)

(4) *Marquise de Brinvilliers*, a young prodigal Frenchwoman, taught the art

by an officer named Sainte Croix, who learnt it in Italy. (See *World of Wonders*, part vii. p. 203.)

(5) Lavoisin and Lavigoreux, French midwives and fortune-tellers.

(6) Anna Maria Zweinziger, sentenced to death in 1811.

In English history we have a few instances: e.g. Sir Thomas Overbury was so murdered by the Countess of Somerset. King James, it has been said, was a victim to similar poisoning, by Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.

Pois'son d'Avril. An April fool. The *poisson d'Avril* is the mackerel, and we have the expression "You silly mackerel," and silly indeed are those who allow themselves to be caught by the palpable jokes engendered on the 1st of April. The Scotch say "hunting the gowk" (cuckoo). It is said that the best explanation is a reference to Matt. xxix. 2.

The mackerel, says Oudin, is called the *poisson d'Avril*, "parce que les saqueurs se prennent à se manger autour ce mois-là." A correspondent of *Notes and Queries* (June 20, 1891, p. 494) says that the April fish is the *aurata*, sacred to Venus.

Poke. A bag, pouch, or sack.

Poke. A lazy person, a loafer, a dawdler.

Poke. To thrust or push against; to thrust or butt with the horns. Also to busy oneself without any definite object.

"Poking about where we had no business."—*Kingsley: Two Years Ago*.

To *poke fun* at one is to make one a laughing-stock.

"At table he was hospitable and jocular, always poking good-natured fun at Luke."—*K. Lynn Lynton: Little Lorton of Gregrigg*, chap. xii.

Poke Bonnet. A long, straight, projecting bonnet, formerly commonly worn by women.

Poker. A poker set leaning against the upper bars of a fire to draw it up. This is to make a cross to keep off Loh, the house spirit, who loves to lie before the fire, and, like Puck and Robin Goodfellow, dearly loves mischief and practical jokes.

Poker Pictures. Drawings executed by the point of a hot poker or "heater" of an Italian iron. By charring different parts more or less, various tints are obtained.

Poker Talk. Gossip, fireside chit-chat.

"Gaston rattled forth this specimen of poker talk lightly."—*Mrs. Edwards: A Girton Girl*, ch. ii.

Pokers. The 'squire Bedals who carry a silver mace or poker before the Vice-Chancellor are so called at Cambridge.

Poky. Cramped, narrow, confined; as, a poky corner. Also poor and shabby.

"The ladies were in their pokiest old headgear."—*Thackeray: The Newcomes*, chap. lviii.

Polack. An inhabitant of Poland. (French, *Polaque*.)

"So frowned he once, when, in angry parley,
He smote the shuddered Polacks on the ice."
Shakespeare: Hamlet, i. 1.

Polarisation of Light is the absorption of those rays which are at right angles to the rays preserved: Thus A B is one ray in which A is reflected to B and B to A; C D is a ray, in which C is reflected to D and D to C. In E F G H, if the light is polarised, either E F or G H is absorbed. A B and C D are the poles of light, or the directions in which the rays are reflected.

Pol'leas (2 syl.). The labouring class of India.

"Polleas the labouring lower class are named,
By the proud Nayres the noble rank is claimed."

Poles. Under bare poles. Said of a ship when all her sails are furled.

Polichinelle. *Le secret de . . .* (See SECRET.)

Polinesso (in *Orlando Furioso*). Duke of Albany, who falsely accused Genevra of incontinency, and was slain in single combat by Ariodante.

Polish off. To finish out of hand. In allusion to articles polished.

I'll polish him off in no time means I'll set him down, I'll give him a drubbing.

To *polish off a meal* is to eat it quickly, and not keep anyone waiting.

Political Economy. This term was invented by François Quesnay, the French physician. (1694-1774.)

Polixene (3 syl.). The name assumed by Madelon in Molière's *Précieuses Ridicules*.

Polixenes (4 syl.). King of Bohemia, being invited to Sicily by King Leontes, excites unwittingly the jealousy of his friend, because he prolongs his stay at the entreaty of Queen Hermione. Leontes orders Camillo to poison the royal guest, but, instead of doing so, Camillo flees with him to Bohemia. In time Florisel, the son and heir of Polixenes, falls in love with Perdita, the lost daughter of

Leontes. Polixenes forbids the match, and the young lovers, under the charge of Camillo, flee to Sicily. Polixenes follows the fugitives, the mystery of Perdita is cleared up, the lovers are married, and the two kings resume their friendship. (*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale.*)

Poll. To go out in the poll. To take an ordinary degree—a degree without university “honours.” (Greek, *hoi polloi*, the many.)

Poll Degree. (*See above.*)

Poll Men. Those of the “hoi polloi,” the many, not the honour-men.

Pollenté. The puissant Saracen, father of Mu'nera. He took his station on “Bridge Perilous,” and attacked everyone who crossed it, bestowing the spoil upon his daughter. Sir Artegal slew the monster. Pollente is meant for Charles IX. of France, sadly notorious for the slaughter of Protestants on St. Bartholomew's Eve. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book v. 2.)

Pollio, to whom Virgil addresses his Fourth Eclogue, and to whom he ascribes the remarkable advent of the “golden age,” was the founder of the first public library of Rome. (B.C. 76-A.D. 4.)

Pollux. The horses of Castor and Pollux. Cyllaros and Harpagos. Seneca and Claudian give Cyllaros to Castor, but Virgil (*Georgic* iii.) to Pollux. The two brothers mount it alternately on their return from the infernal regions. Harpagos, the horse from Harpagium in Phrygia, was common to both brothers.

Polly. Mary. The change of M for P in pet names is by no means rare; e.g.—

Margaret. Maggie or Meggy, becomes Peggie, and Pegg or Peg.

Martha. Matty becomes Patty.

Mary. Molly becomes Polly or Poll.*

Here we see another change by no means unusual—that of r into l or ll. Similarly, *Sarah* becomes Sally; *Dorothy*, Dora, becomes Dolly; *Harry*, Hal.

Polo'nus. An old courtier, garrulous, conceited, and politic. He was father of Ophelia, and lord chamberlain to the king of Denmark. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet.*)

Polo'ny. A vulgar corruption of *Bologna sausage*.

Polt-foot. A club-foot. Ben Jonson calls Vulcan, who was lame, the

“polt-footed philosopher.” (Swedish, *bult*, a club; *bulta*, to beat; our *bolt*.)

Poltroon. A bird of prey, with the talons of the hind toes cut off to prevent its flying at game. (Latin, *pollicetruncato*, deprived of its toe or thumb.)

Poltroon'. A coward. Menage derives it from the Italian *poltro*, a bed, because cowards feign themselves sick a-bed in times of war. Saumaise says it means “maimed of the thumb,” because in times of conscription those who had no stomach for the field disqualified themselves by cutting off their right thumb. More probably a poltroon is a hawk that will not or cannot fly at game. (*See above.*)

Polybo'tes (4 syl.). One of the giants who fought against the gods. The sea-god pursued him to the island of Cos, and, tearing away part of the island, threw it on him and buried him beneath the mass. (*Greek fable.*) (*See GIANTS.*)

Polyole'tus. A statuery of Sic'yon, who deduced a canon of the proportions of the several parts of the human body, and made a statue of a Persian body-guard, which was admitted by all to be a model of the human form, and was called “The Rule” (the standard).

Polyo'rates (4 syl.), Tyrant of Samos, was so fortunate in all things that Amasis, King of Egypt, advised him to chequer his pleasures by relinquishing something he greatly prized. Whereupon Polycrates threw into the sea a beautiful seal, the most valuable of his jewels. A few days afterwards a fine fish was sent him as a present, and in its belly was found the jewel. Amasis, alarmed at this good fortune, broke off his alliance, declaring that sooner or later this good fortune would fail; and not long afterwards Polycrates was shamefully put to death by Orontes, who had invited him to his court.

*Richard (Mittimer), in surveying his guests, had feelings not unlike those which lulled King Polycrates of old.—*G. Gissing: Demos*, chap. xii.

Polyo'rates' Ring. (*See above.*)

Polyo'rat'oon, in eight books, by John of Salisbury. This is his chief work, and is an *exposé* of the frivolities of courtiers and philosophers. It is learned, judicious, and very satirical. (He died 1182.)

Polyd'amas. A Grecian athlete of immense size and strength. He killed a fierce lion without any weapon, stopped a chariot in full career, lifted a mad bull.

and died at last in attempting to stop a falling rock. (*See* **MILÓ**.)

Polydore (3 syl.). The name assumed by Guiderius, in Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*.

Polyphème (3 syl.). One of the Cyclops, who lived in Sicily. He was an enormous giant, with only one eye, and that in the middle of his forehead. When Ulysses landed on the island, this monster made him and twelve of his crew captives; six of them he ate, and then Ulysses contrived to blind him, and make good his escape with the rest of the crew. Polyphème was most passionately in love with Galathea, a sea-nymph, but Galathea had set her heart on the shepherd Acis, whom Polyphème, in a fit of jealousy, crushed beneath a rock.

In the gallery of the Farnèse palace is a superb painting of Polyphème, in three parts: (1) playing a flute to Galathea; (2) hurling a rock at Acis; and (3) pursuing the elopes of Ulysses. Poussin has also introduced, in one of his landscapes, Polyphème sitting on a rock and playing a flute.

Poma Alcinoos Dare (2 syl.). (*See* **ALCINOOS**.)

Pomatum. So called because it was originally made by macerating over-ripe apples in grease. (*Dr. John Quincy: Leccon Physico-Medicum*, 1723.)

Pommard (French). Beer. This is a pun on the word *pomme*. The Normans called cider *pomme*; whence *pomat*, a sort of beer.

« Ils firent leur chaloupe... bien pourvue au garnis de pain, de vin, de pommard, cidre, outre d'autre lousent. » *Chanson: Les Ecrit Contames de la Mer*, p. 127

Pommel. The pommel of a saddle is the apple of it, called by the French *pommel*. The Spaniards use the expression *pomo de espada* (the pommel of a sword). To "pommel a person" is to beat him with the pommel of your sword. The ball used as an ornament on pointed roofs is termed a *pommel*. (Latin, *pomum*, an apple.)

Pomona. Fruit; goddess of fruits and fruit-trees—one of the Roman divinities. (Latin, *pomum*.)

"Made the wide fabric unpunished sustain
Pomona's store, and cheese, and golden grain."
Bloomfield: *Farmer's Boy*.

Pompadour, as a colour, is claret purple. The 56th Foot is called the Pompadours, from the claret facings of their regimental uniforms. There is an old song supposed to be an elegy on John Broadwood, a Quaker, which introduces the word:—

"Sometimes he wore an old brown coat,
Sometimes a pompadour;
Sometimes 'twas buttoned up behind,
And sometimes down before."

Pompey. A generic name for a black footman, as Abigail used to be of a lady's maid. Moll or Molly is a cook; Betty, a housemaid; Sambo, a black "buttons;" etc. One of Hood's jokes for a list of library books was, *Pompeii*; or, *Memoirs of a Black Footman*, by Sir W. Gill. (Sir W. Gill wrote a book on Pompeii.) Pompey is also a common name for a dog.

Pompey's Pillar, in Alexandria. A pillar erected by Publius, Prefect of Egypt, in honour of the Emperor Diocletian, to record the conquest of Alexandria in 296. It has about as much right to be called *Pompey's* pillar as the obelisk of Heliopolis, re-erected by Ramesses II. at Alexandria, has to be called *Cleopatra's Needle*, or Gibraltar Rock to be called a Pillar of Heracles.

Pompey's pillar is a Corinthian column nearly 100 feet high, the shaft being of red granite.

Pompilia. The bride of Count Guido Franceschini, who is brutally treated by him, but makes her escape under the protection of a young priest, named Caponsacchi. She subsequently gives birth to a son, but is stabbed to death by her husband. (*Robert Browning: The Ring and the Book*.) (*See* **RING**.)

Pongo. The terrible monster of Sicily. A cross between a "land-tiger and sea-shark." He devoured five hundred Sicilians, and left the island for twenty miles round without inhabitant. This amphibious monster was slain by the three sons of St. George. (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, iii. 2.) A loose name for African anthropoid apes.

Ponocrates (4 syl.). Gargantua's tutor, in the romance of *Pantagruel* and *Gargantua*, by Rabelais.

Pons Asinorum. The fifth proposition, book i., of Euclid—the first difficult theorem, which dunces rarely get over for the first time without stumbling. It is anything but a "hridge;" it is really *pedica asinorum*, the "dolt's stumbling-block."

Pontefract Cakes. Liquorice lozenges impressed with a castle; so called from being made at Pontefract.

"Pontefract" pronounced "Pomfret."

Pontiff means one who has charge of the bridges. According to Varro, the highest class of the Roman priesthood had to superintend the construction of

the bridges (*pontes*). (See Ramsay : *Roman Antiquities*, p. 51.)

"Well has the name of Pontifex been given
Unto the church's head, as the chief builder
And architect of the invisible bridge
That leads from earth to heaven."

Longfellow: Golden Legend, v.

* Here Longfellow follows the general notion that "pontiff" is from *pons-facio*, and refers to the tradition that a Roman priest threw over the Tiber, in the time of Numa, a *sublician*, or wooden bridge.

Sublician means made of timber or piles. There were subsequently eight stone bridges, and *Numilius* converted the *sublician* bridge into a stone one. There were fifteen pontiffs in the time of *Sylla*.

Pontius Pilate's Body-Guard.

The 1st Foot Regiment, now called the Royal Scots, the oldest regiment in the service. When called *Le Regiment de Douglas*, and in the French service, they had a dispute with the Picardy regiment about the antiquity of their respective corps. The Picardy officers declared they were on duty on the night of the Crucifixion, when the colonel of the 1st Foot replied, "If we had been on guard, we should not have slept at our posts."

Pony (A). Twenty-five pounds. A sporting term; a translation crib = to carry one over a difficulty.

Pony in, ring-et-un. The person on the right-hand of the dealer, whose duty it is to collect the cards for the dealer; so called from the Latin *pono*, "behind," being behind the dealer.

Poona. A sovereign. *Lingua Franca* for pound.

Poor. *Poor as Job.* The allusion is to Job, who was by Satan deprived of everything he possessed.

Poor as Lazarus. This is the beggar Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at the rich man's gate, and desired to be fed from the crumbs that fell from Divès' table (*Luko xvi. 13-31*).

Poor as a church mouse. In a church there is no cupboard or pantry, where mice most do congregate.

There are none poor but those whom God hates. This does not mean that poverty is a punishment, but that the only poverty worthy of the name is poverty of God's grace. In this sense Divès may be the poor man, and Lazarus the beggar abounding in that "blessing of the Lord which maketh rich."

Poor Jack or John (A). Dried hake. We have "john-dory," a "jack" (pike), a "jack shark," and a "jack of Dover." Probably the word Jack is

a mere play on the word "Hake," and John a substitute for Jack.

"'Tis well thou art not fish; if thou hadst, thou hadst been poor-John."—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, l. 1.

* We have a similar perversion in the school-boy proof that a pigeon-pie is a fish-pie. A pigeon-pie is a pie-John, and a pie-John is a jack-pie, and a jack-pie is a fish-pie.

Poor Man. The blade-bone of a shoulder of mutton, so called in Scotland. In some parts of England it is termed a "poor knight of Windsor," because it holds the same relation to Sir Loin as a Windsor knight does to a baronet. Sir Walter Scott tells of a Scotch laird who, being asked by an English landlord what he would have for dinner, produced the utmost consternation by saying, "I think I could relish a morsel of a poor man." (See *Bride of Lammermoor*, chap. xix.)

Poor Richard. The assumed name of Benjamin Franklin in a series of almanacks from 1732 to 1757. These almanacks contain maxims and precepts on temperance, economy, cleanliness, chastity, and other homely virtues; and to several of the maxims are added the words, "as poor Richard says." Nearly a century before Robert Herrick had brought out a series of almanacks under the name of *Poor Robin's Almanack*.

Poor Tassel (A). A poor hand, a bad workman, no great shakes. The tassel or tiercel was a male goshawk, restricted to princes, and called a "tassei gentle."

"Venturing this opinion to the brick-maker, he laughingly replied, 'Come, then, and try your hand at a brick.' The trial, however, proved me a 'poor tassel' amidst the jeers and laughter of the men."—*C. Thomson: Autobiography*, p. 52.

Poorer than Iruis ("Iru pauperior"). Iru was the beggar employed by the suitors of Penelope to carry to her their tokens of love. When Ulysses returned home, Iru attempted to prevent his entering the gates, but Ulysses felled him to the ground, and threw the dead body into the road.

Pop the Question (Th). To propose or make an offer of marriage. As this important demand is supposed to be unexpected, the question is said to be popped.

Pope lived at Twickenham. (1688-1744.)

"For though not sweeter his own Homer sings,
Yet is his life the more seducing song."

Thomson: Summer.

Pope (1 syl.), in Latin *papa* (plur. *papæ*). A priest who knocked on the head the ox offered in sacrifice, and cut

it up, a very small part being burnt, and all the rest distributed to those concerned in the sacrifice. Wine was poured between the horns, but the priest first sipped it, and all those who assisted him. After the beast had been stunned it was stabbed, and the blood was caught in a vessel used for the purpose, for the shedding of blood was indispensable in every sacrifice. It was the duty of the pope to see that the victim to be sacrificed was without spot or blemish, and to ascertain that it had never been yoked to the plough. The head was crowned with a fillet, and the horns gilt. Apparently the Roman soldiers of Pontius Pilate made a mockery imitation of these Roman and Greek sacrifices.

Pope. *The Pope changing his name.* According to Platinus, Sergius II. was the first pope who changed his name on ascending the papal chair. His proper name was Hogs-mouth. Chambers says his name was "Peter di Porea," and it was the name Peter he changed, out of deference to St. Peter, thinking it arrogant to style himself Peter II. (844-847).

I know no more about it than the Pope of Rome—than a man living as far off as the Cham of Tartary or Pope of Rome.

Drunk like a pope. Benedict XII. was an enormous eater and such a wine-drinker that he gave rise to the bacchanalian expression, *bibamus papaver.* (See DRUNK.)

Pope. *Titles assumed by the popes.* Universal Bishop. Prior to Gregory the Great.

Servus Servorum. Assumed by Gregory the Great in 591.

The Lamb of God which taketh away the Sins of the World. Martin IV. in 1281.

Divine Majesty; Husband of the Church; Prince of the Apostles; Key of the whole Universe; the Pastor and Physician possessed of all Power both in Heaven and Earth. Leo X. in 1513.

Monarch of Christendom; Vice-God; Lord God the Pope. Paul V. in 1635.

Master of the World; the Universal Father; Viceroy of the Most-High. Subsequent to Paul V.

(See Brady: *Claris Calendaria*, 247.)

Pope Joan. Said to have succeeded Leo IV. Gibbon says, "Two Protestants, Blondel and Bayle, annihilated her;" but Mosheim seems half-inclined to believe there was such a person. The vulgar tale is that Joan conceived a violent passion for the monk Folda, and in order

to get admission to him assumed the monastic habit. Being clever and popular, she got to be elected pope.

Pope's Sermon (A). Only once has a pope been known to preach a sermon in three hundred years. In 1847 a great crowd had assembled to hear the famous Padre Ventura preach in Santa Andrea della Valle, of Rome, but the preacher failed to appear; whereupon Pius IX. ascended the pulpit, and gave a sermon. (*De Liancourt: History of Pius IX.*)

The Pope's slave. So Cardinal Cajetan calls the Church. (Sixteenth century.)

Pope's Tiara (The). He calls himself (1) Head of the Catholic or Universal Church; (2) Sole Arbitrator of its Rights; and (3) Sovereign Father of all the kings of the earth. From these assumptions he wears a triple crown—one as High Priest, one as Emperor, and one as King. (See Brady, 250, 251.)

For the first five centuries the Bishops of Rome wore a bonnet, like other ecclesiastics.

Pope Hormasdas (514-523) placed on his bonnet the crown sent him by Clovis.

Boniface VIII. (1224-1303) added a second crown during his struggles with Philip the Fair.

John XXII. (1410-1415) assumed the third crown.

Popefigland. An island inhabited by the Gaillardets (French, *gaillard*, gay people), rich and free, till, being shown one day the pope's image, they exclaimed, "A fig for the pope!" whereupon the whole island was put to the sword. Its name was then changed to Popefigland, and the people were called Popefigs.

Popinjay. A butterfly man, a fop; so called from the popinjay or figure of a bird shot at for practice. The jay was decked with parti-coloured feathers so as to resemble a parrot, and, being suspended on a pole, served as a target. He whose ball or arrow brought down the bird by cutting the string by which it was hung, received the proud title of "Captain Popinjay," or "Captain of the Popinjay," for the rest of the day, and was escorted home in triumph. (See *Old Mortality*, ch. ii.)

"I then, all smarting with my wounds being cold,
To be so pestered with a popinjay,
Answered negligently I know not what,
He should or he should not."

Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., l. 2.

The Festival of the Popinjay. The first Sunday in May. (See above.)

Popish Plot. A plot in the reign of Charles II. to massacre the Protestants, burn London, and assassinate the king. Titus Oates invented this "wise" scheme, and obtained great wealth by revealing it; but ultimately he was pilloried, whipped, and imprisoned. (*See GUN-POWDER PLOT.*)

Poplar (*The*). (Latin, *populus*, from *populus*, the people.) Being symbolical of the people, both because its leaves are dark on one side and white on the other, and also because they are never still, but blown about by the least gust of wind. In France, to the present day, the poplar is an emblem of democracy. There are black and white poplars, and the aspen-tree is one of the species.

The white poplar was consecrated to Her'cules, because he destroyed Ka'kos in a cavern of Mount Aventine, which was covered with poplars. In the moment of triumph the hero plucked a branch from one of the trees and bound it round his head. When he descended to the infernal regions, the heat caused a profuse perspiration which blanched the under surface of the leaves, while the smoke of the eternal flames blackened the upper surface. Hence the Hercu'-lean poplar has its leaves black on one side and white on the other.

Porcelain (3 syl.), from *porcelana*, "a little pig." So called by the Portuguese traders, from its resemblance to cowrie-shells, the shape of which is not unlike a pig's back. The Chinese earthenware being white and glossy, like the inside of the shells, suggested the application of the name. (*See Marryatt's History of Pottery and Porcelain.*)

Porch (*The*). A philosophic sect, generally called Stoics (Greek, *stoa*, a porch), because Zeno, the founder, gave his lectures in the Athenian picture gallery, called the porch *Pœ'cilē*.

"The successors of Socrates formed societies which lasted several centuries; the Academy, the Porch, the Garden."—*Professor Seeley: Ecce Homo.*

Porcupine. (*See PETAER.*)

Porcus. *The Latins call me "porcus."* A sly reproof to anyone boasting, showing off, or trying to make himself appear greater than he is. The fable says that a wolf was going to devour a pig, when the pig observed that it was Friday, and no good Catholic would eat meat on a Friday. Going on together, the wolf said to the pig, "They seem to call you by many names," "Yes," said the pig,

"I am called swine, grunter, hog, and I know not what besides. The Latins call me *porcus*," "Porpus, do they?" said the wolf, making an intentional blunder. "Well, porpoise is a fish, and we may eat fish on a Friday." So saying, he devoured him without another word.

Porous Litera'tum. A literary glutton, one who devours books without regard to quality.

Pork! Pork! Sylvester, in his translation of Du Bartas, gives this instead of *caw, caw*, as the cry of the raven.

Pork. Sir Thomas Browne says that the Jews abstain from pork not from fear of leprosy, as Tacitus alleges, but because the swine is an emblem of impurity. (*Vulgar Errors.*)

Pork, Pig. The former is Norman-French, the latter Saxon.

"Pork, I think, is good Norman-French; and so, when the brute lives, and is in charge of a Saxon slave, she goes by her Saxon name; but becomes a Norman, and is called *pork*, when she is carried to the castle-hall."—*Sir Walter Scott: Ivanhoe.*

Porphy'ion. One of the giants who made war with the gods. He hurled the island of Delos against Zeus (Jupiter); but Zeus, with the aid of Hercules, overcame him. (*Greek fable.*) (*See GIANTS.*)

Porridge. *Everything tastes of porridge.* However we may deceive ourselves, whatever castles in the air we may construct, the fact of home life will always intrude. Sir Walter Scott tells us of an insane man who thought the asylum his castle, the servants his own menials, the inmates his guests. "Although," said he, "I am provided with a first-rate cook and proper assistants, and although my table is regularly furnished with every delicacy of the season, yet so depraved is my palate that everything I eat tastes of porridge." His palate was less vitiated than his imagination.

Port, meaning harbor or left side, is an abbreviation of *porta il timone* (carry the helm). Porting arms is carrying them on the left hand.

"To heel to port" is to lean on the left side (Saxon, *hyldan*, to incline). "To lurch to port" is to leap or roll over on the left side (Welsh, *lleirian*).

"She gave a hecl, and then a lurch to port,
And going down head-foremost, sunk in short."
Byron: Don Juan.

Port. An air of music; martial music. Hence Tytler says, "I have never been able to meet with any of the ports here

referred to" (*Dissertation on Scotch Music*). The word is Gaelic.

Port Royal Society. In 1637, Le Maitre, a celebrated advocate, resigned the honour of being *Conseiller d'Etat*, and with his brother De Sericourt consecrated himself to the service of religion. The two brothers retired to a small house near the Port Royal of Paris, where in time they were joined by their three other brothers—De Sacy, De St. Elme, and De Vulmont. Afterwards, being obliged to remove, they fixed their residence a short distance from the city, and called it Port Royal des Champs. These illustrious recluses were subsequently joined by other distinguished persons, and the community was called the Society of Port Royal.

Port Wine. *Lord Pembroke's port wine.* This renowned wine is thus made—

27 gallons of rough cider,	} To make a hogs-	
12 gallons of Rhenish wine,		} head of port.
3 gallons of brandy.		

Porte (*The*) or *The Sublime Porte*. The Ottoman Empire. In the Byzantine Empire, the gates of the palace were the place of assembly for judicial and legal administration. The word *sublime* is French for "lofty," and the term was adopted naturally, as French has long been the language of diplomacy. The whole building contains four Turkish departments of state—viz. (1) the Grand Vizierat; (2) the Foreign Office; (3) the Interior; and (4) the State Council.

"The government is to blame for not having done all in its power, like the Porte."—*The Times*.

Porteous Riot. This notorious tumult took place at Edinburgh in September, 1736. Porteous was captain of the city guard. At the examination of a criminal named Wilson, Captain Porteous, fearing a rescue, ordered the guards to fire on the mob, which had become tumultuous; in this discharge six persons were killed, and eleven wounded. Porteous was tried for this attack and condemned to death, but reprieved. The mob, at his reprieve, burst into the jail where he was confined, and, dragging him to the Grassmarket (the usual place of execution), hanged him by torchlight on a dyer's pole.

Portia. A rich heiress in *The Merchant of Venice*, in love with Bassanio. Her father had ordained that three caskets should be offered to all who sought her hand—one of gold, one of silver, and one of lead—with this

proviso: he only who selected the casket which contained the portrait of the lady should possess her hand and fortune. (*Shakespeare.*)

Portland Stone. So called from the island of Portland, where it is quarried. It hardens by exposure to the atmosphere. St. Paul's Cathedral and Somerset House (London) are built of this stone.

Portland Vase. A cinerary urn of transparent dark-blue glass, long in possession of the Barberini family. In 1770 it was purchased by Sir William Hamilton, for 1,000 guineas, and came afterwards into the possession of the Duchess of Portland. In 1810, the Duke of Portland, one of the trustees of the British Museum, allowed it to be placed in that institution for exhibition. William Lloyd, in 1845, dashed it to pieces; it has since been carefully repaired, but is not now shown to the public. It is ten inches high, and six in diameter at the broadest part.

Portmanteau Word (.4). A word, like post, which contains several meanings packed together; as, post (a stake), post for letters, post paper, slow as a post, fast as a post, post-horses, and so on.

Portobello Arms. A public-house sign. *The Mirror* says: "In 1739, after the capture of Portobello, Admiral Vernon's portrait dangled from every sign-post, and he may figuratively be said to have sold the ale, beer, porter, and purf of England for six years." The *Portobello Arms* is a mere substitution for the admiral.

Portoken Ward (London). The *oken* or franchise at the *port* or gate. It was formerly a guild called the "English Knighten Guild," because it was given by King Edgar to thirteen knights for services done by them. (*See KNIGHTEN-GUILD.*)

Portuguese (3 syl.). A native of Portugal, the language of Portugal, pertaining to Portugal, etc.; as Camoëns was a Portuguese, and wrote in Portuguese.

P'o's'er. The bishop's examining chaplain: the examiner at Eton for the King's College fellowship. (Welsh, *posiaw*, to examine; French, *posier*; Latin, *pono*.) Hence, a puzzling question.

Posse. *A whole posse of men.* A large number; a crowd. (*See next article.*)

Posse Comitatus (Latin). Power of the county. The whole force of the county—that is, all the male members of a county over fifteen, who may be summoned by a sheriff to assist in preventing a riot, the rescue of prisoners, or other unlawful disorders. Clergymen, peers, and the infirm are exempt.

Posset properly means a drink taken before going to bed; it was milk curdled with wine.

"In his morning's draught . . . his conveys or caters . . . and when he goeth to bedde his posset smoking hot."—*Man in the Moone* (1600).

Post means placed. (Latin, *positus*.)

Post. A piece of timber placed in the ground.

A military post. A station where a man is placed, with instructions not to quit it without orders.

An official post is where a man is placed in office.

To post accounts is to place them under certain heads in methodical order. (French.)

Post haste. Travelling by relays of horses, or where horses are placed on the road to expedite the journey.

Post office. An office where letters are placed.

Post paper. So called from its watermark, a post-horn, or a post-boy blowing his horn.

"The old original post [paper] with the stamp in the corner representing a post-boy riding for life, and twanging his horn."—*Mrs. Gaskell: Cranford*, chap. v.

Stiff as a post. That is, stiff [in the ground] like a gate-post.

To run your head against a post. To go to work heedlessly and stupidly, or as if you had no eyes.

Post Factum (Latin). After the act has been committed.

Post Meridian (Latin). After noon.

"'Twas post meridian half-past four."

"By signal I from Nancy parted."—*Robt. Burns: Sea Songs*.

Post-mortem (Latin). After death; as a post-mortem examination for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of death.

Post-mortem Degree (A). A degree after having failed at the poll.

"He had not even the merit of being a plodding man, and he finally took what used to be called a post-mortem degree."—*My Rector*, p. 63.

Post Obit. An agreement to pay for a loan a larger sum of money, together with interest at death. (Latin *post obitum*, after the death of the person named in the bond.)

Poste Restante (French). To remain at the post till called for. In the British post-office letters so addressed are kept one month, and then returned to the writer.

Posted. Well posted up in the subject. Thoroughly informed. The metaphor is from posting up accounts, where one can see everything at a glance.

Posteriori. An argument *a posteriori* is one from effects to cause. Thus, to prove the existence of God *a posteriori*, we take the works of creation and show how they manifest power, wisdom, goodness, and so on; and then we claim the inference that the maker of these things is powerful, wise, and good. Robinson Crusoe found the footprints of a man on the sand, and inferred that there must be a man on the island besides himself. (See PRIORI.)

Posthumus (*Léonatus*). Husband of Imogen. Under the erroneous persuasion of his wife's infidelity, he plots her death, but his plot miscarries. (Shakespeare: *Cymbeline*.)

Posting-Bills. Before the Great Fire the space for foot-passengers in London was defended by rails and posts; the latter served for theatrical placards and general announcements, which were therefore called *posters* or posting-bills.

Posy properly means a copy of verses presented with a bouquet. It now means the verses without the flowers, as the "posy of a ring," or the flowers without the verses, as a "pretty posy."

"He could make anything in poetry, from the posy of a ring to the chronicle of its most heroic warrior."—*Bedford: Victorian Poets* (Land, p. 47).

Pot. This word, like "father," "mother," "daughter," etc., is common to the whole Aryan family. Greek, *potēr*, a drinking-vessel; Latin, *pot-ulum*—i.e. *potaculum*; Irish and Swedish, *pota*; Spanish, *pote*; German, *potl*; Danish, *potte*; French, Welsh, Anglo-Saxon, *potl*, etc.

Gone to pot. Ruined, gone to the bad. The allusion is to the pot into which refuse metal is cast to be remelted, or to be discarded as waste.

"Now and then a farm went to pot."—*Dr. Arbuthnot*.

The pot calls the kettle black. This is said of a person who accuses another of faults committed by himself. The French say, "The shovel mocks the poker" (*La pelle se moque du fourgon*).

To betray the pot to the roses. To betray the rose pot—that is, the pot

which contains the rose-nobles. To "let the cat out of the bag." (French, *Decouvrir le pot aux roses.*)

Brazen and earthen pots. Gentlemen and artisans, rich and poor, men of mark and those unstamped. From the fable of the *Brazen and Earthen Pots*.

"Brazen and earthen pots float together in juxtaposition down the stream of life."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Pot-bollers. Articles written for periodicals or publishers, and pictures of small merit drawn or painted for the sake of earning daily bread, or making the pot supply needful food.

Pot-luck. *Come and take pot-luck with me.* Come and take a family dinner at my house. The French *pot au feu* is the ordinary dinner of those who dine at home.

Pot Paper. A Dutch paper; so called from its bearing a pot as its watermark.

Pot-Pourri (French). A mixture of dried sweet-smelling flower-petals and herbs preserved in a vase. Also a hotch-potch or olla podrida. In music, a medley of favourite tunes strung together. (See **PASTICCIO**.)

Pourri means dead (flowers), and *pot-pourri*, strictly speaking, is the vase containing the sweet mixture.

Pot Valiant. Made courageous by liquor.

Pot-de-Bière. French slang for an Englishman.

Pot of Hospitality (*The*). The *pot au feu* which in Ireland used to be shared with anyone who dropped in at meal-times, or required refreshment.

"And the 'pot of hospitality' was set to boil upon the fire, and there was much mirth and heartiness and entertainment."—*Nineteenth Century*, Oct., 1891, p. 643.

Potage (*Jean*). The Jack Pudding of the French stage; very like the German "Hanswurst," the Dutch "Pickel herring," and the Italian "Macaroni."

Potato-bogle. So the Scotch call a scarecrow. The head of these bird-bogies being a big potato or a turnip.

Potato-bury (*A*). A pit or trench for preserving potatoes for winter use. A turnip-bury is a similar pit for turnips.

Pota'to-talk. (German, *Kartoffel gesprach*.) That chit-chat common in Germany at the five o'clock tea-drinkings, when neighbours of the "gentler sex" take their work to the house of muster

and talk chiefly of the dainties of the table, their ingredients, admixture, and the methods of cooking them.

Poteen (pron. *pu-teen*). Whisky that has not paid duty. (Irish *poitin*, diminutive of *poite*, a pot.)

"Come and taste some good poteen
That has not paid a rap to the Queen."

Pother or *Bother*. Mr. Garnett states this to be a Celtic word, and says it often occurs in the Irish translations of the Bible, in the sense of *to be grieved or troubled in mind*. (Greek, *pôtheo*, to regret.)

"Friends, cried the umpire, cease your pother,
The creature's neither one nor t'other."
The Chameleon.

Pothooks. The 77th Foot; so called because the two sevens resemble two pothooks. Now called the Second Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. The first battalion is the old 57th.

Pot'iphar's Wife. According to the Koran her name was Zuleika, but some Arabian writers call her Rail.

Pots. A Stock Exchange term, signifying the "North Staffordshire Railway stock." Of course, the word means "the potteries." (See **STOCK EXCHANGE SLANG**.)

Potter. To go poking about, meddling and making, in a listless, purposeless manner. *Pudder, podder, pother, bother*, and *puddle* are varieties of the same word. To pudder is to stir with a puddering pole; hence, to confuse. Lear says of the tempest—"May the great gods that keep this dreadful pudder o'er our head," meaning confusion. To puddle iron is to stir it about with a puddering-pole.

Potwallopera, before the passing of the Reform Bill (1832), were those who claimed a vote because they had boiled their own pot in the parish for six months. (Saxon, *weallan* to boil; Dutch, *opwallen*; our *wallop*.)

Strictly speaking, a pot-walloper is one who wallops or boils his own pot-au-feu.

Poult, a young turkey. **Pullet**, a young chicken. (Latin, *pullus*, the young of any animal; whence *poultry*, young domestic fowls; *filly*, a young horse; *foal*; French, *poulet*; Italian, *pollo*, etc.)

Pound. The unit of weight (Latin, *pondus*, weight); also cash to the value of twenty shillings sterling, because in the Carolingian period the Roman pound (twelve ounces) of pure silver was coined into 240 silver pennies. The

symbols £ and lb. are for *libra*, the Latin for a pound. (See PENNY for POUND.)

Pound of Flesh. The whole bargain, the exact terms of the agreement, the bond *literatim et verbatim*. The allusion is to Shylock, in *The Merchant of Venice*, who bargained with Antonio for a "pound of flesh," but was foiled in his suit by Portia, who said the bond was expressly a pound of flesh, and therefore (1) the Jew must cut the exact quantity, neither more nor less than a just pound; and (2) in so doing he must not shed a drop of blood.

Poundtext (*Peter*). An "indulged pastor" with the Covenanters' army. (*Sir Walter Scott: Old Mortality.*)

Pourceaugnac (*Monsieur de*) (pron. *Poor-sue-yak*). A pompous country gentleman who comes to Paris to marry Julie, but the lady has a lover of her own choice, and Monsieur is so mystified and played upon by Julie and her *ami du cœur* that he relinquishes his suit in despair. (*Molière: Pourceaugnac.*)

Poussin. *The British Poussin.* Richard Cooper, painter and engraver, well known for his *Views of Windsor*. (*-1806.)

Gaspar Poussin. So Gaspar Dughet, the French painter, is called. (1613-1675.)

Pouting Place of Princes (*The*). Leicester Square is so called by Pennant, because George M., when Prince of Wales, having quarrelled with his father, retired to Leicester House; and his son Frederick, Prince of Wales, did the same, for the very same reason.

Poverty . . . Love. "When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out at the window." "*Sine Cerere et Baccho friget Venus.*"

Powder. *I'll powder your jacket for you.* A corruption of *pouder* (to dust). (See DUST.)

"Lo! in powder [dust] ye shall sleep,
For out of powder first ye came."
Quoted by Halliwell under "Poudre."

Not worth powder and shot. "*Le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle.*" The thing shot won't pay the cost of powder and shot.

Poyning's Law or Statute of Drogheda (pron. *Dro-he-dah*). An Act of Parliament made in Ireland in 1495 (10 Henry VII., chap. 22), declaring all general statutes hitherto made in England to be in force in Ireland also. It received its name from Sir Edward

Poyning, Lieutenant of Ireland at the time.

P.P., Clerk of this Parish. The name given to a volume of memoirs, written by Dr. Arbuthnot, as a satire on Bishop Burnet's *Own Times*.

Præmonstratensian Monks. (See PREMONSTRATENSIAN.)

Præmunire. A barbarous word from the Latin *præmoneri* (to be forewarned). The words of the writ begin "*Præmunire facias A.B.*"—i.e. "Cause A.B. to be forewarned," to appear before us to answer the contempt wherewith he stands charged. If A.B. refuses to do so, he loses all civil rights, and before the reign of Elizabeth might have been slain by anyone with impunity.

Pragmatic Sanction. *Sanctio* in Latin means a "decree or ordinance with a penalty attached," or, in other words, a "penal statute." *Pragmaticus* means "relating to state affairs," so that Pragmatic Sanction is a penal statute bearing on some important question of state. The term was first applied by the Romans to those statutes which related to their provinces. The French applied the phrase to certain statutes which limited the jurisdiction of the Pope; but generally it is applied to an ordinance fixing the succession in a certain line.

Pragmatic Sanction of Charles VII. (of France), 1488, defining and limiting the power of the Pope in France. By this ordinance the authority of a general council was declared superior to the dictum of the Pope; the clergy were forbidden to appeal to Rome on any point affecting the secular condition of the nation; and the Roman pontiff was forbidden to appropriate a vacant benefice, or to appoint either bishop or parish priest.

Pragmatic Sanction of St. Louis, 1268, forbade the court of Rome to levy taxes or collect subscriptions in France without the express sanction of the king. It also gave plaintiffs in the ecclesiastical courts the right to appeal to the civil courts. The "Constitutions of Clarendon" were to England what the "Pragmatic Sanction" was to France.

Pragmatic Sanction of Germany, 1713. Whereby the succession of the empire was made hereditary in the female line, in order to transmit the crown to Maria Theresa, the daughter of Charles VI.

This is emphatically the Pragmatic Sanction, unless some qualifying word or date is added, to restrict it to some other instrument.

Pragmatic Sanction of Naples, 1759, whereby Carlos II. of Spain ceded the succession to his third son in perpetuity.

Prairie Fever (*The*). An enthusiastic love of prairie life, which seems to be part of our being, to strengthen our strength, invigorate our spirit, and endow us with new life.

"What with gallops by day and the wild tales by the night watch-fires, I became intoxicated with the romance of my new life; I had caught the prairie fever."—*Mayne Reid: The Scalp Hunters*, ch. III.

Prating Sophists. The doctors of the Sorbonne were so called by Budæus of Paris. (1467-1510.)

Prayer-book Parade. The promenade in fashionable watering-places and other places of resort, after morning service on Sundays till luncheon or early dinner-time.

Praying-wheels. It is said that the Buddhists pray by machinery; that they put prayers into a wheel, and unroll them by the length. This notion arises from a misconception. Saky'a-muni, the Buddha, is said to have "turned the wheel of the law"—i.e. to have preached Buddhism incessantly—we should say as a horse in a mill.

Pre-Ad'amites. Before Adam was created, Isaac de la Peyreri maintained that only the Jews are descended from Adam, and that the Gentiles are descended from a race of men existing before Adam; as the book of Genesis is the history of the Jews only, it does not concern itself with other races. (1655.)

Pre-Raphaelites. A term introduced by Hunt and his friends, who wished to intimate that they preferred the simplicity and truthfulness of the painters who preceded Raphael. The term now signifies a very minute imitation of nature, brilliant colouring, and not much shadow.

Preacher (*The*). *Solomon, the author of Ecclesiastes (*the Preacher*).

The glorious preacher. Saint John Chrysostom. (347-407.)

The king of preachers. Louis Bourdaloue. (1632-1704.)

The little preacher. Samuel de Marets, Protestant controversialist. (1599-1663.)

Prebend, meaning a "clergyman attached to a prebendal stall," is a vulgarism. The prebend is the stipend given out of the revenues of the college or cathedral; he who enjoys the prebend

is the prebendary. (Latin, *præbeo*, to give.)

Preca'rious is what depends on our prayers or requests. A *precarious tenure* is one that depends solely on the will of the owner to concede to our prayer; hence uncertain, not to be depended on. (Latin, *precor*.)

Preceptor. The superior of a preceptory was called by the Templars a *Knight Preceptor*; a "Grand Preceptor" was the head of all the preceptories, or houses of the Knights Templars, in an entire province, the three of highest rank being the Grand Preceptors of Jerusalem, Tripolis, and Antioch. Houses of these knights which were not preceptories were called *commanderies*.

Precieuses-Ridicules (in Molière's comedy so called). Aminte and Polixène, who assume the airs of the Hôtel de Rambouillet, a coterie of savants of both sexes in the seventeenth century. The members of this society were termed *precieuses*—i.e. "persons of distinguished merit"—and the *precieuses ridicules* means a ridiculous apeing of their ways and manners.

Precio'sa. The heroine of Longfellow's *Spanish Student*, threatened with the vengeance of the Inquisition.

Precious Stones. (1) *Each month*, according to the Poles, is under the influence of a precious stone:—

January ..	Garnet ..	Constancy.
February ..	Amethyst ..	Sincerity.
March ..	Bloodstone ..	Courage.
April ..	Diamond ..	Immortality.
May ..	Emerald ..	Success in love.
June ..	Azate ..	Health and long life.
July ..	Corneelian ..	Content.
August ..	Sardonyx ..	Conjugal felicity.
September ..	Chrysolite ..	Antidote to madness.
October ..	Opal ..	Hope.
November ..	Topaz ..	Fidelity.
December ..	Turquoise ..	Prosperity.

(2) *In relation to the signs of the Zodiac*:—

Aries ..	Ruby.	Libra ..	Jacinth.
Taurus ..	Topaz.	Scorpio ..	Azate.
Gemini ..	Caruncle.	Sagittarius ..	Amethyst.
Cancer ..	Emerald.	Capricornus ..	Beryl.
Leo ..	Sapphire.	Aquarius ..	Onyx.
Virgo ..	Diamond.	Pisces ..	Jasper.

(3) *In relation to the plants*:—

Saturn ..	Turquoise ..	Lead.
Jupiter ..	Corneelian ..	Vin.
Mars ..	Emerald ..	Iron.
Sun ..	Diamond ..	Gold.
Venus ..	Amethyst ..	Copper.
Mercury ..	Lodestone ..	Quicksilver.
Moon ..	Crystal ..	Silver.

¶ The ancients divided precious stones into male and female. The darker stones were called the male, and the light ones were called the females. Male sapphires

approach indigo in colour, but the female ones are sky-blue. Theophrastos mentions the distinction.

Precocious means ripened by the sun before it has attained its full growth; premature; a development of mind or body beyond one's age. (Latin, *præcognus*.)

"Many precocious trees, and such as have their spring in winter, may be found."—*Brown*.

Prelate means simply a man preferred, a man promoted to an ecclesiastical office which gives him jurisdiction over other clergymen. Cardinals, bishops, abbots, and archdeacons were at one time so called, but the term is restricted in the Protestant Church to bishops. (Latin, *præfero*, *prælatus*.)

Preliminary Canter (*A*). Metaphorically, means something which precedes the real business in hand. The reference is to the preliminary canter of horses before the race itself begins.

"The real business of the session commenced last night. . . . Everything that has preceded the introduction of this measure has been a preliminary canter."—*Newspaper paragraph*, April 14th, 1904.

Premier Pas. *Ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte*. Pythagoras used to say, "The beginning is half the whole."

"Incipit Dindimium facti est cephas."—*Augustus*.
"Dindimium facti, qui crepat, habet."—*Horace*.
"Well begun is half done."

☞ The reverse of these proverbs is: "C'est le plus difficile que d'écorcher la queue."

Premonstratensian or **Norbertine Order**. Founded in the twelfth century by St. Norbert, who obtained permission, in 1120, to found a cloister in the diocese of Laon, in France. A spot was pointed out to him in a vision, and he termed the spot *Præ Montre* or *Pratum Monstratum* (the meadow pointed out). The order might be called the reformed Augustinian, or the White canons of the rule of St. Augustine.

Prendre un Rat par la Queue. To pick a pocket. This proverb is very old—it was popular in the reign of Louis XIII.

Prepense (2 syl.). *Malice prepense* is malice designed or before deliberated. (Latin, *præpensus*.)

Preposterous means "the cart before the horse." (Latin, *præ posterus*, the first last and the last first.)

Presbyterian. (See **BLVD**.)

Prescott. A waistcoat. Rhyming slang. (See **CHIVY**.)

Presents. *Know all men by these presents*—i.e. by the writings or documents now present. (Latin, *per presentes*, by the [writings] present.)

Preserver [*Soter*]. Ptolemy I. of Egypt was called *Soter* by the Rhodians, because he compelled Deme'trios to raise the siege of Rhodes. (B.C. 367, 323-285.)

Press-money and **Press-men** do not mean money given to impress men into the service and men so impressed; but ready money, and men ready for service. When a recruit has received the money, he binds himself to be ready for service whenever his attendance is required. Similarly, a *press-gang* is a gang to get ready men. (Old French *prest*, now *prêt*; Italian *presto*.)

Prester John, according to Mandeville, a lineal descendant of Ogier the Dane. This Ogier penetrated into the north of India, with fifteen barons of his own country, among whom he divided the land. John was made sovereign of Teneduc, and was called *Prester* because he converted the natives. Another tradition says he had seventy kings for his vassals, and was seen by his subjects only three times in a year. In *Much Ado about Nothing*, Benedick says:—

"I will fetch you a tooth-picker from the farthest inch of Asia; bring you the length of Prester John's foot; fetch you a hair off the great Cham's beard . . . rather than hold three words' conference with this harpy."—*Act II. 1.*

Prester John (in *Orlando Furioso*, bk. xvii.), called by his subjects *Sena'pus*, King of Ethiopia. He was blind. Though the richest monarch of the world, he pined "in plenty's lap with endless famine," for whenever his table was spread hell-born harpies flew away with the food. This was in punishment of his great pride and impiety in wishing to add Paradise to his dominion. The plague was to cease "when a stranger came to his kingdom on a winged horse." Astolpho came on his flying griffin, and with his magic horn chased the harpies into Coey'tus. The king sent 100,000 Nubians to the aid of Charlemagne; they were provided with horses by Astolpho, who threw stones into the air, which became steeds fully equipped (bk. xviii.) and were transported to France by Astolpho, who filled his hands with leaves, which he cast into the sea, and they instantly became ships (bk. xix.). When Agramant was dead, the Nubians were sent back to their country, and the ships turned to leaves and the horses to stones again.

Prestige. This word has a strangely metamorphosed meaning. The Latin *prestig'ie* means juggling tricks, hence *prestidigitatus* (French), one who juggles with his fingers. We use the word for that favourable impression which results from good antecedents. The history of the change is this: Juggling tricks were once considered a sort of enchantment; to enchant is to charm, and to charm is to win the heart.

Presto. Quick. A name given to Swift by the Duchess of Shrewsbury, a foreigner. Of course, the pun is obvious: *presto* means swift (or quick).

Preston and his mastiffs. To oppose *Preston and his mastiffs* is to be foolhardy, to resist what is irresistible. Christopher Preston established the Bear Garden at Hockley-in-the-Hole in the time of Charles II. The Bible says he that employs the sword "shall perish by the sword," and Preston was killed in 1709 by one of his own bears.

"... I'd as good oppose
Myself to Preston and his mastiffs loose."
Oldham: III. Satyr of Journal.

Pretender. *The Old Pretender.* James F. E. Stuart, son of James II. (1688-1766.)

The Young Pretender. Charles Edward Stuart, son of the "Old Pretender." (1720-1788.)

"God bless the king, I mean the faith's defender:
God bless—no harm in blessing—the Pretender.
Who that Pretender is, and who is king—
God bless us all—that's quite another thing."
John Byron.

Pretenders. Tanyoxarkes, in the time of Cambyses, King of Persia, pretended to be Smerdis; but one of his wives felt his head while he was asleep, and discovered that he had no ears.

Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck, in the reign of Henry VIII.

Otreliet, a monk, pretended to be Demetrius, younger son of Czar Ivan Basilowitz II., murdered by Boris in 1598. In 1605 Demetrius "the False" became Czar, but was killed at Moscow the year following, in an insurrection.

Pretext. A pretence. From the Latin *prætexta*, a dress embroidered in the front worn by the Roman magistrates, priests, and children of the aristocracy between the age of thirteen and seventeen. The *prætextæ* were dramas in which actors personated those who wore the *prætextæ*; hence persons who pretend to be what they are not.

Prettyman (*Prince*), who figures sometimes as a fisherman's son, and

sometimes as a prince, to gain the heart of Cloris. (*Buckingham: The Rehearsal.*)

Prevarication. The Latin word *vario* is to straddle, and *prævarior*, to go zigzag or crooked. The verb, says Pliny, was first applied to men who ploughed crooked ridges, and afterwards to men who gave crooked answers in the law courts, or deviated from the straight line of truth. (*See DELIRIUM.*)

Prevent. Precede, anticipate. (Latin *prævenio*, to go before.) And as what goes before us may hinder us, so prevent means to hinder or keep back.

"My eyes prevent the night watcher."—*Psalm CXL. 148.*

"Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings."—*Common Prayer Book.*

Previous Question. (*See QUESTION.*)

Priam. King of Troy when that city was sacked by the allied Greeks. His wife's name was Hecuba; she was the mother of nineteen children, the eldest of whom was Hector. When the gates of Troy were thrown open by the Greeks concealed in the Wooden Horse, Pyrrhos, the son of Achilles, slew the aged Priam. (*See Homer's Iliad and Virgil's Æneid.*)

Priamond. Son of Agapè, a fairy. He was very daring, and fought on foot with battle-axe and spear. He was slain by Cam'balo. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene, bk. iv.*) (*See DIAMOND.*)

Priapus, in classical mythology, is a hideous, sensual, disgusting deity, the impersonation of the principle of fertility. (*See BAAL PEOR, etc.*)

Prick-eared. So the Roundheads were called, because they covered their heads with a black skull-cap drawn down tight, leaving the ears exposed.

Prick the Garter. (*See FAST AND LOOSE.*)

Pride, meaning ostentation, finery, or that which persons are proud of. Spenser talks of "lofty trees yclad in summer's pride" (verdure). Pope, of a "sword whose ivory sheath [was] inwrought with envious pride" (ornamentation); and in this sense the word is used by Jacques in that celebrated passage—

"Why, who cries out on pride [dress]
That can therein tax any private party?
What woman in the city do I name
When that I say 'the city woman bears
The cost of princes on unworthy shoulders'?"
"What is he of baser function
That says his bravery [finery] is not of my
cost?" *Shakespeare: As You Like It, II. 7.*

Fly pride, says the peacock, proverbial for pride. (*Shakespeare: Comedy of Errors*, iv. 3.) The pot calling the kettle "black face."

Sir Pride. First a drayman, then a colonel in the Parliamentary army. (*Butler: Hudibras*.)

Pride of the Morning. That early mist or shower which promises a fine day. The Morning is too proud to come out in her glory all at once—or the proud beauty being thwarted weeps and pouts awhile. Keble uses the phrase in a different sense when he says:—

"Pride of the dewy Morning,
The swain's experienced eye
From thee takes timely warning,
Nor trusts the gorgeous sky."
Keble: 25th Sunday after Trinity.

Pride's Purge. The Long Parliament, not proving itself willing to condemn Charles I., was *purged* of its unruly members by Colonel Pride, who entered the House with two regiments of soldiers, imprisoned sixty members, drove one hundred and sixty out into the streets, and left only six of the most complaisant.

Pridwen. The name of Prince Arthur's shield.

"He henge an his sweore [neck] aene sceld deore,
His nome on Brutac [in British] Pridwen [called]
Layamon: Brut (twelfth century).

Pridwin. Same as *prideen*. This shield had represented on it a picture of the Virgin.

"The temper of his sword, the tried 'Excalibur,'
The bigness and the length of 'Rome,' his noble spear,
With 'Pridwin,' his great shield, and what the
proof could bear" *Drayton*.

Priest . . . Knight. *I would rather walk with Sir Priest than Sir Knight. I prefer peace to strife.*

Priest of the Blue-bag. A barrister. A blue-bag is a cant name for a barrister. (*See BARRISTER'S BAG*.)

"He (O'Flynn) had twice pleaded his own case, without help of attorney, and showed himself as practised in every law quibble . . . as if he had been a regularly ordained priest of the blue bag."
—*C. Kingsley: Alton Locke*, chap. x.

Prig. A knavish beggar in the *Peggy's Bush*, by Beaumont and Fletcher.

Prig. A coxcomb, a conceited person. Probably the Anglo-Saxon *pryt* or *pryd*.

Prig. To filch or steal. Also a pick-pocket or thief. The clown calls Autolycus a "prig that haunts wakes, fairs, and bear-baitings." (*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale*, iv. 3.)

In Scotch, to *prig* means to cheapen, or haggle over the price asked; *priggish* means cheapening.

Prima Donna (Italian). A first-class lady; applied to public singers.

Prima Facie (Latin). At first sight. A *prima facie* case is a case or statement which, without minute examination into its merits, seems plausible and correct.

It would be easy to make out a strong *prima facie* case, but I should advise the more cautious policy of *audi alteram partem*.

Primary Colours. (*See COLOURS*.)

Prime (Isyl.). In the Catholic Church the first canonical hour after lauds. Milton terms sunrise "that sweet hour of prime." (*Paradise Lost*, bk. v. 170.)

"All night long . . . came the sound of chanting . . . as the monks sang the service of matins, lauds, and prime."—*Shorthouse: John Tughaunt*, chap. i. p. 10.

Primed. Full and ready to deliver a speech. We say of a man whose head is full of his subject, "He is primed to the muzzle." Of course, the allusion is to firearms.

Primero. A game at cards.

"I left him at primero with the Duke of Suffolk."—*Shakespeare: Henry VIII.*, i. 2.

"Four cards were dealt to each player, the principal groups being flush, prime and point. Flush was the same as in 'poker,' prime was one card of each suit, and point was reckoned as in 'poquet.'"—*Cyclopedia of Games*, p. 270.

Primitive Fathers (*The*). The five Christian fathers supposed to be contemporary with the Apostles: viz. Clement of Rome (30-102); Barnabas, cousin of Mark the Evangelist, and schoolfellow of Paul the Apostle; Hermas, author of *The Shepherd*; Ignatius, martyred A.D. 115; and Polycarp (85-160).

The first two *Epistles to the Corinthians* are probably by Clement Romanus, but everything else ascribed to him is undoubtedly spurious.

The epistle ascribed to Barnabas is of very doubtful authenticity.

Hermas.—It is very doubtful whether this is a proper name at all; and, if a proper name, many think it is a Hermas in the second century, brother of Pius I.

Polycarp, same age, was a pupil of John the Evangelist, by whom he was made Bishop of Smyrna, addressed in the Revelation; but if the Revelation was written in 96, Polycarp was not eleven years old at the time, and could not possibly have been a bishop. It is extremely doubtful whether he knew the Evangelist at all, and certainly he did not know either the Fourth Gospel or the Book of the Revelation.

Primrose (*George*). Son of the worthy Vicar of Wakefield. He went to Amsterdam to teach the people English, but forgot that he could not do so till he knew something of Dutch himself. (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield*.)

Moses Primrose. Brother of the above, noted for giving in barter a good horse for a gross of worthless green spectacles with copper rims and shagreen cases. (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield*.)

Mrs. Deborah Primrose. Mother of the

above; noted for her motherly vanity, her skill in housewifery, and her desire to be genteel. Her *wedding gown* is a standing simile for things that "wear well." Her daughters' names are Olivia and Sophia. (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield.*)

The Rev. Dr. Primrose. Husband of Mrs. Deborah, and Vicar of Wakefield. As simple-minded and unskilled in the world as Goldsmith himself, unaffectedly pious, and beloved by all who knew him. (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield.*)

Primrose. A curious corruption of the French *primerole*, Italian *primavereola*, compounds of the Latin *prima vera* (first spring flower). Chaucer calls the word *primvrole*, which is a contraction of the Italian *primavereola*. The flower is no rose at all.

Primum Mobile, in the Ptolemaic system of astronomy, was the tenth (not ninth) sphere, supposed to revolve from east to west in twenty-four hours, carrying with it all the other spheres. The eleven spheres are: (1) Diana or the Moon, (2) Mercury, (3) Venus, (4) Apollo or the Sun, (5) Mars, (6) Jupiter, (7) Saturn, (8) the starry sphere or that of the fixed stars, (9) the crystalline, (10) the primum mobile, and (11) the empyrean. Ptolemy himself acknowledged only the first nine; the two latter were devised by his disciples. The motion of the crystalline, according to this system, causes the precession of the equinoxes, its axis being that of the ecliptic. The motion of the primum mobile produces the alternation of day and night; its axis is that of the equator, and its extremities the poles of the heavens.

"They pass the planets seven, and pass the 'fixed' (sunny sphere), and that crystalline sphere . . . and that 'First-Moved.'" Milton: *Paradise Lost*, lib. 1st.

Primum Mobile is figuratively applied to that machine which communicates motion to several others; and also to persons and ideas suggestive of complicated systems. Socrates was the primum mobile of the Dialectic, Megaric, Cyrenaic, and Cynic systems of philosophy.

Primus. The archbishop, or rather "presiding bishop," of the Episcopal Church of Scotland. He is elected by the other six bishops, and presides in Convocation, or meetings relative to church matters.

Prince. The Latin *principes* formed one of the great divisions of the Roman infantry; so called because they were

originally the first to begin the fight. After the *Hastati* were instituted, this privilege was transferred to the new division.

Prince. (See BLACK.)

Prince of alchemy. Rudolph II., Emperor of Germany, also called The German Hermes Trismegistus.

Prince of gossips. Samuel Pepys, noted for his gossiping *Diary*, commencing January 1st, 1659, and continued for nine years. (1632-1703)

Prince of grammarians. (See GRAMMARIANS.)

Prince of Peace. The Messiah (Isaiah ix. 6).

Prince of the Power of the Air. Satan (Eph. ii. 2).

Prince of the vegetable kingdom. So Linnæus calls the palm-tree.

Prince of Wales (The). This title arose thus: When Edward I. subdued Wales, he promised the Welsh, if they would lay down their arms, that he would give them a native prince. His queen having given birth to a son in Wales, the new-born child was entitled Edward, Prince of Wales; and ever since then the eldest son of the British sovereign has retained the title.

Prince of Wales Dragoon Guards. The 3rd Dragoon Guards.

Prince Rupert's Drops. Drops of molten glass, consolidated by falling into water. Their form is that of a tadpole. The thick end may be hammered pretty smartly without its breaking, but if the smallest portion of the thin end is nipped off, the whole flies into fine dust with explosive violence. These toys, if not invented by Prince Rupert, were introduced by him into England.

Prince's Peers. A term of contempt applied to peers of low birth. The son of Charles VII. of France (afterwards Louis XI.) in order to weaken the influence of the aristocracy, created a host of riff-raff peers, such as tradesmen, farmers, and mechanics, who were tools in his hands.

Princoz or Princocks. (Probably from *prince* and *cock*.) Capulet calls Tybalt a *princoz*, or wilful spoilt boy. (Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet*.)

Prink. She was *prinked* in all her finery. Adorned. Prink and prank. Dutch *pronken*, to make a show; German *prangen*, Danish *prænge*, Swedish *prunka*.

Printer's Devil. The newest apprentice lad in the press-room, whose

duty it is to run errands, and to help the pressmen.

Printing used to be called the *Black Art*, and the boys who assisted the pressmen were called *imps*. (See under **DEVIL**.)

Printers' Marks.

? is — that is, the first and last letters of *quæstio* (question).

! is !. *Io* in Latin is the interjection of joy.

§ is a Greek p (π), the initial letter of *paragraph*.

* is used by the Greek grammarians to arrest attention to something striking (*asterisk* or *star*).

† is used by the Greek grammarians to indicate something objectionable (*obelisk* or *dagger*).

(See **MARKS IN GRAMMAR**.)

Printing. (See **EM**.)

Father of English printing. William Caxton (1412-1491).

? It is a mistake to suppose that Caxton (1471) was the first printer in England. A book has been accidentally discovered with the date 1478 (Oxford). The Rev. T. Wilson says, "The press at Oxford existed ten years before there was any press in Europe, except those at Haarlem and Mentz. The person who set up the Oxford press was Corsellis."

Priori. An argument *a priori* is one from cause to effect. To prove the existence of God *a priori*, you must show that every other hypothesis is more unlikely, and therefore this hypothesis is the most likely. All mathematical proofs are of this kind. (See **POSTERIORI**.)

Priscian's Head. To break *Priscian's head* (in Latin, "*Diminuire Prisciani caput*"). To violate the rules of grammar. Priscian was a great grammarian of the fifth century, whose name is almost synonymous with grammar.

"Priscian's head is often bruised without remorse." — P. Thompson.

"And held no sin so deeply red
As that of breaking Priscian's head."
Butler: *Hudibras*, pt. II, 2.

Priscillianists. Followers of Priscillian, a Spaniard; an heretical sect which sprang up in Spain in the fourth century. They were a branch of the Manichæans.

Prisoner at the Bar. The prisoner in the dock, who is on his trial; so called because anciently he stood at the bar which separated the barristers from the common pleaders.

Prisoner of Chillon. François de Bonnavard, a Frenchman confined for

six years in the dungeon of the Chateau de Chillon, by Charles III. of Savoy. Lord Byron, in his poem so called, has welded together this incident with Dante's Count Ugolino. (See **CHILLON**.)

Prithu. The favourite hero of the Indian Purānas. Vena having been slain for his wickedness, and leaving no offspring, the saints rubbed his right arm, and the friction brought forth Prithu. Being told that the earth had suspended for a time its fertility, Prithu went forth to punish it, and the Earth, under the form of a cow, fled at his approach; but being unable to escape, promised that in future "seed-time and harvest should never fail."

Prislin. Senator of Venice, noted for his unbending pride, and his unnatural harshness to his daughter Belvidera. (*Otway: Venice Preserved*.)

Privolvans'. The antagonists of the Subvolvans, in S. Butler's satirical poem called *The Elephant in the Moon*.

"These silly ranting Privolvans
Have every summer their campaigns,
And muster like the warlike sons
Of Rawhead and of Bloody bones."

V. S. C. C.

Privy Council. The council chosen by the sovereign to administer public affairs. It consists of the Royal Family, the two Primates, the Bishop of London, the great officers of State, the Lord Chancellor and Judges of the Courts of Equity, the Chief Justices of the Courts of Common Law, the Judge Advocate, some of the Puisne Judges, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Ambassadors, Governors of Colonies, Commander-in-Chief, Master-General of the Ordnance, First Lord of the Admiralty, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, Paymaster of the Forces, President of the Poor-law Board, etc. etc.; a committee of which forms the Cabinet or Ministry. The number of neither the Privy Council nor Cabinet is fixed, but the latter generally includes about fifteen or sixteen gentlemen specially qualified to advise on different departments of state business. Much of the business of the Privy Council is performed by Boards or subdivisions, as the *Board of Trade*, the *Board of Quarantine*, the *Committee of Council on Education*, etc.

Privy Seal. The seal which the sovereign uses in proof of assent to a document. In matters of minor importance it is sufficient to pass the privy seal, but instruments of greater moment must have the great seal also.

Pro and Con. (Latin). For and against. "Con." is a contraction of *contra*.

Pro Tanto. As an instalment, good enough as far as it goes, but not final; for what it is worth.

"I heard Mr. Parnell accept the Bill of 1886 as a measure that would close the difference between the two countries; but since then he stated that he had accepted it as a *pro tanto* measure. . . . It was a parliamentary bet, and he hoped to make future amendments on it."—*Mr. Chamberlain's speech*, April 10th, 1888.

Pro Tempore (3 syl.). Temporarily; for the time being, till something is permanently settled. Contracted into *pro tem*.

Probate of a Will. A certified copy of a will by an officer whose duty it is to attest it. The original is retained in the court registry, and executors act on the proved copy. Anyone may see an official copy of any will at the registry office on payment of a shilling.

Probe. *I must probe that matter to the bottom* must narrowly examine into it. The allusion is to a surgeon probing a wound, or searching for some extraneous substance in the body.

Probosc (3 syl.). as applied to Jesus Christ, is this: that He was divine only because He was divinely begotten; in fact, He was a shoot of the divine stem. This heterodox notion was combated by Irenæus, but was subsequently revived by Montanus and Tertullian. The word is properly applied to the process of a bone—that is, a bone growing out of a normal bone. (Greek, *pro-bullos*.)

Procès-Verbal. A minute and official statement of some fact.

* We (says the *procès-verbal*) asked him what use he had made of the pistol (i.e. We, says the official report, etc.).—*The Times (Law Report)*.

Procession of the Black Breeches. This is the heading of a chapter in vol. ii. of Carlyle's *French Revolution*. The chapter contains a description of the mob procession, headed by Santerre carrying a pair of black satin breeches on a pole. The mob forced its way into the Tuileries on June 20th, 1792, and presented the king (Louis XVI.) with the bonnet rouge and a tricolour cockade.

Proclaim on the Housetop. To proclaim or make known to everyone; to blab in public. Dr. Jahn says that the ancient Jews "ascended their roofs to announce anything to the multitude, to pray to God, and to perform sacrifices" (Matt. x. 27).

"No secret can escape being proclaimed from the housetop."—*London Review*.

Proclivity. *His proclivities are all evil.* His tendencies or propensities have a wrong bias. The word means downhill tendency. (Latin, *proclivis*.)

Procris. *Unerring as the dart of Procris.* When Procris fled from Cephalus out of shame, Diana gave her a dog that never failed to secure its prey, and a dart which not only never missed aim, but which always returned of its own accord to the shooter. (See CEPHALUS.)

Procrustes' Bed. Procrustes was a robber of Attica, who placed all who fell into his hands upon an iron bed. If they were longer than the bed, he cut off the redundant part; if shorter, he stretched them till they fitted it. Any attempt to reduce men to one standard, one way of thinking, or one way of acting, is called placing them on Procrustes' bed, and the person who makes the attempt is called Procrustes. (See GIRDLE.)

"Tyrant none cruel than Procrustes old,
Who to his iron-bed by torture fits
The ir-robust parts, the souls of suffering wits."
Mallet: Verbal Criticism.

Procrustean. Pertaining to Procrustes, and his mode of procedure. (See *above*.)

Prodigal. Festus says the Romans called victims wholly consumed by fire *prodigæ hostiæ* (victims prodigalised), and adds that those who waste their substance are therefore called prodigals. This derivation can hardly be considered correct. Prodigal is *pro-ago* or *prod-igo* (to drive forth), and persons who had spent all their patrimony were "driven forth" to be sold as slaves to their creditors.

Prodigal (The). Albert VI., Duke of Austria. (1418-1463.)

Prodigy. *The prodigy of France.* Guillaume Budé; so called by Erasmus. (1467-1540.)

The prodigy of learning. Samuel Hahnemann, the German, was so called by J. Paul Richter. (1755-1813.)

Profane means literally before the temple (Latin, *pro fanum*). Those persons who came to the temple and were not initiated were called profane by the Romans.

Profile (2 syl.) means shown by a thread. (Italian, *profilo*; Latin, *filum*, a thread.) A profile is an outline. In sculpture or painting it means to give the contour or side-face.

Profound (The). Richard Middleton, theologian. (* -1304.)

The Profound Doctor. Thomas Bradwarden, a schoolman. (Fourteenth century.)

Most Profound Doctor. Ægidius de Columna, a Sicilian schoolman. (Died 1316.)

Prog. Food (connected with *prod*, and perhaps *pror[ender]*). Burke says, "You are the lion, and I have been endeavouring to prog [procure food] for you."

"So saying, with a smile she left the rogue
To weave more lines of death, and plan for
prog." *Dr. Wolcut: Spider and Fly.*

Progne or Prokne. The swallow. (See NIGHTINGALE.)

"As Progne or as Philome'la mourns;
That finds the nest by cruel hands despoiled;
So Bradamant laments her absent knight." *Orlando Furioso*, book xxiii.

Progress. To report progress, in parliamentary language, is to conclude for the night the business of a bill, and defer the consideration of all subsequent items thereof till the day nominated by the chief Minister of the Crown.

Projection. Powder of projection, or the "Philosopher's Stone." A powder supposed to have the virtue of changing baser metals into gold or silver. A little of this powder, being cast into molten metal of the baser sort, was to project from it pure gold or silver. Education may be called the true "powder of projection."

Proletaire (3 syl.). One of the rabble. *Proletaires* in French means the lowest and poorest class in the community. *Proletarian*, mean or vulgar. The sixth class of Servius Tullius consisted of *proletarii* and the *capite censi*—i.e. breeders and human heads. The *proletaries* could not enter the army, but were useful as breeders of the race (*proles*). The *capite censi* were not enrolled in the census by the value of their estates, but simply by their polls.

Proletariat. Commonalty. (See PROLETAIRE.)

"Italy has a clerical aristocracy, rich, idle, and corrupt; and a clerical proletariat, needy and grossly ignorant."—*The Times*.

Prometheus (3 syl.) made men of clay, and stole fire from heaven to animate them. For this he was chained by Zeus to Mount Caucasus, where an eagle preyed on his liver daily. The word means Forethought, and one of his brothers was Epimetheus or Afterthought.

"Faster bound to Aaron's charming eyes
Than is Prometheus tied to Caucasus." *Shakespeare: Titus Andronicus*, ii. 1.

Promethean. Capable of producing fire; pertaining to Prometheus (*q.v.*).

Promethean Fire. The vital principle; the fire with which Prometheus quickened into life his clay images. (See PROMETHEUS.)

"I know not where is that Promethean heat
That can thy life relume."

Shakespeare: Othello, v. 2.

Promethean Unguent (*The*). Made from a herb on which some of the blood of Prometheus (3 syl.) had fallen. Medica gave Jason some of this unguent, which rendered his body proof against fire and warlike instruments.

Prometheans. The first invention which developed into Bryant and May's "safety matches." They were originally made in 1805 by Chancel, a French chemist, who tipped cedar splints with paste of chlorate of potash and sugar. On dipping one of these matches into a little bottle containing asbestos wetted with sulphuric acid, it burst into flame on drawing it out. It was not introduced into England till after the battle of Waterloo. (See HUGH PERRY.)

Promise of Odin (*The*). The most binding of all promises to a Scandinavian. In making this promise the person passed his hand through a massive silver ring kept for the purpose; or through a sacrificial stone, like that called the "Circle of Stennis."

"I will bind myself to you . . . by the promise of Odin, the most sacred of our northern rites."—*Sir W. Scott: The Pirate*, chap. cxi.

Promised Land or Land of Promise. Canaan; so called because God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that their offspring should possess it.

Promesia (in *Orlando Furioso*). One of Logistilla's handmaids, famous for her wisdom.

Proof. A printed sheet to be examined and approved before it is finally printed. The first proof is that which contains all the workman's errors; when these are corrected the impression next taken is called a *clean* proof and is submitted to the author; the final impression, which is corrected by the reader *ad unguem*, is termed the *press* proof.

Proof Prints. The first impressions of an engraving. *India-proofs* are those taken off on India-paper. *Proofs before lettering* are those taken off before the plate is sent to the writing engraver. After the proofs the orders of merit are

—(1) the prints which have the letters only in outline; (2) those in which the letters are shaded with a black line; (3) those in which some slight ornament is introduced into the letters; (4) those in which the letters are filled up quite black.

Proof Spirit. A mixture of equal parts (by weight) of alcohol and water. The *proof of spirit* consists in little bubbles or beads which appear on the top of the liquor after agitation. When any mixture has more alcohol than water it is called *over proof*, and when less it is termed *under proof*.

Prooshan Blue (My). A term of great endearment. After the battle of Waterloo the Prussians were immensely popular in England, and in connection with the Loyal True Blue Club gave rise to the toasts, "The True Blue" and the "Prussian Blue." Sam Weller addresses his father as "Vell, my Prooshan Blue."

Propagan'da. The name given to the "congregation" *de propaganda fidei*, established at Rome by Gregory XV., in 1622, for propagating throughout the world the Roman Catholic religion. Any institution for making religious or political proselytes.

Proper Names used as Common Nouns.

Cerberus = terrible.
Dunno = imaginative
Fénelon = fabulous.
Le Sage = humorous.
Molière = comic.
Montaigne = thoughtful.
Rabelais = unclean.
Rousseau = amorous.
Victor Hugo = incendiary.
Zola = licentious; *Zolaesque*, in the manner or style of Zola, the French novelist.

Property Plot (The), in theatrical language, means a list of all the "properties" or articles which will be required in the play produced. Such as the bell, when Macbeth says, "The bell invites me;" the knock, when it is said, "Heard you that knocking?" tables, chairs, banquets, tankards, etc., etc.

Prophecy upon Velvet (To). To prophesy what is already a known fact. Thus, the issue of a battle flashed to an individual may, by some chance, get to the knowledge of a "sibyl," who may securely prophesy the issue to others; but such a prediction would be a "prophecy on velvet;" it goes on velvet slippers without fear of stumbling.

"If one of those three had spoken the news over again . . . the old lady (or sibyl) prophesies upon velvet."—*Sir W. Scott: The Pirate*, ch. xxi.

Prophet (The). Mahomet is so called. (570-632.)

The Koran says there have been 200,000 prophets, only six of whom have brought new laws or dispensations; Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mahomet.

The Prophet. Jo'achim, Abbot of Fiore. (1130-1202.)

Prophet of the Syrians. Ephraem Syrus (4th century).

The Great Prophets. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel; so called because their writings are more extensive than the prophecies of the other twelve.

The Minor or Lesser Prophets. Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi; so called because their writings are less extensive than those of the four Great Prophets.

Prophetess (The). Ay-e'shab, the second wife of Mahomet; so called, not because she had any gift of prophecy, but simply because she was the favourite wife of the "prophet;" she was, therefore, emphatically "Mrs. Prophet."

Propositions, in logic, are of four kinds, called A, E, I, O. "A" is a universal affirmative; and "E" a universal negative; "I" a particular affirmative; and "O" a particular negative.

"*Asserit A, negat E, verum generaliter ambo!*
Asserit I, negat O, sed particulariter ambo."

A asserts and E denies some universal proposition;
 I asserts and O denies, but with particular precision.

Props, in theatrical slang, means properties, of which it is a contraction. Everything stored in a theatre for general use on the stage is a "prop," but these stores are the manager's props. An actor's "props" are the clothing and other articles which he provides for his own use on the stage. In many good theatres the manager provides everything but tights and a few minor articles; but in minor theatres each actor must provide a wardrobe and properties.

Prologue (2 syl.). *The Parliament was prorogued.* Dismissed for the holidays, or suspended for a time. (Latin, *pro-rogo*, to prolong.) If dismissed entirely it is said to be "dissolved."

Pro.'s. Professionals—that is, actors by profession.

"A big crowd slowly gathers,
 And stretches across the street;
 The pit door opens sharply,
 And I hear the tramping feet;
 And the quiet pro.'s pass onward
 To the stage-door up the court."
Sims: Ballads of Babylon; Forgotten, etc.

Proscenium. The front part of the stage, between the drop-curtain and orchestra. (Greek, *proskēnion*; Latin, *proscenium*.)

Proscription. A sort of hue and cry; so called because among the Romans the names of the persons proscribed were written out, and the tablets bearing their names were fixed up in the public forum, sometimes with the offer of a reward for those who should aid in bringing them before the court. If the proscribed did not answer the summons, their goods were confiscated and their persons outlawed. In this case the name was engraved on brass or marble, the offence stated, and the tablet placed conspicuously in the market-place.

Prose means straightforward speaking or writing (Latin, *oratio prosa*—i.e. *proversa*), in opposition to foot-bound speaking or writing, *oratio vincita* (fettered speech—i.e. poetry).

Prose. *Il y a plus de vingt ans que je dis de la prose, sans que j'en aie su rien.* I have known this these twenty years without being conscious of it. (*Molière: Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*.)

"Really," exclaimed Lady Ambrose, brightening, '*il y a plus de vingt ans que je dis de la prose, sans que j'en aie su rien.*' And so it seems that I have known history without suspecting it, just as Mons. Jourdain talked prose."—*Mallock: The New Republic*, bk. iii. chap. 2.

Father of Greek prose. Herodotus (B.C. 484-405).

Father of English prose. Wycliffe (1324-1384); and Roger Ascham (1515-1568).

Father of French prose. Villehardouin (pron. *Véal-hard-whah'n*). (1167-1213.)

Proselytes (3 syl.) among Jewish writers were of two kinds—viz. "The proselyte of righteousness" and the "stranger of the gate." The former submitted to circumcision and conformed to the laws of Moses. The latter abstained from offering sacrifice to heathen gods, and from working on the Sabbath. "The stranger that is within thy gate" = the stranger of the gate.

"I must confess that his society was at first irksome; but . . . I now have hope that he may become a stranger of the gate."—*Eldad the Pilgrim*, ch. iii.

Proserpina or **Proserpine** (3 syl.). One day, as she was amusing herself in the meadows of Sicily, Pluto seized her and carried her off in his chariot to the infernal regions for his bride. In her terror she dropped some of the lilies she

had been gathering, and they turned to daffodils.

"O Proserpina,
For the flowers now, that frighted thou let'st fall
From Dis's wagon ' daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty."
Shakespeare: Winter's Tale, iv. 1.

Proserpine's Divine Calidore. Sleep. In the beautiful legend of *Cupid and Psyche*, by Apuleius, after Psyche had long wandered about searching for her lost Cupid, she is sent to Proserpine for "the casket of divine beauty," which she was not to open till she came into the light of day. Psyche received the casket, but just as she was about to step on earth, she thought how much more Cupid would love her if she was divinely beautiful; so she opened the casket and found the calidore it contained was sleep, which instantly filled all her limbs with drowsiness, and she slept as it were the sleep of death.

This is the very perfection of allegory. Of course, sleep is the only beautifier of the weary and heart-sick; and this calidore Psyche found before Cupid again came to her.

Prosperity Robinson. Viscount Goderich, Earl of Ripon, Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1823. In 1825 he boasted in the House of the prosperity of the nation, and his boast was not yet cold when the great financial crisis occurred. It was Cobbett who gave him the name of "Prosperity Robinson."

Prospero. Rightful Duke of Milan, deposed by his brother. Drifted on a desert island, he practised magic, and raised a tempest in which his brother was shipwrecked. Ultimately Prospero broke his wand, and his daughter married the son of the King of Naples. (*Shakespeare: Tempest*.)

Protagoras of Abdera was the first who took the name of "Sophist." (B.C. 480-411.)

Protean. Having the aptitude to change its form: ready to assume different shapes. (See **PROTEUS**.)

Protectionist. One who advocates the imposition of import duties, to "protect" home produce or manufactures.

Protector. The Earl of Pembroke (1216).

Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester (1122-1147).

Richard, Duke of Gloucester (1183).
The Duke of Somerset (1548).

The Lord Protector of the Commonwealth. Oliver Cromwell (1653-1658).

Protesila'os, in Fénelon's *Télémaque*, is meant to represent Louvois, the French Minister of State.

Prot'estant. One of the party who adhered to Luther at the Reformation. These Lutherans, in 1529, "protested" against the decree of Charles V. of Germany, and appealed from the Diet of Spire to a general council. A Protestant now means one of the Reformed Church.

Protestant Pope. Clement XIV.

Proteus (pron. *Pro'-teece*). As many shapes as Proteus—i.e. full of shifts, aliases, disguises, etc. Proteus was Neptune's herdsman, an old man and a prophet. He lived in a vast cave, and his custom was to tell over his herds of sea-calves at noon, and then to sleep. There was no way of catching him but by stealing upon him during sleep and binding him; if not so captured, he would elude anyone who came to consult him by changing his shape, for he had the power of changing it in an instant into any form he chose.

"The chanceful Proteus, whose prophetic mind,
The secret cause of Bacchus' rage divined,
Attending, left the flocks, his scaly charge,
To graze the bitter weeds foam at large."
Commons: Lustad, vi.

Pro'tous. One of the two gentlemen of Verona; his serving-man is Launce. Valentine is the other gentleman, whose serving-man is Speed. (*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona*.)

Prothala'mion. Marriage song by Edmund Spenser, peculiarly exquisite—probably the noblest ever sung.

Proto-martyr. The first martyr. Stephen the deacon is so called (*Acts v. vii.*).

Protocol. The first rough draft or original copy of a despatch, which is to form the basis of a treaty. (Greek, *proto-kóleon*, a sheet glued to the front of a manuscript, and bearing an abstract of the contents and purport. (*Harmolais Barbarus*.)

Protoplasm, Sarcode. The material or cells of which all living things are built up. Each is a jelly-like substance, the former being the nucleus of plants and the latter of animals. Max Schultz proved the identity of these substances.

"Protoplasm is not a simple but a complicated structure, sometimes called a 'colony of plants,' or nucleus granules. (Greek, *proto-plasma*, the first model; *proto-sarkode*, the first flesh-like entity.)

Protozo'a. The lowest class of animal life (Greek, *protos zoon*). In a

figurative sense, a young aspirant for literary honours: "They were young intellectual protozoa."

Proud (The). Otho IV., Emperor of Germany. (1175, 1209-1218.)

Tarquín II. of Rome. *Superbus*. (Reigned B.C. 535-510, died 496.)

The proud Duke. Charles Seymour, Duke of Somerset. He would never suffer his children to sit in his presence, and would never speak to his servants except by signs. (Died 1748.)

Proud as Lucifer; proud as a peacock.

Proud'sute (*Oliver*). A boasting bonnet-maker of Perth. His widow is Magdalen or Maudie. (*Sir Walter Scott: Fair Maid of Perth*.)

Prout. (See under FATHER.)

Province means a country previously conquered. (Latin, *pro vinco*.)

Provin'cial. Like or in the manner of those who live in the provinces.

Provincial of an Order. The superior of all the monastic houses of a province.

Prudent Tree (The). Pliny calls the mulberry the most prudent of all trees, because it waits till winter is well over before it puts forth its leaves. Ludovico Sforza, who prided himself on his prudence, chose a mulberry-tree for his device, and was called "*Il Moro*."

Prud'homme. *J. Mons. Prud'homme*. A man of experience and great prudence, of estimable character and practical good sense. Your Mons. Prud'homme is never a man of genius and originality, but what we in England should term a "Quaker of the old school."

The council of prud'hommes. A council of arbiters to settle disputes between masters and workmen.

Prunello. Stuff. Prunello really means that woollen stuff of which common ecclesiastical gowns used to be made; it was also employed for the uppers of women's boots and shoes; everlasting. A corruption of Brigolones.

"Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow;
The rest is all but leather or prunello."
Pope: Essay on Man, iv.

Prussia means near Russia, the country bordering on Russia. In Neo-Latin, *Borussia*; in Slavonic, *Porussia*; so in Slavonic signifying "near."

Prussian Blue. So called because it was discovered by a Prussian, viz,

Diesbach, a colourman of Berlin, in 1710. It is sometimes called *Berlin blue*.

Prussic Acid means the acid of Prussian blue. It is now termed in science hydrocyanic acid, because it is made from a cyanide of iron.

Psalm cv. 22. The Prayer Book version is: "They were not obedient unto his word."

The Bible version and the new version is: "They rebelled not against his word."

Psalms. Seventy-three psalms are inscribed with David's name, twelve with that of Asaph the singer; eleven go under the name of the Sons of Korah, a family of singers; one (*i.e.* Ps. xc.) is attributed to Moses. The whole compilation is divided into five books: bk. 1, from i. to xli.; bk. 2, from xlii. to lxxii.; bk. 3, from lxxiii. to lxxxix.; bk. 4, from xc. to cvi.; bk. 5, from cvii. to cl.

Psalmist. *The sweet psalmist of Israel.* King David, who composed many of the Bible Psalms. (See Psalm lxxii. 20.)

Psalter of Tara (The). It contains a narrative of the early kings of Ireland from Ollam Fodla to n.c. 900.

"Their tribe they said, their high degree,
Was sung in Tara's Psalteries."
Campbell: O'Connor's Child.

Psaphon's Birds (*Psaphon's aves*). Puffers, flatterers. Psaphon, in order to attract the attention of the world, reared a multitude of birds, and having taught them to pronounce his name, let them fly.

"To what far region have his songs not flown,
Like Psaphon's birds, speaking their master's name."
Moor: Rhymes on the Road, lii.

Psyco'pax [*granary thief*]. Son of Troxartas, King of the Mice. The Frog-king offered to carry the young prince over a lake, but scarcely had he got mid-way when a water-hydra appeared, and King Frog, to save himself, dived under water. The mouse, being thus left on the surface, was drowned, and this catastrophe brought about the battle of the Frogs and Mice.

"The soul of great Psyco'pax lives in me,
Of great Troxartas' line."
Parnell: Battle of the Frogs and Mice, l.

Psyche [*Sy'ke*]. A beautiful maiden beloved by Cupid, who visited her every night, but left her at sunrise. Cupid bade her never seek to know who he was, but one night curiosity overcame her prudence, and she went to look at him.

A drop of hot oil fell on his shoulder, awoke him, and he fled. Psyche next became the slave of Venus, who treated her most cruelly; but ultimately she was married to Cupid, and became immortal. Mrs. Henry Tighe has embodied in six cantos this exquisite allegory from Apuleios.

This subject was represented by Raphael in a suite of thirty-two pictures, and numerous artists have taken the loves of Cupid and Psyche for their subject; as, for example, Canova, Gerard, Chaudet, etc. The cameo of the Duke of Marlborough is said to have been the work of Tryphon of Athens.

"Raphael's illustrations of the adventures of Psyche were engraved for a superb edition in 4to (*De la Fable de Psyche*), published by Henri Didot. "Fair Psyche, kneeling at the ethereal throne,
Warned the fond bosom of unconquered love."
Darwin: Economy of Vegetation, iv.

Psychography. Spirit-writing; writing said by spiritualists to be done by spirits.

Ptolema'ic System. The system of Claudius Ptolemaeus, a celebrated astronomer of Palusium, in Egypt, of the eleventh century. He taught that the earth is fixed in the centre of the universe, and the heavens revolve round it from east to west, carrying with them the sun, planets, and fixed stars, in their respective spheres. He said that the Moon was next above the earth, then Mercury, then Venus; the Sun he placed between Venus and Mars, and after Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, beyond which came the two crystalline spheres.

This system was accepted, till it was replaced in the sixteenth century by the Copernican system.

Public. The people generally and collectively; the members generally of a state, nation, or community.

Public-house Signs. Much of a nation's history, and more of its manners and feelings, may be gleaned from its public-house signs. A very large number of them are selected out of compliment to the lord of the manor, either because he is the "great man" of the neighbourhood, or because the proprietor is some servant whom "it delighted the lord to honour;" thus we have the *Earl of March*, in compliment to the Duke of Richmond: the *Green Man* or game-keeper, married and promoted "to a public." When the name and titles of the lord have been exhausted, we get his cognisance or his favourite pursuit, as the *Bear and Ragged Staff*, the *Fox and Hounds*. As the object of the sign is to speak to the feelings and attract, another fruitful source is either some

national hero or great battle; thus we get the *Marquis of Granby* and the *Duke of Wellington*, the *Waterloo* and the *Alma*. The proverbial loyalty of our nation has naturally shown itself in our tavern signs, giving us the *Victoria*, *Prince of Wales*, the *Albert*, the *Crown*, and so on. Some signs indicate a speciality of the house, as the *Bowling Green*, the *Skittles*; some a political bias, as the *Royal Oak*; some are an attempt at wit, as the *Five Ales*; and some are purely fanciful. The following list will serve to exemplify the subject:—

The Angel. In allusion to the angel that saluted the Virgin Mary.

The Bag o' Nails. A corruption of the "Bacchanals."

The Bear. From the popular sport of bear-baiting.

The Bear and Bacchus, in High Street, Warwick. A corruption of *Bear and Bacchus*—i.e. Bear and Ragged Staff, the badge of the Earl of Warwick.

The Bear and Ragged Staff. The cognisance of the Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Leicester, etc.

The Bell. In allusion to races, a silver bell having been the winner's prize up to the reign of Charles II.

La Belle Sauvage. (See *BELL SAVAGE*.)

The Blue Boar. The cognisance of Richard III.

The Blue Pig (Bevis Marks). A corruption of the *Blue Boar*. (See *above*.)

The Boar's Head. The cognisance of the Gordons, etc.

The Bull-in-Tow. The punning heraldic badge of Prior Bolton, last of the clerical rulers of Bartholomew's, previous to the Reformation.

Blossom's Inn. A public-house sign in St. Lawrence Lane, London; a corruption of *Blossom's Inn*, as it is now called, in allusion to the hawthorn blossoms surrounding the effigy of St. Lawrence on the sign.

The Bowling Green. Signifying that there are arrangements on the premises for playing bowls.

The Bull. The cognisance of Richard, Duke of York. *The Black Bull* is the cognisance of the house of Clare.

The Bull's Head. The cognisance of Henry VIII.

The Bully Ruffian. A corruption of the *Bellerophon* (a ship).

The Castle. This, being the arms of Spain, symbolises that Spanish wines are to be obtained within. In some cases, without doubt, it is a complimentary sign of the manor castle.

The Cat and Fiddle. A corruption of *Caton Fidèle*—i.e. Caton, the faithful governor of Calais. In Farringdon (Devon) is the sign of *La Chatte Fidèle*, in commemoration of a faithful cat. Without scanning the phrase so nicely, it may simply indicate that the game of *cat* (trap-ball) and a *fiddle* for dancing are provided for customers.

The Cat and Mutton, Hackney, which gives name to the Cat and Mutton Fields.

The Cat and Wheel. A corruption of "St. Catherine's Wheel;" or an announcement that *cat* and *balance-wheels* are provided for the amusement of customers.

The Chequers. (1) In honour of the Stuarts, whose shield was "checky," like a Scotch plaid. (2) In commemoration of the licence granted by the Earls of Arundel or Lords Warrene. (3) An intimation that a room is set apart for merchants and accountants, where they can be private and make up their accounts, or use their "chequers" undisturbed. (See *LATTICE*.)

The Coach and Horses. This sign signifies that it is a posting-house, a stage-coach house, or both.

The Cork and Bottle. By some said to be a corruption of the "Cork and Bottle," meaning that wine is sold there in bottles. (See suggested explanation on p. 267.)

The Cow and Skittles. The cow is the real sign, and alludes to the dairy of the hostess, or some noted dairy in the neighbourhood. Skittles is added to indicate that there is a *skittle ground* on the premises.

The Cross Keys. Common in the mediæval ages, and in allusion to St. Peter, or one of the bishops whose cognisance it is—probably the lord of the manor or the patron saint of the parish church. The cross keys are emblems of the papacy, St. Peter, the Bishop of Gloucester, St. Servatus, St. Hippolytus, St. Geneviève, St. Petronilla, St. Osyth, St. Martha, and St. Germainus.

The Devil. A public-house sign two doors from Temple Bar, Fleet Street. The sign represents St. Dunstan seizing the devil by the nose. (See under *DEVIL*, *Proverbial Phrases*.)

The Dog and Duck. Tea gardens at Lambeth (suppressed); to signify that the sport so called could be seen there. A duck was put into water, and a dog set to hunt it; the fun was to see the duck diving and the dog following it under water.

The Red Dragon. The cognisance of Henry VII. or the principality of Wales.
The Spread Eagle. The arms of Germany; to indicate that German wines may be obtained within.

The Fox and Goose. To signify that there are arrangements within for playing the royal game of Fox and Goose.

St. George and the Dragon. In compliment to the patron saint of England, and his combat with the dragon. The legend is still stamped upon our gold coin.

The George and Cannon. A corruption of "George Canning."

The Globe. The cognisance of Alfonso, King of Portugal; and intimating that Portuguese wines may be obtained within.

The Goat in Golden Boots. A corruption of the Dutch *Goed in der Gouden Boots* (the god Mercury in his golden sandals).

The Goat and Compasses. A Puritan sign, a corrupt hieroglyphic reading of "God encompasses us."

The Black Goats. A public-house sign, High Bridge, Lincoln, formerly *The Three Goats*—i.e. three gowts (gutters or drains), by which the water from the Swan Pool (a large lake that formerly existed to the west of the city) was conducted into the bed of the Witham.

The Golden Cross. This refers to the ensigns carried by the Crusaders.

The Grecian Stairs. A corruption of "The Greesen or Stairs" (Greessen is gree, a step, our *de-gree*). The allusion is to a flight of steps from the New Road to the Minster Yard. In Wickliffe's Bible, Acts xxi. 10 is rendered—"Paul stood on the greezen."

"Let me speak like yourself, and lay a sentence—
 Which, like a grize or step, may help these
 lovers
 Into your favour."

Shakespeare: *Othello*, i 3.

The Green Man. The late gamekeeper of the lord of the manor turned publican. At one time these servants were dressed in green.

The Green Man, and Still—i.e. the herbalist bringing his herbs to be distilled.

The Hare and Hounds. In compliment to the sporting squiro or lord of the manor.

The Hole-in-the-Wall (London). So called because it was approached by a passage or "hole" in the wall of the house standing in front of the tavern.

The Iron Devil. A corruption of "Hirondelle" (the swallow). There are numerous public-house signs referring

to birds; as, the *Blackbird*, the *Thrush*, the *Peacock*, the *Martin*, the *Bird-in-the-Hand*, etc. etc.

The Three Kings. A public-house sign of the mediæval ages, in allusion to the three kings of Cologne, the Magi who presented offerings to the infant Jesus. Very many public-house signs of the mediæval period had a reference to ecclesiastical matters, either because their landlords were ecclesiastics, or else from a superstitious reverence for "saints" and "holy things."

The Man Laden with Mischief. A public-house sign, Oxford Street, nearly opposite to Hanway Yard. The sign is said to have been painted by Hogarth, and represents a man carrying a woman and a good many other creatures on his back.

The Marquis of Granby (London, etc.). In compliment to John Manners, eldest son of John, third Duke of Rutland—a bluff, brave soldier, generous, and greatly beloved by his men.

"What conquest now will Britain boast,
 Or where display her banners?
 Alas! in Granby she has lost
 True courage and good Manners."

The Parkhorse. To signify that park-horses could be hired there.

The Palgrave's Head. A public-house sign near Temple Bar, in honour of Frederick, Palgrave of the Rhine.

The Pig and Tinder Box. A corrupt rendering of *The Elephant and Castle*; the "pig" is really an elephant, and the "tinder-box" the castle on its back.

The Pig and Whistle. Wassail is made of apples, sugar, and ale.

The Plum and Feathers. A public-house sign near Stoken Church Hill, Oxford. A corruption of the "Plum of Feathers," meaning that of the Prince of Wales.

The Queen of Bohemia. In honour of Lady Elizabeth Stuart. (See BOHEMIA.)

The Queer Door. A corruption of *Cœur Doré* (Golden Heart).

The Rose. A symbol of England, as the *Thistle* is of Scotland, and the *Shamrock* of Ireland.

The Red Rose. The badge of the Lancastrians in the Civil War of the Roses.

The White Rose. The badge of the Yorkists in the Civil War of the Roses.

The Rose of the Quarter Sessions. A corruption of *La Rose des Quatre Saisons*.

The Salutation and Cat. The "Salutation" (which refers to the angel saluting the Virgin Mary) is the sign of the house, and the "Cat" is added to

signify that arrangements are made for playing *cat* or *tipcat*.

The Saracen's Head. In allusion to what are preposterously termed "The Holy Wars;" adopted probably by some Crusader after his return home, or at any rate to flatter the natural sympathy for these Quixotic expeditions.

The Ship, near Temple Bar, and opposite *The Palgrave's Head*; in honour of Sir Francis Drake, the circumnavigator.

The Ship and Shovel. Referring to Sir Cloude-ley Shovel, a favourite admiral in Queen Anne's reign.

The Seven Stars. An astrological sign of the mediæval ages.

The Three Suns. The cognisance of Edward IV.

The Sun and the Rose. The cognisance of the House of York.

The Swan with Three Necks. A public-house sign in Lad Lane, etc.; a corruption of "three nicks" (on the bill).

The Swan and Antelope. The cognisance of Henry V.

The Talbot [a hound]. The arms of the Talbot family.

The Turk's Head. Alluding to the Holy Wars, when the Crusaders fought against the Turks.

The Unicorn. The Scottish supporter in the royal arms of Great Britain.

The White Hart. The cognisance of Richard II.; the *White Lion*, of Edward IV., as Earl of March; the *White Swan*, of Henry IV. and Edward III.

Publicans of the New Testament were the provincial underlings of the Magister or master collector who resided at Rome. The taxes were farmed by a contractor called the *Manceps*; this *Manceps* divided his contract into different societies; each society had a Magister, under whom were a number of underlings called *Publicani* or servants of the state.

Pucelle (*La*). The Maid of Orleans, Jeanne d'Arc (1412-1431). (See *Shakespeare's 1 Henry VI.*, v. 4.)

Puck or *Robin Goodfellow*. A fairy and merry wanderer of the night, "rough, knurly-limbed, faun-faced, and shock-pated, a very Shetlander among the gossamer-winged" fairies around him. (See *Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream*, ii. 1; iii. 1.)

Pucka, an Indian word in very common use, means real, *bona fide*; as, "He is a commander, but not a pucka one" (i.e. not officially appointed, but only

acting as such, *pro tempore*). "The queen reigns, but her ministers are the pucka rulers." A suffragan bishop, an honorary canon, a Lynch-judge, a lieutenant-colonel, the temporary editor of a journal, are not "pucka," or *bona fide* so.

Pudding. (See JACK.)

Pudding-time properly means just as dinner is about to begin, for our forefathers took their pudding before their meat. It also means in the nick of time.

"But Mars . . .
In pudding-time came to his aid."
Butler: Hudibras, l. 2.

Pudens. A soldier in the Roman army, mentioned in 2 Tim. iv. 21, in connection with Linus and Claudia. According to tradition, Claudia, the wife of Pudens, was a British lady; Linus, otherwise called Cyllen, was her brother; and Lucius, "the British king," the grandson of Linus. Tradition further adds that Lucius wrote to Eleutherus, Bishop of Rome, to send missionaries to Britain to convert the people.

Puff. Exaggerated praise. The most popular etymology of this word is *pouff*, a coiffure employed by the ladies of France in the reign of the Grand Monarque to announce events of interest, or render persons patronised by them popular. Thus, Madame d'Egmont, Duke of Richelieu's daughter, wore on her head a little diamond fortress, with moving sentinels, after her father had taken Port Mahon; and the Duchess of Orleans wore a little nursery, with cradle, baly, and toys complete, after the birth of her son and heir. These, no doubt, were pouffs and puffs, but Lord Bacon uses the word puff a century before the head-gear was brought into fashion. Two other etymons present themselves: the old pictures of Fame puffing forth the praises of some hero with her trumpet; and the puffing out of slain beasts and birds in order to make them look plumper and better for food—a plan universally adopted in the abattoirs of Paris. (German, *puffen*, to brag or make a noise; and French, *pouf*, our puff.)

Puff, in *The Critic*, by Sheridan. An impudent literary quack.

Puff-ball. A sort of fungus. The word is a corruption of Puck or Puck ball, anciently called Puck-fist. The Irish name is Pooka-foot. (Saxon, *Pulkerr-fist*, a toadstool.) Shakespeare alludes

to this superstition when Prospero summons amongst his elves—

"You whose pastime
Is to make midnight mushrooms,"
Shakespeare: Tempest, v. 1.

Puffed Up. Conceited; elated with conceit or praise; filled with wind. A *puff* is a tartlet with a very light or puffy crust.

"That no one of you be puffed up one against another."—1 Cor. iv. 6.

Pug, a variant of *puck*, is used to a child, monkey, dog, etc., as a pet term.

You mischievous little pug. A playful reproach to a favourite.

Pug. A mischievous little goblin in Ben Jonson's drama of *The Devil is an Ass*.

Pugna Porcorum (*Battle of the Pigs*). The most celebrated poem of alliterative verse, extending to 253 Latin hexameters, in which every word begins with *p*.

Puisne Judges means the younger-born judges, at one time called *pung* judges. They are the four inferior judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, and the four inferior judges of the Court of Common Pleas. (French, *puissé*, subsequently born; Latin, *post natus*.)

Pukwana (North American Indian). The curling smoke of the Peace-pipe; a signal or beacon.

Pull. *A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together*—i.e. a steady, energetic, and systematic co-operation. The reference may be either to a boat, where all the oarsmen pull together with a long and strong pull at the oars; or it may be to the act of hauling with a rope, when a simultaneous strong pull is indispensable.

Pull Bacon (*To*). To spread the fingers out after having placed one's thumb on the nose.

"The officers spoke to him, when the man put his fingers to his nose and pulled bacon."—*Leeds Police Report*, Oct. 6, 1887.

Pull Devil, Pull Baker. Let each one do the best for himself in his own line of business, but let not one man interfere in that of another.

"It's all fair pulling, 'pull devil, pull baker;' someone has to get the worst of it. Now it's us [bushrangers], now it's them [the police] that gets rubbed out."—*Boldwood: Robbery under Arms*, chap. xxxvii.

Pulling. A jockey trick, which used to be called "playing booty"—i.e. appearing to use every effort to come in

first, but really determined to lose the race.

"Mr. Kemble [in the *Iron Chest*] gave a slight touch of the jockey, and 'played booty.' He seemed to do justice to the play, but really ruined its success."—*George Colman the Younger*.

Pumblechook (*Uncle*). He bullied Pip when only a poor boy, but when the boy became wealthy was his lick-spittle, fawning on him most servilely with his "May I, Mr. Pip" [have the honour of shaking hands with you]; "Might I, Mr. Pip" [take the liberty of saluting you]. (*Dickens: Great Expectations*.)

Pummel or **Pommel.** To beat black and blue. (French, *pommeler*, to dapple.)

Pump. To sift, to extract information by indirect questions. In allusion to pumping up water.

"But pump not me for politics" *Othway*.

Pumpnickel. Brown (George or rye-bread used by Westphalian peasants. *His Transparency of Pumpnickel.* So the *Times* satirised the minor German princes, "whose ninety men and ten drummers constituted their whole embattled host on the parade-ground before their palace; and whose revenue was supplied by a percentage on the tax levied on strangers at the Pumpnickel Kur-saal." (July 18, 1866.)

Thackeray was author of the phrase.

Pun is the Welsh *pwn*, equivalent; it means a word equally applicable to two things. The application should be remote and odd in order to give piquancy to the play. (*See CALEMBOURG*.)

Pun and Pickpocket. *He who would make a pun would pick a pocket.* Dr. Johnson is generally credited with this silly dictum (1709-1784), but Dennis had said before to Purcell, "Any man who would make such an execrable pun would not scruple to pick my pocket" (1657-1734). (*Sir W. H. Pryn: Wine and Walnuts*, vol. ii, p. 277.)

The "execrable pun" was this: Purcell ran the ball for the drawer or waiter, but no one answered it. Purcell, tapping the table, asked Dennis "why the table was like the tavern?" Ans. "Because there is no drawer in it."

Punch, from the Indian word *punj* (five); so called from its five ingredients—viz. spirit, water, lemon, sugar, and spice. It was introduced into England from Spain, where it is called *ponche*. It is called "Contradiction," because it is composed of *spirits* to make it strong, and *water* to make it weak; of *lemon-juice* to make it sour, and *sugar* to make it sweet.

Mr. Punch. A Roman mime called Maccus was the original of Punch. A statuette of this buffoon was discovered in 1727, containing all the well-known features of our friend—the long nose and goggle eyes, the hunch back and protruding breast.

The most popular derivation of Punch and Judy is *Pontius cum Judeis* (Matt. xxvii. 19), an old mystery play of *Pontius Pilate and the Jews*; but the Italian *poltronello* seems to be from *pollicia*, a thumb (Tom-thumb figures), and our Punch is from *punch*.

The drama or story of our Punch and Judy is attributed to Silvio Fiorillo, an Italian comedian of the seventeenth century. The tale is this: Punch, in a fit of jealousy, strangles his infant child, when Judy flies to her revenge. She fetches a bludgeon, with which she be-labours her husband, till Punch, exasperated, seizes another bludgeon and beats her to death, then flings into the street the two dead bodies. The bodies attract the notice of a police officer, who enters the house. Punch flees for his life; being arrested by an officer of the Inquisition, he is shut up in prison, from which he escapes by means of a golden key. The rest is an allegory, showing how Punch triumphs over all the ills that flesh is heir to. (1) En'vui, in the shape of a dog, is overcome; (2) Disease, in the disguise of a doctor, is kicked out; (3) Death is beaten to death; and (4) the Devil himself is outwitted.

Pleased as Punch. (See PLEASED.)

Punch. A Suffolk punch. A short, thick-set cart-horse.

"I did hear them call their child Punch, which pleased me mightily, that word having become a word of common use for every thing that is thick and stout."—*Pope's Dunciad*.

Punctual. No bigger than a point, exact to a point or moment. (Latin, *ad punctum*.) Hence the angel, describing this earth to Adam, calls it "This spacious earth, this punctual spot"—i.e. a spot no bigger than a point. (Milton: *Paradise Lost*, viii. 23.)

Punctuality. Punctuality is the politeness of kings. Attributed to Louis XVIII.

Punctuation. The following advice of Bishop Orleton to Gourney and Maltravers in 1327 is an excellent example of the importance of punctuation:—*Edwardum occidere nolite timere bonum est*—"Refrain not to kill King Edward is right." If the point is placed after the first word, the sentence reads, "Not

to kill the king is right;" but if after the second word, the direction becomes, "Refrain not; to kill the king is right." (See ORACLE.)

Pundit. An East Indian scholar, skilled in Sanskrit, and learned in law, divinity, and science. We use the word for a *porcus literarum*, one more stocked with book lore than deep erudition.

Pun'ic Apple. A pomegranate; so called because it is the pomum or "apple" belonging to the genus *Pun'ica*.

Pun'ic Faith. Treachery, violation of faith. "Pun'ic faith" is about equal to "Spanish honesty." The Puni (a corruption of Pœni) were accused by the Romans of breaking faith with them, a most extraordinary instance of the "pot calling the kettle black;" for whatever infidelity the Carthaginians were guilty of, it could scarcely equal that of their accusers.

The Roman *Pœni* is the word *Phœni* (Phœnicians), the Carthaginians being of Phœnician descent.

"Our Pun'ic faith
Is infamous, and branded to a proverb."
Adison: Cato, ii.

Punish a Bottle (To). To drink a bottle of wine or spirits. When the contents have been punished, the empty bottles are "dead men."

"After we'd punished a couple of bottles of old Crow whisky . . . he raved in all of a sudden (he got completely powerless!)"—*The Barton Experiment*, chap. xiv.

Punjab [*five rivers*]. They are the Jehm, Chenab, Ravee, Be'as, and Sutlej; called by the Greeks *pentapotamia*.

Pup properly means a little boy or girl. A little dog is so called because it is a pet. An insect in the third stage of existence. (Latin, *pupus*, fem. *pupa*; French, *poupe*, a doll; German, *puppe*.)

Purbeck (Dorsetshire). Noted for a marble used in ecclesiastical ornaments. Chichester cathedral has a row of columns of this limestone. The columns of the Temple church, London; the tomb of Queen Eleanor, in Westminster Abbey; and the throne of the archbishop in Canterbury cathedral, are other specimens.

Purgatory. The Jewish Rabbi believed that the soul of the deceased was consigned to a sort of purgatory for twelve months after death, during which time it was allowed to visit its dead body and the places or persons it especially loved. This intermediate state they called by various names, as "the

bosom of Abraham," "the garden of Eden," "upper Gehenna." The Sabbath was always a free day, and prayer was supposed to benefit those in this intermediate state.

Purita'ni (1). *The Puritans*. Elvira, daughter of Lord Walton, a Puritan, is affianced to Lord Arthur Talbot, a Cavalier. On the day of espousals, Lord Arthur aids Henrietta, the widow of Charles I., to escape; and Elvira, thinking him faithless, loses her reason. On his return to England, Lord Arthur explains the circumstances, and the two lovers vow that nothing on earth shall part them more. The vow is scarcely uttered, when Cromwell's soldiers enter and arrest Lord Talbot for treason; but as they lead him forth to execution a herald announces the defeat of the Stuarts, and free pardon to all political prisoners, whereupon Lord Arthur is liberated, and marries Elvira. (*Bellini: I Puritani; libretto by C. Pepoli.*)

Puritans. Seceders from the Reformed Church; so called because they rejected all human traditions and interference in religion, acknowledging the sole authority of the "pure Word of God," without "note or comment." Their motto was: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." The English Puritans were sometimes by the Reformers called *Precisionists*, from their preciseness in matters called "indifferent." Andrew Fuller named them *Non-conformists*, because they refused to subscribe to the Act of Uniformity.

Purkings's Figures. In optics, figures produced on a wall of uniform colour when a person entering a dark room with a candle moves it up and down approximately on a level with the eyes. From the eye near the candle an image of the retinal vessels will appear projected on the wall.

Purrier (A). A cropper, or heavy fall from one's horse in a steeplechase or in the hunting-field (probably allied to *hurl* and *whirl*).

"Seraph's white horse . . . cleared it, but falling with a mighty crash, gave him a purrier on the opposite side."—*Quida: Under Two Flags*, chap. vi.

Purlieu (2 syl.). French *pourallé lieu* (a place free from "the forest laws"). Henry II., Richard I., and John made certain lands forest lands; Henry III. allowed certain portions all round to be severed. These "rues," or forest borders were freed from that servitude which was laid on the royal forests. The

"perambulation" by which this was effected was technically called *pourallé*.

"In the purlieus of this forest stands
A sheepcote fenced about with olive trees"
Shakespeare: As You Like It, iv. 3.

Purple (blue and red) indicates the love of truth even unto martyrdom. (*See under COLOUR*, for its symbolisms, etc.)

Purple (*Promotion to the*). Promotion to the rank of cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church.

"Dr. Moran's promotion to the purple is certain."—*A newspaper paragraph*.

Purple [purple]. One of the colours of an heraldic escutcheon. It is expressed by vertical lines running down towards the left hand (as you look at the shield lying before you); "Vert" runs the contrary way.



PURPLE.



VERT.

English heralds vary escutcheons by seven colours; foreign heralds by nine. (*See HERALDS*.)

Pursy, Pursiness. Broken-winded, or in a bloated state in which the wind is short and difficult. (French, *pousset-f.* same meaning.)

A fat and pursy man. Shakespeare has "pursy Insolence," the insolence of Jesurun, "who waxed fat and kicked." In *Hamlet* we have "the fatness of these pursy times"—i.e. wanton or self-indulgent times.

Pururavas and Urvasi. An Indian myth similar to that of "Apollo and Daphne." Pururavas is a legendary king who fell in love with Urvasi, a heavenly nymph, who consented to become his wife on certain conditions. These conditions being violated, Urvasi disappeared, and Pururavas, inconsolable, wandered everywhere to find her. Ultimately he succeeded, and they were indissolubly united. (*See PSYCHE*.)

Purseyite (3 syl.). A High Churchman; so called from Dr. Pusey, of Oxford, a chief contributor to the *Tracts for the Times*. (*See TRACTARIANS*.)

Puss. A cat, hare, or rabbit. (Irish, *pūs*, a cat.) It is said that the word, applied to a hare or rabbit, is from the Latin *lepus*, Frenchified into *la pus*. True or not, the *pūs* may pass muster.

"Oh, puss, it bodes thee dire disgrace,
When I defy thee to the race.
Come, 'tis a bet: say, no denial;
I'll lay my shell upon the trial!"

The Hare and the Tortoise.

Puss in Boots [*Le Chat Botté*], from the *Eleventh Night* of Straparola's

Italian fairy tales, where Constantine's cat procures his master a fine castle and the king's heiress. First translated into French in 1885. Our version is taken from that of Charles Perrault. There is a similar one in the Scandinavian nursery tales. This clever cat secures a fortune and a royal partner for his master, who passes off as the Marquis of Carabas, but is in reality a young miller without a penny in the world.

Put. A clown, a silly shallow-pate, a butt, one easily "put upon."

"Queer country puts extol Queen Jess's reign."
Hanson.

Put the Cart before the Horse.
(See CART.)

Put up the Shutters (*To*). To announce oneself a bankrupt.

Do you think I am going to put up the shutters if we can manage to keep going?

Putney and Mortlake Race. The annual eight-oared boat-race between the two universities of Cambridge and Oxford.

Putting on Frills (American). Giving oneself airs.

Putting on Side. Giving oneself airs. Side is an archaic word for a train or trailing gown; also long, as "his beard was side." A side-coat means a long trailing coat. (Anglo-Saxon *sīd*, great, wide, long -- as *sub-fœus*, long hair.)

"I do not like side frocks for little girls,"—
Shinner.

Pygmalion. A statuary of Cyprus, who hated women and resolved never to marry, but fell in love with his own statue of the goddess Venus. At his earnest prayer the statue was vivified, and he married it. (*Ovid: Metamorphoses*, x.; *Earthly Paradise*, August.)

"Few, like Pygmalion, doat on lifeless charms,
Or care to clasp a statue in their arms."

S. Jeynes: Art of Dancing, canto i.

* In Gilbert's comedy of *Pygmalion and Galathea*, the sculptor is a married man, whose wife (Cynisca) was jealous of the animated statue (Galathea), which, after enduring great misery, voluntarily returned to its original state. This, of course, is mixing up two Pygmalions, wide as the poles apart.

John Marston wrote certain satires called *The Mitomorphoses of Pygmalion's Image*. These satires were suppressed, and are now very rare.

Pygmies (2 syl.). A nation of dwarfs on the banks of the Upper Nile. Every spring the cranes made war upon them and devoured them. They cut down every corn-ear with an axe.

When Hercules went to the country they climbed up his goblet by ladders to drink from it; and while he was asleep two whole armies of them fell upon his right hand, and two upon his left; but Hercules rolled them all in his lion's skin. It is easy to see how Swift has availed himself of this Grecian legend in his *Gulliver's Travels*. Stanley met with a race of Pygmies in his search for Emin Pasha.

Pylades and Orestes. Two model friends, whose names have become proverbial for friendship, like those of Damon and Pythias, David and Jonathan.

Pyramid. The largest is that of Cholula, in Mexico, which covers fifty acres of ground. The largest in Egypt is that of Cheops, near Cairo, which covers thirteen acres. Sir William Tite tells us it contains ninety million cubic feet of stone, and could not be now built for less than thirty millions of money (sterling).

Pyramus. The lover of Thisbe. Supposing Thisbe to be torn to pieces by a lion, he stabbed himself, and Thisbe, finding the dead body, stabbed herself also. Both fell dead under a mulberry-tree, which has ever since borne blood-red fruit. Shakespeare has a travesty of this tale in his *Midsummer Night's Dream*. (*Orid : Metamorphoses*, bk. iv.)

Pyroc'les and Musido'rus. Heroes whose exploits, previous to their arrival in Arcadia, are detailed in the *Arcadia* of Sir Philip Sidney.

Pyrodes (3 syl.), son of Chias was so called, according to Pliny (vii. 56), because he was the first to strike fire from flint. (Greek, *pur*, fire; = *ignitus*.)

Pyrrha. *Saculum Pyrrhae.* The Flood. Pyrrha was the wife of Deucalion (*Horace* : 1 *Odes*, ii. 6). So much ruin has fallen, it looks as if the days of Pyrrha were about to return.

Pyrrhic Dance, the most famous war-dance of antiquity, received its name from Pyrrichos, a Dorian. It was danced to the flute, and its time was very quick. Julius Caesar introduced it into Rome. The *Romaika*, still danced in Greece, is a relic of the ancient Pyrrhic dance.

"Ye have the Pyrrhic dance as often,
Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone?"
Byron.

Pyrrhic Victory (1). A ruinous victory. Pyrrhus, after his victory over the Romans, near the river Siris, said

to those sent to congratulate him, "One more such victory and Pyrrhus is undone."

"The railway companies see that in fighting their customers they gain but a very Pyrrhic sort of victory."—*Newspaper article*, Feb. 13th, 1888.

Pyrrho. A sceptic. Pyrrho was the founder of the sceptical school of philosophy. He was a native of Elis, in Peloponnesos.

"Blessed be the day I escaped the wrangling crew
From Pyrrho's maze and Epicurus' sty."
Beattie: Minstrel.

Pyrrhonian School (*The*). The sceptical platform founded by Pyrrho. (*See above.*)

Pyrrhonism. Infidelity. (*See above.*)

Pythagoras, son of Mnesarchos, was called son of Apollo or Pythios, from the first two syllables of his name; but he was called Pytha-goras because the Pythian oracle predicted his birth.

Pythagoras, generally called *The Long-haired Samian*. A native of Samos, noted for his manly beauty and long hair. The Greeks applied the phrase to any venerable man or philosopher.

Pythagoras maintained that he distinctly recollected having occupied other human forms before his birth at Samos: (1) He was Æthalides, son of Mercury; (2) Euphorbos the Phrygian, son of Panthoos, in which form he ran Patroelos through with a lance, leaving Hector to dispatch the hateful friend of Achilles; (3) Hermotimos, the prophet of Clazomenæ; and (4) a fisherman. To prove his Phrygian existence he was taken to the temple of Hera, in Argos, and asked to point out the shield of the son of Panthoos, which he did without hesitation. (*See RAT.*)

The golden thigh of Pythagoras. This thigh he showed to Abarris, the Hyperborean priest, and exhibited it in the Olympic games.

Abarris, priest of the Hyperboreans, gave him a dart, by which he was carried through the air, over inaccessible rivers, lakes and mountains; expelled pestilence; lulled storms; and performed other wonderful exploits.

Pythagoras maintained that the soul has three vehicles: (1) the *ethereal*, which is luminous and celestial, in which the soul resides in a state of bliss in the stars; (2) the *luminous*, which suffers the punishment of sin after death; and (3) the *terrestrial*, which is the vehicle it occupies on this earth.

Pythagoras asserted he could write on the moon. His plan of operation was to

write on a looking-glass in blood, and place it opposite the moon, when the inscription would appear photographed or reflected on the moon's disc.

Pythagoras. Mesmerism was practised by Pythagoras, if we may credit Iamblichus, who tells us that he tamed a savage Daunian bear by "stroking it gently with his hand;" subdued an eagle by the same means; and held absolute dominion over beasts and birds by "the power of his voice," or "influence of his touch."

Pythagorean System. Pythagoras taught that the sun is a movable sphere in the centre of the universe, and that all the planets revolve round it. This is substantially the same as the Copernican and Newtonian systems.

Pythian Games. The games held by the Greeks at Pytho, in Phocis, subsequently called Delphi. They took place every fourth year, the second of each Olympiad.

Pythias. (*See DAMON.*)

Py'thon. The monster serpent hatched from the mud of Deucalion's deluge, and slain near Delphi by Apollo.

Q

Q. Q in a corner. Something not seen at first, but subsequently brought to notice. The thong to which seals are attached in legal documents is in French called the *queue*; thus we have *lettres scellées sur simple queue* or *sur double queue*, according to whether they bear one or two seals. In documents where the seal is attached to the deed itself, the corner where the seal is placed is called the *queue*, and when the document is sworn-to the finger is laid on the *queue*.

In a merry Q (cue). Humour, temper; thus Shakespeare says, "My cue is villainous melancholy!" (*King Lear*, i. 2).

Old Q. The fifth Earl of Murch, afterwards Duke of Queensberry.

Q.E.D. Quod erat demonstrandum. Three letters appended to the theorems of Euclid, meaning: Thus have we proved the proposition stated above, as we were required to do.

Q.E.F. Quod erat faciendum. Three letters appended to the problems of Euclid, meaning: Thus have we done or drawn the figure required by the proposition.

Q.P. *Quantum placet*. Two letters used in prescriptions, meaning the quantity may be as little or much as you like. Thus, in a cup of tea we might say "Milk and sugar *q.p.*"

Q.S. *Quantum sufficit*. Two letters appended to prescriptions, and meaning as much as is required to make the pills up. Thus, after giving the drugs in minute proportions, the apothecary is told to "mix these articles in liquorice *q.s.*"

Q.V. (Latin, *quantum vis*). As much as you like, or *quantum valet*, as much as is proper.

q.v. (Latin, *quod vide*). Which see.

Quack or Quack Doctor; once called *quack-salver*. A puffer of salves. (Swedish, *quak-salvare*; Norwegian, *quak-salver*; German, *quacksalber*.)

altimbancoes, quacksilvers, and charlatans der ive the vulgar. — *Sir Thomas Browne*.

Quacks. Queen Anne's quack oculists were William Read (tailor), who was knighted, and Dr. Grant (inker).

Quad. *To be in quad*. To be confined to your college-grounds or quadrangle; to be in prison.

Quadra. The border round a bas-relief.

In the Santa Croce of Florence is a quadra round a bas-relief representing the Madonna, in white terra-cotta. Several other figures are introduced.

Quadragesima Sunday. The first Sunday in Lent; so called because it is, in round numbers, the fortieth day before Easter.

Quadragesimala. The farthings or payments made in commutation of a personal visit to the mother-church on Mid-Lent Sunday; also called Whitsun farthings.

Quadrilateral. The four fortresses of Peschiera and Mantua on the Mincio, with Verona and Legnago on the Adige. Now demolished.

The Prussian Quadrilateral. The fortresses of Luxemburg, Coblenz, Sarrelouis, and Mayence.

Quadrille (2 syl., French) means a small square; a dance in which the persons place themselves in a square. Introduced into England in 1813 by the Duke of Devonshire. (Latin, *quadrum*, a square.)

Le Pantalon. So called from the tune to which it used to be danced.

L'Été. From a country-dance called

pas d'été, very fashionable in 1800; which it resembles.

La poule. Derived from a country-dance produced by Julien in 1802, the second part of which began with the imitation of a cock-crow.

Trenise. The name of a dancing-master who, in 1800, invented the figure.

La pastourelle. So named from its melody and accompaniment, which are similar to the *vilanelles* or *peasants' dances*.

Quadriloge (3 syl.). Anything written in four parts or books, as *Childe Harold*. Anything compiled from four authors, as the *Life of Thomas à Becket*. Any history resting on the testimony of four independent authorities, as *The Gospel History*.

"The very authors of the Quadriloge itself or song of four parts . . . due all with one pen and month acknowledge the same." — *Lambard: Perambulation*, p. 55.

Quadrivium. The four higher subjects of scholastic philosophy up to the twelfth century. It embraced music, arithmetic, geometry, and astronomy. The *quadrivium* was the "fourfold way" to knowledge; the *trivium* (*q.v.*) the "threefold way" to eloquence; both together comprehended the seven arts or sciences. The seven arts are enumerated in the following hexameter:—

"*Lingua, Tropus, Ratio, Numerus, Tonus, Angelus, Astra.*"

And in the two following:—

"*Gra . . . loquitur, Di . . . vera docet, Rhet. verba . . . docet.*
Mus. canit, Ar. numerat, Geo. ponderat, Ast. colit astra."

Quadron. A person with one-fourth of black blood; the offspring of a mulatto woman by a white man. The mulatto is half-blooded, one parent being white and the other black. (Latin, *quatuor*, four.) (See LAMB.)

Quadruple Alliance of 1674. Germany, Spain, Denmark, and Holland formed an alliance against France to resist the encroachments of Louis XIV., who had declared war against Holland. It terminated with the treaty of Nimwegen in 1678.

Quadruple Alliance of 1718-1719. An alliance between England, France, Germany, and Holland, to guarantee the succession in England to the House of Hanover; to secure the succession in France to the House of Bourbon; and to prohibit Spain and France from uniting under one crown. Signed at Paris.

Quadruple Alliance of 1834. The

alliance of England, France, Spain, and Portugal for the purpose of restoring peace to the Peninsula, by putting down the Carlists or partisans of Don Carlos.

Quæstio Vexata. An open question.

Quail. A bird, said to be very salacious, hence a prostitute or courtesan.

"Here's Agamemnon, an honest fellow enough, and one that loves quails."—*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, v. 1.

The *Iliad* of Homer is based on the story that Agamemnon, being obliged to give up his mistress, took the mistresses of Achilles to supply her place. This brought about a quarrel between Agamemnon and Achilles, and Achilles refused to have anything more to do with the siege of Troy.

Quaint means odd, peculiar. A *quaint phrase* means a fanciful phrase, one not expressed in the ordinary way.

"His garment was very quaint and odd: . . . a long, long way behind the time."—*Dickens: Christmas Stories; Cricket on the Hearth*, chap. 1.

Quaker. It appears from the *Journal* of George Fox, who was imprisoned for nearly twelve months in Derby, that the Quakers first obtained the appellation (1650) by which they are now known from the following circumstance:—"Justice Beumet, of Derby," says Fox, "was the first to call us Quakers, because I bade him quake and tremble at the word of the Lord." The system of the Quakers is laid down by Robert Barclay in fifteen theses, called *Barclay's Apology*, addressed to Charles II.

"Quakers (that, like lanterns, bear Their light within them) will not swear."
Butler: *Hudibras*, ii. 2.

Qualm. A sudden fit of illness, or sickly languor. Hence, a qualm of conscience = a twinge or uneasiness of conscience.

Quandary. A perplexity; a state of hesitation.

Quanquam or *Cancan*. A slang manner of dancing quadrilles permitted in the public gardens of Paris, etc. The word *cancan* is a corruption of the Latin *quamquam*, a term applied to the exercises delivered by young theological students before the divinity professors. Hence it came to signify "babble," "jargon," anything crude, jejune, etc.

Quarantine (3 syl.). The forty days that a ship suspected of being infected with some contagious disorder is obliged to lie off port. (Italian, *quarantina*, forty; French, *quarantaine*.)

To perform quarantine is to ride off port during the time of quarantine. (See **FORRY**.)

Quaril (*Philip*). A sort of Robinson Crusoe, who had a chimpanzee for his "man Friday." The story relates the adventures and sufferings of an English hermit named Philip Quaril.

Quarrel. A short, stout arrow used in the crossbow. (A corruption of *carriat*; Welsh, *chucarel*; French, *carreau*. So called because the head was originally *carré* or four-sided. Hence also a *quarrel* or *quarry of glass*, meaning a square or diamond-shaped pane; *quarier*, a square wax-candle, etc.)

"Quarrelles awayntly swappes thorowe knyghtes With iryne so wekely, that wyche they never." *Morte d'Arthur*.

Quarrel. To quarrel over the bishop's cope—over something which cannot possibly do you any good; over goat's wool. This is a French expression. The newly-appointed Bishop of Bruges entered the town in his cope, which he gave to the people; and the people, to part it among themselves, tore it to shreds, each taking a piece.

Quarrel with your Bread and Butter (*To*). To act contrary to your best interest; to snarl at that which procures your living, like a spoilt child, who shows its ill-temper by throwing its bread and butter to the ground. To cut off your nose to be avenged on your face.

Quarry (*A*). The place where stone, marble, etc., are dug out and squared. (French, *quarri*, formed into square blocks.) (*Tomlinson*.)

Quarry. Prey. This is a term in falconry. When a hawk struck the object of pursuit and clung to it, she was said to "bind;" but when she flew off with it, she was said to "carry." The "carry" or "quarry," therefore, means the prey carried off by the hawk. It is an error to derive this word from the Latin *quæro* (to seek).

"To tell the manner of it,
Were on the quarry of these murdered deers
To add the death of you."
Shakespeare: Macbeth, iv. 3.

Quart d'Heure (*Mauvais*). A time of annoyance. The time between the arrival of the guests and the announcement of dinner is emphatically called the *mauvais quart d'heure*; but the phrase has a much larger application: thus we say the Cabinet Ministers must have had a *mauvais quart d'heure* when opening a number of telegrams of a troublesome character.

Quarter. To grant quarter. To spare the life of an enemy in your power. Dr. Tusler says:—"It originated from an

agreement anciently made between the Dutch and the Spaniards, that the ransom of a soldier should be the quarter of his pay." (French, *donner* and *demande* *quarter*.)

Quarter-days in England and Ireland:—

(1) *New Style*: Lady Day (March 25th), Midsummer Day (June 24th), Michaelmas Day (September 29th), and Christmas Day (December 25th).

(2) *Old Style*: Old Lady Day (April 6th), Old Midsummer Day (July 6th), Old Michaelmas Day (October 11th), and Old Christmas Day (January 6th).

Quarter-days in Scotland:—

Candlemas Day (February 2nd), Whitsunday (May 15th), Lammas Day (August 1st), and Martinmas Day (Nov. 11).

Quarter Waggoner. A book of sea-charts. Waggoner, or rather *Baron von Waggoner*, is a folio volume of sea-charts, pointing out the coasts, rocks, routes, etc. Dalrymple's *Charts* are called *The English Waggoner*. "Quarter" is a corruption of *quarto*.

Quarters. Residence or place of abode; as, *winter quarters*, the place where an army lodges during the winter months. We say "this quarter of the town," meaning this district or part; the French speak of the *Latin Quartier*—i.e. the district or part of Paris where the medical schools, etc., are located; the Belgians speak of *quartiers à louer*, lodgings to let; and bachelors in England often say, "Come to my quarters"—i.e. apartments. All these are from the French verb *quartier* (to set apart).

"There shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen . . . in all thy quarter- (an) of thy houses."—Exodus viii 7.

Quarterdeck. The upper deck of a ship from the main-mast to the poop; if no poop, then from the main-mast to the stern. In men-of-war it is used as a promenade by officers only.

Quartermaster. The officer whose duty it is to attend to the *quarters* of the soldiers. He superintends the issue of stores, food, and clothing. (See **QUARTERS**.)

As a nautical term, a quartermaster is a petty officer who, besides other duties, attends to the steering of the ship.

Quartered. (See **DRAWN**.)

Quarto. A book half the size of folio—i.e. where each sheet is folded into quarters or four leaves. 4to is the contraction. (The Italian, *libro in quarto*; French, *in quarto*; from Latin *quartus*.)

Quarto-De'cimans, who, after the decision of the Nicene Council, maintained that Easter ought to be held on the fourteenth day of the first lunar month near the vernal equinox, whether that day fell on a Sunday or not.

Quashoe. A cant generic name of a negro; so called from a negro named Quassi. (See **QUASSIA**.)

Quasi (Latin). Something which is not the real thing, but may be accepted in its place; thus a

Quasi contract is not a real contract, but something which may be accepted as a contract, and has the force of one.

Quasi tenant. The tenant of a house sub-let.

Quasimodo. A foundling, hideously deformed, but of amazing strength, in Victor Hugo's *Notre Dame de Paris*.

Quasimodo Sunday. The first Sunday after Easter; so called because the "Introit" of the day begins with these words:—"Quasi modo gen'it' infans" (1 Pet. ii. 2). Also called "Low Sunday," being the first Sunday after the grand ceremonies of Easter.

Quassia. An American plant, or rather genus of plants, named after Quassi, a negro.

"Linnaeus applied this name to a tree of Surinam in honour of a negro, Quassi, who employed its bark as a remedy for fever, and enjoyed such a reputation among the natives as to be almost worshipped by some."—*Linley and Moore: Treatise of Botany*, part ii. p. 247.)

Quatorziennes (fourteeners). Persons of recognised position in society who hold themselves in readiness to accept an invitation to dinner when otherwise the number of guests would be thirteen. (See **THIRTEEN**.)

Queen. Greek, *gyno* (a woman); Sanskrit, *gani*; Swedish, *qvenna*; Gothic, *queins*; Anglo-Saxon, *cyen*. (See **SEX**.)

Queen, "woman," is equivalent to "mother." In the translation of the Bible by Ulfilas (fourth century), we meet with *gens* and *gino* ("wife" and "woman"); and in the Scandinavian languages *karl* and *kone* still mean "man" and "wife." (See **KING**.)

"He (Jesus) saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son."—St. John xix. 26.

Queen (*The White*). Mary Queen of Scots; so called because she dressed in white mourning for her French husband.

Queen Anne is Dead. The reply made to the teller of stale news.

Queen Anne's Bounty. A fund created out of the firstfruits and tithes,

which were part of the papal exactions before the Reformation. The *firstfruits* are the whole first year's profits of a clerical living, and the *tenths* are the tenth part annually of the profits of a living. Henry VIII. annexed both these to the Crown, but Queen Anne formed them into a perpetual fund for the augmentation of poor livings and the building of parsonages. The sum equals about £14,000 a year.

Queen Anne's Style (of architecture). Noted for many angles, gables, quaint features, and irregularity of windows.

Queen Consort. Wife of a reigning king.

Queen Dick. Richard Cromwell is sometimes so called. (*See* DICK, GREEK CALEND.)

Queen Dowager. The widow of a deceased king.

Queen Passion (*The Great*). Love.
 "The gallant Jew
 Of mortal hearts the great queen passion knew."
Peter Pindar: Pindar's Jew; Dinah.

Queen Quintessence. Sovereign of Etélicie (*q.v.*), in the romance of *Gargantua and Pantagruel*, by Rabelais.

Queen Regnant. A queen who holds the crown in her own right, in contradistinction to a *Queen Consort*, who is queen only because her husband is king.

Queen-Square Hermit. Jeremy Bentham, who lived at No. 1, Queen Square, London. He was the father of the political economists called Utilitarians, whose maxim is, "The greatest happiness of the greatest number," (1748-1832.)

Queen of Hearts. Elizabeth, daughter of James I. This unfortunate Queen of Bohemia was so called in the Low Countries, from her amiable character and engaging manners, even in her lowest estate. (1596-1662.)

Queen of Heaven, with the ancient Phœnicians, was Astarté; Greeks, Hera; Romans, Juno; Trivia, Hecate, Diana, the Egyptian Isis, etc., were all so called; but with the Roman Catholics it is the Virgin Mary.

In Jeremiah vii. 18.: "The children gather wood, . . . and the women knead dough to make cakes to the queen of heaven," i.e. probably to the Moon, to which the Jews, at the time, made drink-offerings and presented cakes. (Compare chapter xlv. 16-18.)

Queen of the Dripping-pan. A cook.

Queen of the Eastern Archipelago. The island of Java.

Queen of the May. A village lass chosen to preside over the parish sports on May Day. Tennyson has a poem on the subject.

Queen of the North. Edinburgh. (*See* the proper name for other queens.)

Queen of the Northern Seas. Elizabeth, who greatly increased the English navy, and was successful against the Spanish Armada, etc.

Queen's Bench or King's Bench. One of the courts of law, in which the monarch used to preside in person.

Queen's College (Oxford), founded in 1340 by Robert de Eglesfield, and so called in compliment to Queen Philippa, whose confessor he was.

Queen's College (Cambridge), founded in 1418 by Margaret of Anjou, consort of Henry VI. Refounded by Elizabeth Woodville.

Queen's Day. November 17th, the day of the accession of Queen Elizabeth first publicly celebrated in 1570, and still kept as a holiday at the Exchequer, as it was at Westminster school.

Nov. 17 at Merchant Taylors' school is a holiday also, now called Sir Thomas White's Founder's Day.

"A rumour is spread in the court, and hath come to the ears of some of the most honourable counsellors, how that I on the Queen's day last year did forbidd in oir college an oration to bee made in praise of Her Majesty's government, etc." — *Dr Whitaker to Lord Bingham* (May 13th, 1590)

Queen's English (*The*). Dean Alford wrote a small book on this subject, whence has arisen three or four phrases, such as "clipping the Queen's English," "murdering the Queen's English," etc. Queen's English means grammatical English.

Queen's Heads. Postage-stamps which bear a likeness of the Queen's [Victoria's] head. (1895.)

Queen's Pipe (*The*). An oven at the Victoria Docks for destroying (by the Inland Revenue authorities) refuse and worthless tobacco. In 1892 the oven was replaced by a furnace.

"In the Queen's Warehouse, near the Monument, is a smaller pipe for the destruction of contraband articles.

Queen's Ware. Glazed earthenware of a creamy colour.

Queen's Weather. A fine day for a fête; so called because Queen Victoria is, for the most part, fortunate in having fine weather when she appears in public.

Queenhithe (London). The hithe or strand for lading and unlading barges and lighters in the city. Called "queen" from being part of the dowry of Eleanor, Queen of Henry II.

Queenstown (Ireland), formerly called the Cove of Cork. The name was changed in 1850, out of compliment to Queen Victoria, when she visited Ireland with her husband, and created her eldest son Earl of Dublin.

Queer. Counterfeit money.
To *shove the queer*. To pass counterfeit money.

Queer Card (A). A strange or eccentric person. In whist, etc., when a wrong card is played, the partner says to himself, "That is a queer card," which, being transferred to the player, means he is a queer card to play in such a manner. Hence any eccentric person, who does not act in accordance with social rules, is a "queer card."

Queer Chap is the German *querkopf*, a cross-grained fellow.

Queer Street. To live in *Queer Street*. To be of doubtful solvency. To be one marked in a tradesman's ledger with a *quere* (inquire), meaning, make inquiries about this customer.

That has put me in *Queer Street*. That has posed or puzzled me queerly. In this phrase queer means to puzzle; and Queer Street = puzzlement.

Queeny. A corruption of *quintessail* (five-leaved), the armorial device of the family.

Querelle d'Allemand. A contention about trifles, soon provoked and soon appeased. (See *QUOTE*.)

Quern-Biter. The sword of Haco I. of Norway. (See *SWORD*.)

"Quern-biter of Macon the Good,
Wherewith at a stroke he hewed
The millstone through and through"
Longfellow.

Quer'no. Camillo Querno, of Apulia, hearing that Leo X. was a great patron of poets, went to Rome with a harp in his hand, and sang his *Alexias*, a poem containing 20,000 verses. He was introduced to the Pope as a buffoon, but was promoted to the laurel.

"Rome in her Capitol saw Quernan sit,
Thro'ged on seven bills, the Antichrist of wit."
Denham, ii.

Querpo (2 syl.). *Shrill Querpo* in Garth's *Dispensary*, was Dr. Howe.

In *querpo*. In one's shirt-sleeves; in undress. (Spanish, *en overpo*, without a cloak.)

"Boy, my cloak and rapier; it fits not a gentleman of my rank to walk the streets in *querpo*."—*Beaumont and Fletcher: Love's Cure*, ii. 1.

Questa Cortesissima (Italian). Most courteous one; a love term used by Dante to Beatrice.

"I set myself to think of that most courteous one (*questa cortesissima*), and thinking of her there fell upon me a sweet sleep."—*Mrs. Oliphant: Makers of Florence* (Dante's description).

Questa Gentilissima (Italian). Most gentle one; a love term used by Dante to Beatrice.

"Common mortals stand and gaze with bated breath while that most gentle one (*questa gentilissima*) goes on her way."—*Mrs. Oliphant: Makers of Florence*, p. 25.

Question. To move the previous question. No one seems able to give any clear and satisfactory explanation of this phrase. Erskine May, in his *Parliamentary Practice*, p. 303 (9th edition), says: "It is an ingenious method of avoiding a vote upon any question that has been proposed, but the technical phrase does little to elucidate its operation. When there is no debate, or after a debate is closed, the Speaker ordinarily puts the question as a matter of course, . . . but by a motion for the previous question, this act may be intercepted and forbidden. The custom [used to be] 'that the question be now put,' but Arthur Wellesley Peel, while Speaker, changed the words 'be now put' into 'be not put.'" The former process was obviously absurd. To continue the quotation from Erskine May: "Those who wish to avoid the putting of the main question, vote against the previous (or latter question); and if it be resolved in the negative, the Speaker is prevented from putting the main question, as the House has refused to allow it to be put. It may, however, be brought forward again another day."

Of course this is correct, but what it means is quite another matter; and why "the main question" is called the "previous question" is just understanding.

Question. When members of the House of Commons or other debaters call out *Question*, they mean that the person speaking is wandering away from the subject under consideration.

Questionists. In the examinations for degrees in the University of Cambridge it was customary, at the beginning of the January term, to hold "Acts," and the candidates for the

Bachelor's degree were called "Questionists." They were examined by a moderator, and afterwards the fathers of other colleges "questioned" them for three hours—i.e. one whole hour and parts of two others. (I began my Act about a quarter to eleven and finished about half-past one.) It was held altogether in Latin, and the words of dismissal uttered by the Regius Professor indicated what class you would be placed in, or whether the respondent was plucked, in which case the words were simply "*Descendat domine.*"

Questions and Commands. A Christmas game, in which the commander bids his subjects to answer a question which is asked. If the subject refuses, or fails to satisfy the commander, he must pay a forfeit or have his face smutted.

"While other young ladies in the house are dancing, or playing at questions and commands, she (the devotee) reads aloud in her closet."—*The Spectator*, No. 354 (Hotspur's Letter), April 16, 1712.

Quen'bus. *The equinoctial of Quen'bus.* This line has Utopia on one side and Medam'othi on the other. It was discovered on the Greek Kalends by Outis after his escape from the giant's cave, and is ninety-one degrees from the poles.

"Thou wast in very gracious fooling last night, when thou spok'st of Quen'bus'bus, the Vapian jussing the equinoctial of Quen'bus." "Twas very good, I faith."—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night*, l. 3.

Queue. *Gare la queue des Allemands.* Before you quarrel, count the consequences. (*See QUERELLE.*)

Queux. The seneschal of King Arthur.

Quey Calves are dear Veal. Quey calves are female calves, which should be kept and reared for cows. Calves for the butcher are generally bull calves. The proverb is somewhat analogous to killing the goose which lays the golden egg. (*Danish quie, a heifer*)

Qui. *To give a man the qui.* When a man in the printing business has had notice to quit, his fellow-workmen say they "have given him the qui." Here qui is the contraction of *quie'tus* (discharge). (*See QUIETUS.*)

Qui s'Excuse, s'Accuse. He who apologises condemns himself.

Qui-Tam. A lawyer; so called from the first two words in an action on a penal statute. *Qui tam pro dom'no Regi'nd, quam pro se-ippo, sequitur* (Who sues on the Queen's account as much as on his own).

Qui Vive ? (French). Who goes there? The challenge of a sentinel.

To be on the qui vive. On the alert; to be quick and sharp; to be on the tip-toe of expectation, like a sentinel. (*See above.*)

Quia Emptores. A statute passed in the reign of Edward I., and directed against the formation of new manors, whereby feudal lords were deprived of their dues. It is so called from its first two words.

Quibble. An evasion; a juggling with words, is the Welsh *chwibol* (a trill), and not the Latin *quid libet* (what you please), as is generally given.

Quick. Living; hence animated, lively; hence fast, active, brisk (Anglo-Saxon, *cwic*, living, alive). Our expression, "Look alive," means *Be brisk*.

Quick at meat, quick at work. In French, "*Bonne bête s'échauffe en mangeant*," or "*Hardi gagnieur, hardi mangeur*." The opposite would certainly be true: *A dawdle in one thing is a dawdle in all.*

The quick and dead. The living and the dead.

Quick Sticks (*In*). Without more ado; quickly. To cut one's stick (*q.r.*) is to start off, and to cut one's stick quickly is to start off immediately.

Quickly (*Dame*). Hostess of a tavern in Eastcheap. (*Shakespeare: Henry IV.*, parts 1 and 2.)

Mistress Quickly. Servant of all-work to Dr. Caius. She says: "I wash, wring, brew, bake, scour, dress meat and drink, make the beds, and do all myself." She is the go-between of three suttors to Anne Page, and to prove her disinterestedness she says: "I would my master had Mistress Anne, or I would Master Slender had her, or in sooth I would Master Fenton had her. I will do what I can for them all three, for so I have promised; and I'll be as good as my word; but specially for Master Fenton." (*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor.*)

Quicksand is sand which shifts its place as if it were alive. (*See QUICK.*)

Quickset is living hawthorn set in a hedge, instead of dead wood, hurdles, and palings. (*See QUICK.*)

Quicksilver is *argentum vivum* (living silver), silver that moves about

like a living thing. (Anglo-Saxon, *cwicesoelfor*.)

"Swift as quicksilver
It courses through the natural gates
And alleys of the body."

Shakespeare: Hamlet, I. 5.

Quid, a sovereign; **Half a Quid**, half a sovereign; **Quids**, cash or money generally. A suggested derivation may be mentioned. Quo = anything, and *Quid pro quo* means an equivalent generally. If now a person is offered anything on sale he might say, I have not a *quid* for your *quo*, an equivalent in cash.

"Then, looking at the gold piece, she added, 'I guess you don't often get one of these quids.'"
Liberty Review, June 9, 1894, p. 437.

Quid Libet. *Quid-libets and quod-libets.* Nice and knotty points, very subtle, but of no value. Quips and quirks. (Latin.)

Quid of Tobacco. A corruption of *cad* (a morsel). We still say "chew the cud."

Quid pro Quo. Tit for tat; a return given as good as that received; a Roland for an Oliver; an equivalent.

Quid Rides. It is said that Lundy Foot, a Dublin tobacconist, set up his carriage, and asked Emmett to furnish him with a motto. The words of the motto chosen were *Quid rides*. The witticism is, however, attributed to H. Callender also, who, we are assured, supplied it to one Brandon, a London tobacconist.

"Rides," in English, one syllable. In Latin (why do you laugh?) it is a word of two syllables.

Quiddity. The essence of a thing, or that which differentiates it from other things. Schoolmen say *Quid est* (what is it?) and the reply is, the *Quid* is so and so, the *What* or the nature of the thing is as follows. The latter *quid* being formed into a barbarous Latin noun becomes *Quidditas*. Hence *Quid est* (what is it)? Answer: *Talis est quidditas* (its essence is as follows).

"He knew
Where entity and quiddity
(The ghosts of defunct bodies) fly."

Butler: Hudibras, I. 1.

Quiddity. A crotchet; a trifling distinction. (See above.)

Quidnunc. A political Paul Pry; a pragmatical village politician; a political botcher or jobber. Quidnunc is the chief character in Murphy's farce of *The Upholsterer, or What News?* The words are Latin, and mean "What now?" "What has turned up?" The original of this political busybody was the father

of Dr. Arne and his sister, Mrs. Cibber, who lived in King Street, Covent Garden. (See *The Tatler*, 165, etc.)

"Familiar to a few quidnuncs."—*The Times*.

"The Florentine quidnuncs seem to lose sight of the fact that none of these gentlemen now hold office."—*The Times*.

Quidnunkia. Monkey politicians. Gay has a fable called *The Quidnunkia*, to show that the death not even of the duke regent will cause any real gap in nature. A monkey who had ventured higher than his neighbours fell from his estate into the river below. For a few seconds the whole tribe stood panic-struck, but as soon as the stream carried off Master Pug, the monkeys went on with their gambols as if nothing had occurred.

"Ah, sir! you never saw the Ganges;
There dwell the nation of Quidnunkia
(So Monomotapa calls monkeys)."

Gay: Tales.

Quietist (A). One who believes that the most perfect state of man is when the spirit ceases to exercise any of its functions, and is wholly passive. This sect has cropped up at sundry times; but the last who revived it was Michael Molinos, a Spanish priest, in the seventeenth century.

Quietus. The writ of discharge formerly granted to those barons and knights who personally attended the king on a foreign expedition. At their discharge they were exempt from the claim of scutage or knight's fee. Subsequently the term was applied to the acquittance which a sheriff receives on settling his account at the Exchequer; and, later still, to any discharge of an account: thus Webster says—

"You had the trick in audit-time to be sick till I had signed your quietus."—*Duchess of Malfy* (1623).

Quietus. A severe blow; a settler; death, or discharge from life.

"Who would fardels bear . . .
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin?"

Shakespeare: Hamlet, III. 1.

Quill-drivers. Writing clerks.

Quillet. An evasion. In French "pleadings" each separate allegation in the plaintiff's charge, and every distinct plea in the defendant's answer used to begin with *qu'il est*; whence our *quillet*, to signify a false charge, or an evasive answer.

"Oh, some authority how to proceed;
Some tricks, some quilllets, how to cheat the devil."

Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost, IV. 2.

Quilp. A hideous dwarf, both fierce

and cunning, in *The Old Curiosity Shop*, by Dickens.

Quinapalus. The Mrs. Harris of "authorities in citations." If anyone wishes to clench an argument by some quotation, let him cite this ponderous collection.

"What says Quinapalus: 'Better a witty fool, than a foolish wit.'—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night*, I. 5.

Quinbus Flestrin. The man-mountain. So the Lilliputians called Gulliver (chap. ii.). Gay has an ode to this giant.

"Bards of old of him told,
When they said Atlas' head
Propped the skies."

Gay: Lilliputian Ode.

Quince (Peter). A carpenter, and manager of the play in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He is noted for some strange compounds, such as laughable tragedy, lamentable comedy, tragical mirth, etc.

Quino'es (Suero de), in the reign of Juan II., with nine other cavaliers, held the bridge of Orbigo against all comers for thirty-six days, overthrowing in that time seventy-eight knights of Spain and France. Quinones had challenged the world, and such was the result.

Quinquagesima Sunday (Latin, *fiſteth*). Shrove Sunday, or the first day of the week which contains Ash-Wednesday. It is so called because in round numbers it is the fiftieth day before Easter.

Quinsy. This is a curious abbreviation. The Latin word is *cynanchia*, and the Greek word *kunanché*, from *kuon anche*, dog strangulation, because persons suffering from quinsy throw open the mouth like dogs, especially mad dogs. From *kunanche* comes *ku'anchy*, *kuansy*, quinsy.

Quintessence. The fifth essence. The ancient Greeks said there are four elements or forms in which matter can exist—fire, or the imponderable form; air, or the gaseous form; water, or the liquid form; and earth, or the solid form. The Pythagoreans added a fifth, which they called *ether*, more subtle and pure than fire, and possessed of an orbicular motion. This element, which flew upwards at creation, and out of which the stars were made, was called the *fifth essence*; quintessence therefore means the most subtle extract of a body that can be procured. It is quite an error to suppose that the word means an essence five times distilled, and that the term came from the alchemists. Horace speaks of "kisses which Venus has

imbued with the quintessence of her own nectar."

"Swift to their several quarters hasted then
The cumbrous elements—earth, flood, air, fire;
But this ethereal quintessence of heaven
Flew upward . . . and turned to stars
Numberless as thou'st seen."

Milton: Paradise Lost, III. 710.

Quintil'iana. Disciples of Quintil'ia, held to be a prophetess. These heretical Christians made the Eucharist of bread and cheese, and allowed women to become priests and bishops.

Quip Modest (The). Sir, it was done to please myself. Touchstone says: "If I sent a person word that his beard was not well cut, and he replied he cut it to please himself," he would answer with the quip modest, which is six removes from the lie direct; or, rather, the lie direct in the sixth degree.

Quis custodiet Custodes? [The shepherds keep watch over the sheep], but who is there to keep watch over the shepherds?

Quisquill'ies. Light, dry fragments of things; the small twigs and leaves which fall from trees; hence rubbish, refuse.

Quit. Discharged from an obligation, "acquitted."

"To John I owed great obligation,
But John unhappily thought fit
To publish it to all the nation—
Now I and John are fairly quit."

Phos.

(ry quits. When two boys quarrel, and one has had enough, he says, "Cry quits," meaning, "Let us leave off, and call it a drawn game." So in an unequal distribution, he who has the largest share restores a portion and "cries quits," meaning that he has made the distribution equal. Here quit means "acquittal" or discharge.

Double or quits. In gambling, especially in a small way, one of the players says to the other, "Double or quits?"—that is, the next stake shall be double the present one, or the winnings shall be returned to the loser, in which case both players would leave off as they began.

Quit Rent. A rent formerly paid by a tenant whereby he was released from feudal service.

Quiza'da (Gutiérrez). Lord of Villagarcía. He discharged a javelin at Sire de Haburduin with such force as to pierce the left shoulder, overthrow the knight, and pin him to the ground. Don Quixote calls himself a descendant of this brave knight.

Quixote (Don) is intended for the Duke of Lerma. (*Rawdon Brown*.)

Don Quixote. The romance so called is a merciless satire by Cervantes on the chivalric romances of the Middle Ages, and had the excellent effect of putting an end to knight-errantry.

Don Quixote's horse. *Rosinante* (Spanish, *rocin-ante*, a jade previously). (*See HORSE*.)

The wooden-pin wing-horse on which he and Sancho Panza mounted to achieve the liberation of Dolorida and her companions was called *Algidro Clavileño* (wooden-pin wing-bearer).

Quixote of the North. Charles XII. of Sweden, sometimes called the *Madman*. (1682, 1697-1718.)

Quixotic. Having foolish and unpractical ideas of honour, or schemes for the general good, like Don Quixote, a half-crazy reformer or knight of the supposed distressed.

Quiz. One who banters or chaffs another. Daly, manager of the Dublin theatre, laid a wager that he would introduce into the language within twenty-four hours a new word of no meaning. Accordingly, on every wall, or all places accessible, were chalked up the four mystic letters, and all Dublin was inquiring what they meant. The wager was won, and the word remains current in our language.

Quo Warranto. A writ against a defendant (whether an individual or a corporation) who lays claim to something he has no right to; so named because the offender is called upon to show *quo warranto* [rem] *uarrat*'it (by what right or authority he lays claim to the matter of dispute).

Quod. *To be in quod*—in prison. A corruption of *quod*, which is a contraction of *quadrangle*. The quadrangle is the prison enclosure in which the prisoners are allowed to walk, and where whippings used to be inflicted.

"Flogged and whipped in quod."

Hughes: Tom Brown's School-days.

Quodling (*The Rev. Mr.*). Chaplain to the Duke of Buckingham. (*Sir Walter Scott: Fervor of the Peak.*)

"Why," said the duke, "I had caused my little Quodling to go through his oration this; That whatever evil reports had passed current during the lifetime of the worthy matron whom they had restored to dust that day, Malice herself could not deny that she was born well, married well, hood well, and died well; since she was born in Shadwell, married to Creswell, lived in Camberwell and died in Bridewell."—*Fervor of the Peak*, chap. xlv.

Quondam (Latin). Former. We say, *He is a quondam schoolfellow*—my former schoolfellow; *my quondam friend*, the quondam candidate, etc.; also the quondam chancellor, etc.

"My quondam barber, but 'his lordship' now." *Dryden.*

Quorum. Such a number of persons as are necessary to make up a committee or board; or certain justices without the presence of whom the rest cannot act. Thus, suppose the commission to be named A, B, C, D, E, etc., it would run—"Of these I wish [A, B, C, D, or E] to be one" (*quorum unum esse volumus*). These honoured names are called "Justices of the Quorum." Slender calls Justice Shallow justice of the peace and quorum. (*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 1.)

Quos Ego. A threat of punishment for disobedience. The words are from Virgil's *Æneid* (i. 135), and were uttered by Neptune to the disobedient and rebellious winds.

"Neptune had but to appear and utter a *quos ego* for these wind-bags to collapse, and become the most subservient of salaried public servants."—*Truth*, January, 1866.

Quot. *Quot linguas calles, tot homines vales.* As many languages as you know, so many separate individuals you are worth. Attributed to Charles V.

Quota (Latin). The allotted portion or share; the rate assigned to each. Thus we say, "Every man is to pay his quota towards the feast."

Quotem (*Caleb*). A parish clerk and Jack-of-all-trades, in *The Wags of Windsor*, by Colman.

R

R in prescriptions. The ornamental part of this letter is the symbol of Jupiter (♃), under whose special protection all medicines were placed. The letter itself (*Recipe*, take) and its flourish may be thus paraphrased: "Under the good auspices of Jove, the patron of medicines, take the following drugs in the proportions set down." It has been suggested that the symbol is for *Responsum Raphaelis*, from the assertion of Dr. Napier and other physicians of the seventeenth century, that the angel Raphael imparted them.

R is called the dog-letter, because a dog in snarling utters the letter r-r-r-r,

r-r, r-r-r-r, etc.—sometimes preceded by a g.

"Irritata canis quod RR quam plurima dicat."

"[R] that's the dog's name. It is for the dog."
—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4.

The three R's. Sir William Curtis being asked to give a toast, said, "I will give you the three R's—writing, reading, and arithmetic."

"The House is aware that no payment is made except on the 'three R's.'"—*Mr. Cory, M.P.: Address to the House of Commons*, February 28th, 1867.

R. A. P. Rupees, annas, and pies, in India; corresponding to our £ s. d.

R. I. P. *Requiescat in pace.*

R. M. T. In the reign of William III. all child-stealers (*comprachios*) apprehended were branded with red-hot iron: R (rogue) on the shoulders; M (man-slayer) on the right-hand; and T (thief) on the left.

Rabagas. A demagogue in the kingdom of the king of Monaco. He was won over to the court party by being invited to dine at the palace. (*M. Sardou: Rabagas*, 1872.)

Rabbi Abron of Trent. A fictitious sage and wonderful linguist, "who knew the nature of all manner of herbs, beasts, and minerals." (*Reynard the Fox*, xii.)

Rabbi Bar-Coch'ba, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian, made the Jews believe that he was the Messiah, because he had the art of breathing fire. (*Beckmann: History of Inventions*.)

Rabbit. *A Welsh rabbit.* Toasted cheese, or rather bread and cheese toasted together. (Qy. "rare-bit.")

Rabelais. *The English Rabelais.* Swift, Sterne, and Thomas Amory have been so called. Voltaire so calls Swift.

The modern Rabelais. William Maginn (179f-1842).

Rabelais' Dodge. Rabelais one day was at a country inn, and finding he had no money to pay his score, got himself arrested as a traitor who was forming a project to poison the princes. He was immediately sent to Paris and brought before the magistrates, but, as no tittle of evidence was found against him, was liberated forthwith. By this artifice he not only got out of his difficulty at the inn, but he also got back to Paris free of expense. Fathered on Tarleton also.

Rabelaisian Licence. The wild grotesque of Rabelais, whether in words or artistic illustrations.

Rabicano or Rabican. The name of Astolpho's horse. Its sire was Wind, and its dam Fire. It fed on unearthly food. (*Orlando Furioso*.)

Argalia's steed in *Orlando Innamorato* is called by the same name. (See HORSE.)

Raboin or Rabuino (French). The devil; so called from the Spanish *rubo* (a tail). In the mediæval ages it was vulgarly asserted that the Jews were born with tails; this arose from a confusion of the word rabbi or rabbins with raboin or rabuino.

Rabashaka, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is meant for Sir Thomas Player. Rabshakeh was the officer sent by Sennacherib to summon the Jews to surrender, and he told them insolently that resistance was in vain. (2 Kings xviii.)

"Next him, let railing Rabashaka have place—
So full of zeal, he has no need of grace."

(Pt. II.)

Raby (*Aurora*). The model of this exquisite sketch was Miss Millbank, as she appeared to Lord Byron when he first knew her. Miss Millpond (a little farther on in the same canto) is the same lady after marriage. In canto i., Donna Inez is an enlarged portrait of the same person. Lord Byron describes himself in the first instance under the character of Don Juan, and in the last as Don José.

Races. *Goodwood Races.* So called from Goodwood Park, in which they are held. They begin the last Tuesday of July, and continue four days, of which Thursday (the "cup-day") is the principal. These races are very select, and admirably conducted. Goodwood Park was purchased by Charles, first Duke of Richmond, of the Compton family, then resident in East Lavant, a village two miles north of Chichester.

The Newmarket Races. There are seven annual race meetings at Newmarket: (1) The Craven; (2) first spring; (3) second spring; (4) July; (5) first October; (6) second October; (7) the Houghton.

The Epsom. So called from Epsom Downs, where they are held. They last four days.

The Derby. The second day (Wednesday) of the great May meeting at Epsom, in Surrey; so called from the Earl of Derby, who instituted the stakes in 1780. This is the great "Classic Race" for colts and fillies three years old.

The Oaks. The fourth day (Friday)

of the great Epsom races; so called from "Lambert's Oaks," erected on lease by the "Hunter's Club." The Oaks estate passed to the Derby family, and the twelfth earl established the stakes so called. This is the great "classic race" for fillies three years old.

The St. Leger. The great Doncaster race; so called from Colonel St. Leger, who founded the stakes in 1776. This is the great "classic race" for both colts and fillies of three years old. Horses that have competed in the Derby and Oaks may take part in the St. Leger.

Ascot Races, held on Ascot Heath, in Berks.

Races (Lengths run).

(i) *Under a mile and a half* :—

The Newmarket Stakes, 1 mile 2 furlongs.

The Prince of Wales's Stakes (at Leicester), rather less.

The Eclipse Stakes, 1½ mile.

The Kempton Park Stakes, 1½ mile.

The Lancashire Plate (at the September Manchester meeting) is only 7 furlongs.

In 1890 the Duke of Portland won all these five races; *Ayrshire* won two of them, and *Donovan* the other three.

(ii) *Long distances (between 1½ and 3 miles)* :—

The Great Northampton Stakes, 1½ mile.

Ascot (Gold Vase), 2 miles.

Ascot (Gold Cup), 2½ miles.

• Ascot (Alexander Plate), 3 miles.

The Chester Cup, 2½ miles.

The Great Metropolitan Stakes (in the Epsom Spring Meeting), 2½ miles.

The Hardwicke Stakes, the Goodwood Cup, 2½ miles (in July), and the Doncaster Cup, 2-634 miles (in September), are long races.

Rachadars. The second tribe of giants or evil genii, who had frequently made the earth subject to their kings, but were ultimately punished by Shiva and Vishnu. (*Indian mythology*.)

Rache. A "setter," or rather a dog said to hunt wild beasts, birds, and even fishes by scent. The female was called a *brache*—i.e. bitch-rache. (Saxon, *ræce*; French, *braque*.)

"A leashe of ratches to renné an hare."—*Skelton: Magnificence*.

Rack. A flying scud, drifting clouds. (Icelandic, *rek*, drift; verb, *recka*, to drive.)

"The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, The solemn temples, the great globe itself, Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve And . . . leave not a rack behind."

Shakespeare: Tempest, iv. 1.

Rack. The instrument of torture so called was a frame in which a man was fastened, and his arms and legs were stretched till the body was lifted by the tension several inches from the floor. Not unfrequently the limbs were forced thereby out of their sockets. Coke says that the rack was first introduced into the Tower by the Duke of Exeter, constable of the Tower, in 1447, whence it was called the "Duke of Exeter's daughter." (Dutch, *rak*; verb, *rakken*, to stretch; Danish, *rag*; Anglo-Saxon, *reac*.)

Rack-rent. The actual value or rent of a tenement, and not that modified form on which the rates and taxes are usually levied. (Saxon, *raecan*, to stretch; Dutch, *racken*.)

"A rent which is equivalent, or nearly equivalent in amount, to the full annual value of the land, is a rack-rent."—*Encyclopedia Britannica*, vol. xi. p. 403.

Rack and Manger. Housekeeping. To lie at rack and manger. To live at reckless expense.

"When Virtue was a country maid,
And had no skill to set up trade,
She came up with a carrier's jade,
And lay at rack and manger."

Life of Robin Goodfellow. (1632.)

Rack and Ruin. Utter destitution. Here "rack" is a variety of wrack and wreck.

"The worst of all University snobs are those unfortunates who go to rack and ruin from their desire to ape their betters."—*Thackeray: Book of Snobs*, chap. xv. p. 87.

Racket. Noise on confusion, like that of persons playing racket or tennis.

Racy. Having distinctive piquancy, as *racy wine*. It was first applied to wine, and, according to Cowley, comes to us from the Spanish and Portuguese *raiz* (root), meaning having a radical or distinct flavour; but probably it is a corruption of "relishy" (French, *relégé*, flavoured).

"Rich, racy verse, in which we see
The soil from which they come, taste, smell, and
see." *Cowley*.

Racy Style. Piquant composition, the very opposite of mawkish.

Radcliffe Library (Oxford). Founded by Dr. John Radcliffe, of Wakefield, Yorkshire. (1650-1714.)

"When King William [III.] consulted (Radcliffe) on his swollen ankles and thin body, Radcliffe said, 'I would not have your Majesty's two legs for your three kingdoms.'"—*Leigh Hunt: The Town*, chap. vi.

Radegaste. A tutelary god of the Slavi. The head was that of a cow, the breast was covered with an eagle, the left hand held a spear, and a

cock surmounted its helmet. (*Slavonic mythology.*)

Rad'egund. Queen of the Am'azons, "half like a man." Getting the better of Sir Artegal in a single combat, she compelled him to dress in "woman's weeds," with a white apron before him, and to spin flax. Brit'omart, being informed by Talus of his captivity, went to the rescue, cut off the Amazon's head, and liberated her knight. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book v. 4-7.)

St. Radegonde or **Radegund**, wife of Clothaire, King of France.

St. Radegonde's lifted stone. A stone sixty feet in circumference, placed on five supporting stones, said by the historians of Poitou to have been so arranged in 1473, to commemorate a great fair held on the spot in the October of that year. The country people insist that Queen Radegonde brought the impost stone on her head, and the five uprights in her apron, and arranged them all as they appear to this day.

Radevore (3 syl.). Tapestry.

"This woful lady, I her'd had in youthe
Fu that she worken and embrowden kouthen,
And weven in stole [the loom] the radevore,
As hyt of women had be woved yore."
Chaucer.

Rad'icall. An ultra-Liberal, verging on republican opinions. The term was first applied as a party name in 1818 to Henry Hunt, Major Cartwright, and others of the same clique, who wished to introduce *radical reform* in the representative system, and not merely to disfranchise and enfranchise a borough or two. Lord Bolingbroke, in his *Discourses on Parties*, says, "Such a remedy might have wrought a *radical cure* of the evil that threatens our constitution."

Radiometer. The name of an instrument invented by Crookes for measuring the mechanical effect of radiant energy. It is like a miniature anemometer, and is made to revolve by the action of light, the cups of the anemometer being replaced by discs coloured white on one side and black on the other, and the instrument is enclosed in a glass globe from which the air has been exhausted, so that no heat is transmitted.

Radit Usque ad Cernem. He fleeced him to the skin; he sucked him dry. He shaved off all his hair (instead of only trimming it).

Rag. A tatter, hence a remnant, hence a vagabond or ragamuffin.

"Lash hence these overweening rags of France."
Shakespeare: Richard III., v. 3.

Rag. A cant term for a farthing. Paper money not easily convertible is called "rag-money."

"Money by me? Heart and good-will you might,
But surely, master, not a rag of money."
Shakespeare: Comedy of Errors, iv. 4.

Rag (The). The Army and Navy Club. "The rag," of course, is the flag.

"By the way, come and dine to-night at the Rag," said the major."—*Truth, Queen Mary, April 1, 1886.*

Rag-water. Whisky. (*Thieves' jargon.*)

Rags of Antisthenes. Rank pride may be seen peering through the rags of *Antisthenes'* doublet. (See **ANTISTHENES.**)

Rags and Jags. Rags and tatters. A jagged edge is one that is toothed.

"Hark, hark! the dogs do bark,
The beggars are coming to town;
Some in rags and some in jags,
And some in silken gown."

Shrovetide Rhyme.

Ragamuffin (French, *marouffe*). A muff or muffin is a poor thing of a creature, a "regular muff;" so that a ragamuffin is a sorry creature in rags.

"I have led my ragamuffins where they are peppered."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., v. 3.*

Ragged Robin. A wild-flower. The word is used by Tennyson to mean a pretty damsel in ragged clothes.

"The prince
Hath picked a ragged robin from the hedge."
Tennyson: Idylls of the King; Enid.

Raghu. A legendary king of Oude, belonging to the dynasty of the Sun. The poem called the *Raghu-ransa*, in nineteen cantos, gives the history of these mythic kings.

Ragman Roll originally meant the "Statute of Ragman" (*De Ragemannis*), a legate of Scotland, who compelled all the clergy to give a true account of their benefices, that they might be taxed at Rome accordingly. Subsequently it was applied to the four great rolls of parchment recording the acts of fealty and homage done by the Scotch nobility to Edward I. in 1296; these four rolls consisted of thirty-five pieces sewn together. The originals perished, but a record of them is preserved in the Rolls House, Chancery Lane.

Ragnarok [*twilight of the gods*]. The day of doom, when the present world and all its inhabitants will be annihilated. Vidar of Vali will survive the conflagration, and reconstruct the universe on

an imperishable basis. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

"And, Frithiof, mayst thou sleep away
Till Ragnarok, if such thy will!"
Frithiof-Saga: Frithiof's Joy.

Ragout is something "more-ish," something you will be served twice to. (Latin, *re-gustus*, tasted again; French, *re-gôte.*)

Ra'hu. The demon that causes eclipses. One day Rahu stole into Valhalla to quaff some of the nectar of immortality. He was discovered by the Sun and Moon, who informed against him, and Viahnu cut off his head. As he had already taken some of the nectar into his mouth, the head was immortal, and he ever afterwards hunted the Sun and Moon, which he caught occasionally, causing eclipses. (*Hindu mythology.*)

Rail. *To sit on the rail.* To shuffle off a direct answer; to hedge or to fence; to reserve the decision of one's vote. Here rail means the fence, and "to sit on the rail" to sit on one side. A common American phrase.

"If he said 'Yes,' there was an end to any church support at once; if 'No,' he might as well go home at once. So he tried to sit on the rail again."—*T. Terrell: Lady Delmar*, chap. i.

Railway Abbreviations.

C. & D. Collected and delivered—i.e. the rate quoted includes the entire charge from sender to consignees. Such goods are collected by the railway company and delivered according to the address at the price stated.

S. to S. From station to station. This does not include collecting and delivering.

O. R. Owner's risk.

C. R. Company's risk.

O. C. S. On company's service; such parcels go free.

C. by B. Collection from the sender to the barge, both included.

O/C. Overcharged.

O/S. Outstanding.

Railway King. George Hudson, of Yorkshire, chairman of the North Midland Company, and for a time the Dictator of the railway speculations. In one day he cleared the large sum of £100,000. It was the Rev. Sydney Smith who gave him this designation. (1800-1871.)

Railway Signals. (*See FLAG SIGNALS.*)

Railways.

A. & B. R. Aylesbury and Buckingham Railway.

B. & L. J. R. Bourn and Lynn Joint Railway.

B. & M. R. Brecon and Merthyr Railway.

B. & N. C. R. Belfast and Northern Counties Railway.

Cal. R. Caledonian Railway.

Cam. R. Cambrian Railway.

C. K. & P. R. Cockermouth, Keswick, and Penrith Railway.

C. L. C. Cheshire Lines Committee, embracing the G. N., M. S. & L., and Mid. Coys.

C. V. R. Colne Valley and Halstead Railway.

C. W. & C. R. Central Wales and Carmarthen Railway.

C. & C. R. Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway.

D. R. & C. R. Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway.

E. L. R. East London Railway.

E. & W. J. R. East and West Junction Railway.

Fur. R. Furness Railway.

G. & K. R. Garstang and Knotend Railway.

G. & S. W. R. Glasgow and South-Western Railway.

G. E. R. Great Eastern Railway.

G. N. S. R. Great Northern of Scotland Railway.

G. N. R. Great Northern Railway.

G. N. I. R. Great Northern of Ireland Railway.

G. S. & W. R. Great Southern and Western Railway.

G. W. R. Great Western Railway.

H. R. Highland Railway.

I. of M. R. Isle of Man Railway.

I. of W. R. Isle of Wight Railway.

L. & Y. R. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

L. B. & S. C. R. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

L. C. & D. R. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.

L. D. & E. C. R. Lancashire, Derby, and East Coast Railway.

L. & N. W. R. London and North-Western Railway.

L. & S. W. R. London and South-Western Railway.

L. T. & S. R. London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway.

M. & M. R. Manchester and Milford Railway.

M. S. & L. R. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.

M. S. J. & A. R. Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham Railway.

M. & C. R. Maryport and Carlisle Railway.

Met. R. Metropolitan Railway.
Met. D. R. Metropolitan District Railway.

M. R. Midland Railway.

M. W. R. Mid-Wales Railway.

M. G. W. I. R. Midland Great-Western of Ireland Railway.

N. & B. R. Neath and Brecon Railway.

N. & B. J. R. Northampton and Banbury Junction Railway.

N. B. R. North British Railway.

N. E. R. North-Eastern Railway.

N. L. R. North London Railway.

N. S. R. North Staffordshire Railway.

P. & T. R. Pembroke and Tenby Railway.

R. R. Rhymney Railway.

S. & W. & S. B. R. Severn and Wye and Severn Bridge Railway.

S. & D. J. R. Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway.

S. E. R. South-Eastern Railway.

S. M. & A. R. Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway.

T. V. R. Taff Vale Railway.

W. & L. R. Waterford and Limerick Railway.

W. & P. R. R. Watlington and Princes Risboro' Railway.

W. R. Wigtownshire Railway.

W. M. & C. Q. R. Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway.

Rain. *To rain cats and dogs.* In northern mythology the cat is supposed to have great influence on the weather, and English sailors still say, "The cat has a gale of wind in her tail," when she is unusually frisky. Witches that rode upon the storms were said to assume the form of cats; and the stormy north-west wind is called the *cat's-nose* in the Harz even at the present day.

The dog is a signal of *wind*, like the wolf, both which animals were attendants of Odin, the storm-god. In old German pictures the wind is figured as the "head of a dog or wolf," from which blasts issue.

The *cat* therefore symbolises the down-pouring rain, and the *dog* the strong gusts of wind which accompany a rain-storm; and a "rain of cats and dogs" is a heavy rain with wind. (See CAT AND DOG.)

☞ The French *catadoupe* or *catadupe* means a waterfall.

Rain Gauge. An instrument or contrivance for measuring the amount of rain which falls on a given surface.

Rainbow. (See CIRCLE OF ULLOA.)

Rainbow Chasers. Problematical politicians and reformers, who chase rainbows, which cannot possibly be caught, to "find the pot of gold at the foot thereof." This alludes to an old joke, that a pot of gold can be dug up where the rainbow touches the earth.

Raining Tree (*The*). The Til, a linden-tree of the Canaries, mentioned by a host of persons. Mandeloro describes it minutely, and tells us that the water which falls from this tree suffices for a plentiful supply for men and beasts of the whole island of Fierro, which contains no river. Glas assures us that "the existence of such a tree is firmly believed in the Canaries" (*History of the Canary Islands*). Cordeyro (*Historia Insulana*, book ii. chap. v.) says it is an emblem of the Trinity, and that the ruin is called *Agua Santa*. Without doubt a rain falls from some trees (as the lime) in hot weather.

Rainy Day (*A*). Evil times.

Lay by something for a rainy day.
Save something against evil times.

Raise the Wind. To obtain ready money by hook or crook. A sea phrase. What wind is to a ship, money is to commerce.

"I've tried queer ways
The wind to raise,
But ne'er had such a blow."
Judy (*My Lost Dog*), Mar. 27, 1889.

Rajah. (Sanskrit for king, cognate with the Latin *reg'* or *rex*.) Maha-rajah means the "great rajah."

Rake. A libertine. A contraction of *rakehell*, used by Milton and others.

"And far away amid their rakehell hands
They speed a lady left all uncourteous."
Francis Quarles.

Rak'asas. Evil spirits who guard the treasures of Kuvera, the god of riches. They haunt cemeteries and devour human beings; assume any shape at will, and their strength increases as the day declines. Some are hideously ugly, but others, especially the female spirits, allure by their beauty. (*Hindu mythology*.)

Rakush. Rustem's horse in the *Shah Nameh* of Firdusi, the Homer of Korasan. (See HORSE.)

Raleigh. Sir Walter Scott introduces in *Kenilworth* the tradition of his laying down his cloak on a miry spot for the queen to step on.

"Hark ye, Master Raleigh, see thou fail not to wear thy muddy cloak in token of penitence, till our pleasure be further known."—*Sir Walter Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. xv.

Rally is *re-alligo*, to bind together again. (French *rallier*.) In Spenser it is spelt *re-allie*—

"Before they could new consels re-allie."
Faerie Queene.

"Yes, we'll rally round the flag, boys,
We'll rally once again."

G. F. Root: Battle-cry of Freedom, stanza i.

Ralph or **Ralpho**. The squire of Hudibras. The model was Isaac Robinson, a zealous butcher in Moorfields, always contriving some queer art of church government. He represents the Independent party, and Hudibras the Presbyterian. Ralph rhymes with *half* and *safe*.

"He was himself under the tyranny of scruples as unreasonable as those of . . . Ralpho."—*Macaulay*.

Ralph Roister Doister. The title of the earliest English comedy; so called from the chief character. Written by Nicholas Udall. (16th century.)

Ram. The usual prize at wrestling matches. Thus Chaucer says of his Mellere, "At wrastlyng he wolde bere away the ram." (*Canterbury Tales: Prologue* 550.)

Ram Feast (*The*). May morning is so called at Holne, near Dartmoor, because on that day a ram is run down in the "Ploy Field." It is roasted whole, with its skin and fur, close by a granite pillar. At mid-day a scramble takes place for a slice, which is supposed to bring luck to those who get it. Said to be a relic of Baal worship in England.

Ram and Teazle (*The*). A public-house sign, is in compliment to the Clothiers' Company. The *ram* with the golden fleece is emblematical of wool, and the *teazle* is used for raising the nap of wool spun and woven into cloth.

Ram of the Zodiac (*The*). This is the famous Chrysomallon, whose golden fleece was stolen by Jason in his Argonautic expedition. It was transposed to the stars, and made the first sign of the Zodiac.

The Vernal signs the Ram begins;
Then comes the Bull; in May the Twins;
The Crab in June; next Leo shines;
And Virgo ends the northern signs. *E. C. B.*

Ram's Horn (*A*). A loud, vulgar, unpolished speaker. A smooth-tongued orator is called a "silver trumpet."

Rama. The seventh incarnation of Vishnu.

The first was the *fish*; the second, the *tortoise*; the third, the *boar*; the fourth, the *man-lion*; the fifth, the *dwarf*; the sixth, *Parush-Rama*, son of Jamadagni;

the seventh, *RAMA*, son of Dasaratha, King of Ayodhya; the eighth, *Krishna* or *Crishna*; the ninth, *Buddha*; and the last (tenth) will be *Kalki*, and the consummation of all things—a kind of millennium.

Rama performed many wonderful exploits, such as killing giants, demons, and monsters. He won Sita to wife because he was able to bend the bow of Siva.

Rama-Yana. The history of Rama, the best great epic poem of ancient India, and worthy to be ranked with the *Iliad* of Homer.

Ramadan. The ninth month of the Mahometan year, and the Mussulman's Lent or Holy Month.

"November is the financial Ramadan of the Sublime Porte."—*The Times*.

That is, when the Turkish Government promises all kinds of financial reforms and curtailments of national expenses.

Rambouillet. *Hôtel de Rambouillet*. The *réunion* of rank and literary genius on terms of equality; a *coterie* where sparkling wit with polished manners prevails. The Marquise de Rambouillet, in the seventeenth century, reformed the French *soirées*, and purged them of the gross morals and licentious conversation which at that time prevailed. The present good taste, freedom without licentiousness, wit without *double entendre*, equality without familiarity, was due to this illustrious Italiap. The *Précieuses Ridicules* of Molière was a satire on those her imitators who had not her talent and good taste. Catherine, Marquise de Rambouillet (1688-1665).

Ramee Samee. The conjurer who swallowed swords, and could twist himself into a knot as if he had neither bones nor joints.

Ramesses (3 syl.). The title of an ancient Egyptian dynasty; it means *Offspring of the Sun*. This title was first assumed towards the close of the Eighteenth Dynasty, and ran through the Nineteenth. Rameses III. is called Rhampain'tos by Herodotus. Sesostris is supposed to be identical with Rameses the Great. (Eses, i.e. Isis.)

Ram'iel (2 syl.). One of the fallen angels cast out of heaven. The word means *one that exalts himself against God*.

Raminago'bris. A cat; a vile poet. La Fontaine in several of his fables gives this name to the cat. Rabelais under

this name satirises Guillaume Crétin, an old French poet in the reigns of Charles VIII., Louis XII., and François I. (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iii. 21.)

Rampallian. A term of contempt; probably it means a rampant or wanton woman; hence in *A New Trick to Cheat the Devil* (1639) we have this line: "And bold rampallian-like, swear and drink drunk."

"Away, you scullion! you rampallian! you fustilarian! I'll tickle your catastrophe."—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV.*, li. 1.

Ramsay the Rich. Ramsay used to be called the Cressus of our English abbays. It had only sixty monks of the Benedictine order to maintain, and its revenues allowed £1,000 a year to the abbot, and £100 a year for each of its monks.

David Ramsay. The old watchmaker near Temple Bar.

Margaret Ramsay. His daughter, who became the bride of Lord Nigel. (*Sir Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel*.)

Ramsbottom (Mrs.). A vile speller of the Queen's English. It was the signature of Theodore Hook in his letters published in the *John Bull* newspaper, 1829.

Ra'na. Goddess of the sea, and wife of the sea-god Ager. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

"May Hana keep them in the deep,

As is her wont,

And no one save them from the grave,"

Cried Helsingbont."

Friðiof-Saga; The Banishment.

Random-Tandem. A tandem of three horses. (*University term*.)

Random (Roderick). A young Scotch scapegrace in quest of fortune; at one time basking in prosperity, at another in utter destitution. He is led into different countries, whose peculiarities are described; and into all sorts of society, as "that of wits, sharpers, courtiers, courtesans, and so on. Though occasionally lavish, he is inherently mean; and though possessing a dash of humour, is contemptibly revengeful. His treatment of Strap is revolting to a generous mind. Strap lends him money in his necessity, but the heartless Roderick wastes the loan, treats Strap as a mere servant, fleeces him at dice, and cuffs him when the game is adverse. (*Smollett: Roderick Random*.)

Rank and File. Soldiers of any grade below that of lance-sergeant are so called, collectively, in military phraseology, and any two soldiers of such

grade are spoken of as "a file;" thus, 100 rank and file would equal 50 file, that is, 50 men standing behind each other in a row. No soldier ever talks of files in the plural, or about "a file of fours." As there are two in a "rank," there is a *left* file and a *right* file; and men may move in "single file" or in "double file." A line of soldiers drawn up side by side or abreast is a rank.

Rank distinguished by Colour. In China the emperor, empress, and prince imperial wear yellow; the other wives of the emperor wear violet; high state officers wear blue; officials of lower rank wear red; and the general public wear black or some dark shade.

Ranks. Risen from the ranks. From mean origin; a self-made man. A military term applied to an officer who once served as a private soldier. Such an officer is now often called a "ranker."

Rantipole (3 syl.). A harum-scarum fellow, a madcap (Dutch, *randten*, to be in a state of idiocy or insanity, and *pole*, a head or person). The late Emperor Napoleon III. was called *Rantipole*, for his escapades at Strasbourg and Boulogne. In 1852 I myself saw a man commanded by the police to leave Paris within twenty-four hours for calling his dog Rantipole.

"Dick, be a little rantipolish."—*Colman: Hein-at-Law*.

Ranz des Vaches. Simple melodies played by the Swiss mountaineers on their Alp-horn when they drive their herds to pasture, or call them home (*pour ranger des vaches*, to bring the cows to their place).

Rap. Not worth a rap. The rap was a base halfpenny, intrinsically worth about half a farthing, issued for the nonce in Ireland in 1721, because small coin was so very scarce. There was also a coin in Switzerland called a *rappe*, worth the seventh of a penny.

"Many counterfeiters passed about under the name of raps."—*Swift: Drapier's Letters*.

Rape (1 syl.). "The division of a county. Sussex is divided into six rapes, each of which has its river, forest, and castle. *Herepp* is Norwegian for a parish district, and rape in Doomsday Book is used for a district under military jurisdiction. (Icelandic *hreppur*, a district.)

Rape of the Look. Lord Petre, in a thoughtless moment of frolic gallantry, cut off a lock of Arabella Fermor's hair; and this liberty gave rise to a bitter feud

between the two families, which Alexander Pope has worked up into the best heroï-comic poem of the language. The first sketch was published in 1712 in two cantos. The machinery of sylphs and gnomes is most happily conceived. Pope, under the name of Eëdras Barnevelt, apothecary, says the poem is a covert satire on Queen Anne and the Barrier Treaty. In the poem the lady is called Belinda, and the poet says she wore on her neck two curls, one of which the baron cut off with a pair of scissors borrowed of Clarissa. Belinda, in anger, demanded back the ringlet, but it had flown to the skies and become a meteor there. (See COMA BERENTICES.)

'Say, what strange motive, goddess, could compel
A well-bred lord to assault a gentle belle?
'O say, what stranger cause, yet unexplored,
Could make a gentle belle reject a lord.'
Introduction to the Poem.

Raphael. The sociable archangel who travelled with Tobias into Me'dia and back again, instructing him on the way how to marry Sara and to drive away the wicked spirit. Milton introduces him as sent by God to advertise Adam of his danger. (See SEVEN SPIRITS.)

"Raphael, the sociable spirit, hath deigned
To travel with Tobias, and secured
His marriage with the so oft-times-wedded
maid."
Paradise Lost, v. 231-3.

Raphael, according to Longfellow, is the angel of the Sun, who brings to man the "gift of faith."

"I am the angel of the Sun,
Whose flaming wheels began to run
When God Almighty's breath
Said to the darkness and the night,
'Let there be light,' and there was light,—
I bring the gift of faith."
Golden Legend: The Miracle Play, lii.

St. Raphael, the archangel, is usually distinguished in Christian art by a pilgrim's staff, or carrying a fish, in allusion to his aiding Tobias to capture the fish which performed the miraculous cure of his father's eyesight.

The French Raphael. Eustace Lesueur (1617-1655).

Raphael of Cats (*The*). Godefroi Mind, a Swiss painter, noted for his cats. (1768-1814.)

Rapparee. A wild Irish plunderer; so called from his being armed with a rapary or half-pike. (Irish *rappire*, a robber.)

Rappee. A coarse species of snuff, manufactured from dried tobacco by an instrument called in French a *râpe*, "instrument en métal percé de plusieurs trous, dont on se sert pour réduire les corps en pulpe ou en fragments. On se

sert surtout de la râpe dans les ménages, pour le sucre, le chocolat, le poivre; et dans les usines, pour le tabac, les betteraves, les pommes de terre qu'on réduit en féoule, etc." (*Bouillet: Dictionnaire des Sciences.*)

Ra-ra Avis (Latin, a rare bird). A phenomenon; a prodigy; a something quite out of the common course. Black swans are now familiar to us; they are natives of Australia, and have given its name to the "Swan river." At one time a black swan was emphatically a *rara avis*.

"Rara avis in terris nigroque simillima cygne."
Juvenal.

Rare Ben. So Shakespeare called Ben Jonson, the dramatist. (1574-1637.) Aubrey says that this inscription on his tablet in the "Poets' Corner," Westminster Abbey, "was done at the charge of Jack Young (afterwards knighted), who, walking there when the grave was covering, gave the fellow eighteence to cut it." At the late relaying of the pavement, this stone was unhappily removed. When Sir William Davenant was interred in Westminster Abbey, the inscription on his covering-stone was, "O rare Sir William Davenant"—showing how nearly the sublime and the ridiculous often meet.

Raree Show. A peep-show; a show carried about in a box.

Rascal. Originally applied in the chase to a lean, worthless deer, then a collective term for the commonalty, the mob; and popularly to a base fellow. Shakespeare says, "Horns! the noblest deer hath them as huge as the rascal" [deer]. Palsgrave calls a starveling animal, like the lean kine of Pharaoh, "a rascall refus beast" (1530). The French have *racaille* (riff-raff).

"Come, you thin thing; come, you rascal."
Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV., v. 4.

Rascal Counters. Pitiful or paltry. £ s. d. Brutus calls money paltry compared with friendship, etc.

"When Marcus Brutus grows so covetous,
To lock such rascal counters from his friends,
Be ready, gods, with all your thunderbolts,
Dash him to pieces."
Shakespeare: Julius Cæsar, iv. 5.

Rasher. A slice, as a rasher of bacon.

Rashleigh Osbaldistone. An accomplished but deceitful villain, called "the scholar." He is the youngest of the six hopeful sons of Sir Hildebrand Osbaldistone. The six brothers were nicknamed "the sot," "the bully," "the gamekeeper," "the horse-jockey,"

"the fool," and the crafty "scholar."
(*Sir Walter Scott: Rob Roy.*)

Ras'iel. The angel who was the tutor of Adam. (*Talmud.*)

Raspberry. Rhyming slang for "heart," as "it made my raspberry beat." (*See CHIVY.*)

Ras'selas. Prince of Abyssinia, in Dr. Johnson's romance so called.

"Rasselas is a mass of sense, and its moral precepts are certainly conveyed in striking and happy language. The mad astronomer who imagined that he possessed the regulation of the weather and the distribution of the seasons, is an original character in romance; and the happy valley in which Rasselas resides is sketched with poetical feeling."—*Young.*

Rat. The Egyptians and Phrygians deified rats. The people of Bassora and Cambay to the present time forbid their destruction. In Egypt the rat symbolised "utter destruction;" it also symbolised "judgment," because rats always choose the best bread for their repast.

Rat. Pliny tells us (bk. viii. ch. lvii.) that the Romans drew presages from these animals, and to see a *white* rat foreboded good fortune. The bucklers at Lann'vium being gnawed by rats presaged ill-fortune, and the battle of the Muses, fought soon after, confirmed this superstition. Prosperine's veil was embroidered with rats.

Irish rats rhymed to death. It was once a prevalent opinion that rats in pastures could be extirpated by anathematising them in rhyming verse or by magical charms. This notion is frequently alluded to by ancient authors. Thus, Ben Jonson says: "Rhyme them to death, as they do Irish rats" (*Poetaster*): Sir Philip Sidney says: "Though I will not wish unto you . . . to be rimed to death, as is said to be done in Ireland" (*Defence of Poesie*); and Shakespeare makes Rosalind say: "I was never so berhymed since . . . I was an Irish rat," alluding to the Pythagorean doctrine of the transmigration of souls (*As You Like It*, iii. 2). (*See CHARM.*)

I smell a rat. I perceive there is something concealed which is mischievous. The allusion is to a cat smelling a rat.

Rat (To). To forsake a losing side for the stronger party. It is said that rats forsake ships not weatherproof. A rat is one who rats or deserts his party. Hence workmen who work during a strike are called "rats."

"Averting . . .
The cup of sorrow from their lips,
And by like rats from sinking ships."
Swift: Epistle to Mr. Nugent.

Rat (Un). A purse. Hence, a young boy thief is called a *Raton*. A sort of pun on the word *rapt* from the Latin *raptō*, to carry off forcibly. *Courir le rat*, to rob or break into a house at night-time.

To take a rat by the tail, or *Prendre un rat par la queue*, is to cut a purse. A phrase dating back to the age of Louis XIII., and inserted in Cotgrave's *Dictionary*. Of course, a cutpurse would cut the purse at the string or else he would spill the contents.

Rat, Cat, and Dog.

"The Rat, the Cat, and Lovell the Dog,
Rule all England under the hog."

* The *Rat*, i.e. Rat-cliff; the *Cat*, i.e. Cat-esby; and *Lovell the dog*, is Francis, Viscount Lovel, the king's "spaniel." The *hog* or boar was the crest of Richard III. William Collingham, the author of this rhyme (1413), was put to death for his pregnant wit.

Rat-killer. Apollo received this aristocratic soubriquet from the following incident:—Crimis, one of his priests, having neglected his official duties, Apollo sent against him a swarm of rats: but the priest, seeing the invaders coming, repented and obtained forgiveness of the god, who annihilated the swarms which he had sent with his fardarting arrows. For this redoubtable exploit the sun-god received the appellation of Apollo the Rat-killer. (*Classical mythology.*)

Rat'atask. The squirrel that runs up and down the mythological tree Yggdresil'. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Ratten (To). To annoy for refusing to join a trade union, or for not submitting to its demands. This is done by destroying or taking away a workman's tools, or otherwise incapacitating him from doing work. "To rat" is to desert one's party; to work for less than the price fixed by a trade union; and "ratten" is to act the part of a rat. (*See RAT.*)

Rattlin' (Jack). A famous naval character in Smollett's *Roderick Random*. Tom Bowling is another naval character in the same novel.

Raul. *Sir Raul di Nangis*, the Huguenot, in love with Valentinna, daughter of the Comte de St. Bris, governor of the Louvre. Being sent for by Marguerite, he is offered the hand of Valentina in marriage, but rejects it, because he fancies she is betrothed to the Comte de Nevers. Nevers is slain in the

Bartholomew massacre, and Valentina confesses her love for Raul. They are united by Marcello, an old Puritan servant, but scarcely is the ceremony ended when both are shot by the musketeers under the command of St. Bris. (*Meyerbeer: Glu Ugonotti, an opera.*)

Ravana, according to Indian mythology, was fastened down between heaven and earth for 10,000 years by Siva's leg, for attempting to move the hill of heaven to Ceylon. He is described as a demon giant with ten faces. (*Hindu mythology.*)

Ravelin (*The*) or *semi-lune*, in fortification. A work with two faces, forming a salient angle, placed beyond the main ditch, opposite the curtain (*q. v.*), and separated from the covered way (*q. v.*) by a ditch which runs into the main ditch.

Raven. A bird of ill omen. They are said to forebode death and bring infection. The former notion arises from their following an army under the expectation of finding dead bodies to raven on; the latter notion is a mere offshoot of the former, seeing pestilence kills as fast as the sword.

"The hoodin' raven on her cottage sat,
And with hoarse croakings warned us of our fate."
Gay: Pastorals; The Thyme.

"Like the sad-presaging raven that tells
The sick man's passport in her hollow beak,
And in the shadow of the silent night,
It strikes confusion from her sad wing."
Marlowe: Jew of Malta (1633).

• **Raven**. Jovianus Pontanus relates two skirmishes between ravens and kites near Beneventum, which prognosticated a great battle. Nicetas speaks of a skirmish between crows and ravens as presaging the irruption of the Scythians into Thrace. He also tells us that his friend Mr. Draper, in the flower of his age and robust health, knew he was at the point of death because two ravens flew into his chamber. Cicero was forewarned of his death by the fluttering of ravens, and Macaulay relates the legend that a raven entered the chamber of the great orator the very day of his murder, and pulled the clothes off his bed. Like many other birds, ravens indicate by their cries the approach of foul weather, but "it is ful unfeleful to beleve that God sheweth His prey counsaile to crows, as Isidore sayth."

He has the foresight of a raven. A raven was accounted at one time a prophetic bird. (*See above.*)

"Of inspired birds ravens are accounted the most prophetic. Accordingly, in the language of that district, to have the foresight of a raven is to this day a proverbial expression."—*Macaulay: History of St. Aidan, p. 174.*

Ravens bode famine. When a flock of ravens forsake the woods we may look for famine and mortality, because "ravens bear the characters of Saturn, the author of those calamities, and have a very early perception of the bad disposition of that planet." (*See Athenian Oracle, Supplement, p. 476.*)

"As if the great god Jupiter had nothing else to do but to drive about jack-dawes and ravens."—*Carnarvon.*

Ravens were once as white as swans, and not inferior in size; but one day a raven told Apollo that Coro'nis, a Thessalian nymph whom he passionately loved, was faithless. The god shot the nymph with his dart; but, hating the tell-tale bird—

"He blacked the raven o'er,
And bid him prate in his white plumes no more."
Addison: Translation of Ovid, bk. II.

Ravens in Christian art. Emblems of God's Providence, in allusion to the ravens which fed Elijah. St. Oswald holds in his hand a raven with a ring in its mouth; St. Benedict has a raven at his feet; St. Paul the Hermit is drawn with a raven bringing him a loaf of bread, etc.

The fatal raven, consecrated to Odin, the Danish war-god, was the emblem on the Danish standard. This raven was said to be possessed of necromantic power. The standard was termed *Land-deyda* (the desolation of the country), and miraculous powers were attributed to it. The fatal raven was the device of Odin, god of war, and was said to have been woven and embroidered in one noontide by the daughters of Regner Loelbrok, son of Sigurd, that dauntless warrior who chanted his death-song (the *Krakamal*) while being stung to death in a horrible pit filled with deadly serpents. If the Danish arms were destined to defeat, the raven hung his wings; if victory was to attend them, he stood erect and soaring, as if inviting the warriors to follow.

"The Danish raven, lured by annual prey
Hung o'er the land incensant."
Thomson: Liberty, pt. IV.

The two ravens that sit on the shoulders of Odin are called Hugin and Muninn (*Mind and Memory*).

One raven will not pluck another's eyes out (German, "*Keine krähe huckt der anderen die augen aus*"). Friends will not "peach" friends; you are not to take for granted all that a friend says of a friend.

Ravenglass (Cumberland). A corruption of *Afon-glass* (Blue river).

Ra'venstone. The stone gibbet of Germany; so called from the ravens which are wont to perch on it. (German *raubenstein*.)

"Do you think
I'll honour you as much as save your throat
From the Ravenstone, by choking you myself?"
Byron: Waverley, ii. 2.

Ra'venswood (*Allan, Lord of*). A decayed Scotch nobleman of the Royalist party.

Master Edgar Ravenswood. His son, who falls in love with Lucy Ashton, daughter of Sir William Ashton, Lord-Keeper of Scotland. The lovers plight their troth at the Mermaid's Fountain, but Lucy is compelled to marry Frank Hayston, laird of Bucklaw. The bride, in a fit of insanity, attempts to murder the bridegroom and dies in convulsions. Bucklaw recovers, and goes abroad. Colonel Ashton, seeing Edgar at the funeral of Lucy, appoints a hostile meeting; and Edgar, on his way to the place appointed, is lost in the quicksands of Kelpies-flow. (*Sir Walter Scott: Bride of Lammermoor*.)

In Donizetti's opera of *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Bucklaw dies of the wound inflicted by the bride, and Edgar, heart-broken, comes on the stage and kills himself, that "his marriage with Lucy, forbidden on earth, may be consummated in heaven."

Raw. To touch one on the raw. To mention something that makes a person wince, like touching a horse on a raw place in cleaning him.

Raw Lobster (A). A policeman. Lobsters before they are boiled are a dark blue. A soldier dressed in scarlet is a lobster; a policeman, or sort of soldier, dressed in dark blue is a raw lobster. The name was given to the new force by the *Weekly Dispatch* newspaper, which tried to write it down.

Rawhead and Bloody-Bones. A bogie at one time the terror of children.

"Servants awe children and keep them in subjection by telling them of Rawhead and Bloody-bones."—*Locke*.

Raymond (in *Jerusalem Delivered*). Master of 4,000 infantry, Count of Toulouse, equal to Godfrey in the "wisdom of cool debate" (bk. iii.). This Nestor of the Crusaders slew Aladine, the king of Jerusalem, and planted the Christian standard upon the tower of David (bk. xx.).

Rayne or Raine (Essex). Go and say your prayers at Raine. The old church

of Raine, built in the time of Henry II., famous for its altar to the Virgin, and much frequented at one time by pregnant women, who went to implore the Virgin to give them safe deliverance.

Razed Shoes, referred to in *Hamlet*, are slashed shoes.

"Would not this, sir . . . with two Provencal roses on my razed shoes, get me a fellowship in a cry of players, sir?"—*Act iii. 2.*

Razee (*raz-za*). A ship of war cut down to a smaller size, as a seventy-four reduced to a frigate. (French, *reser*.)

Razor. *Heaving blocks with a razor.* Livy relates how Tarquinius Priscus, defying the power of Attus Navius, the augur, said to him, "Tell me, if you are so wise, whether I can do what I am now thinking about." "Yes," said Navius. "Ha! ha!" cried the king; "I was thinking whether I could cut in twain that whetstone with a razor." "Cut boldly!" answered the augur, and the king cleft it in twain at one blow.

Raz'zia. An incursion made by the military into an enemy's country, for the purpose of carrying off cattle or slaves, or for enforcing tribute. It is an Arabic word much employed in connection with Algerine affairs.

"War is a *raz'zia* rather than an art to the . . . merciless Persians."—*The Standard*.

Re (Latin). Respecting; in reference to; as, "*re* Brown," in reference to the case of Brown.

Reach of a river. The part which lies between two points or bends; so called because it *reaches* from point to point.

"When he drew near them he would turn from
Coch,
And loudly whistle till he passed the Reach."
Crabbe: Borough.

Read between the Lines. (*See under LINES.*)

Read or Read (*Simon*), alluded to by Ben Jonson in the *Alchemist*, i. 2, was Simon Read, of St. George's, Southwark, professor of physic. Rymer, in his *Fædera*, vol. xvi., says, "he was indicted for invoking evil spirits in order to find out the name of a person who, in 1608, stole £37 10s. from Tobias Mathews, of St. Mary Steyning's, London."

Reader. In the University of Oxford, one who reads lectures on scientific subjects. In the Inns of Court, one who reads lectures in law. In printing, one who reads and corrects the proof-sheets of any work before publication; a corrector of the press.

Ready (*The*). An elliptical expression for ready-money. Goldsmith says, "*As in presentis perfectum format*" ("Ready-money makes a man perfect"). (*Eton Latin Grammar*.)

"Lord Strut was not very flush in the 'ready.'"
—*Dr. Arbuthnot*.

Ready-to-Halt. A pilgrim that journeyed to the Celestial city on crutches. He joined the party under the charge of Mr. Groatheart, but "when he was sent for" he threw away his crutches, and, lo! a chariot bore him into Paradise. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, part ii.)

Real Jam. Prime stuff, a real treat, something delightful. Of course, the allusion is to jam given to children for a treat.

"There must have been a charming climate in Paradise," and [the] cannibal bias [there] . . . was real jam."—*Sam Slick: Human Nature*.

Real Presence. The doctrine that Christ Himself is really and substantially present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist after consecration.

Rear-mouse or Rere-mouse. The bat. (Anglo-Saxon *hrere-mus*, the fluttering-mouse; verb, *hrere-an*, to flutter.) Of course, the "but" is not a winged mouse.

Reason. *The Goddess of Reason*, November 10th, 1793. Mlle. Candeille, of the Opéra, was one of the earliest of these goddesses, but Mme. Momoro, wife of the printer, the Goddess of Liberty, was the most celebrated. On November 10th a festival was held in Notre Dame de Paris in honour of Reason and Liberty, when women represented these "goddesses." Mlle. Candeille wore a red Phrygian cap, a white frock, a blue mantle, and tricolour ribbons. Her head was filleted with oak-leaves, and in her hand she carried the pike of Jupiter-Peuple. In the cathedral a sort of temple was erected on a mound, and in this "Temple of Philosophy" Mlle. Candeille was installed. Young girls crowned with oak-leaves were her attendants, and sang hymns in her honour. Similar installations were repeated at Lyons and other places. (*See LIBERTY, Goddess of*.)

Mlle. Maillard, the actress, is mentioned by Lamartine as one of these goddesses, but played the part much against her will.

Mlle. Aubray was another Goddess of Reason.

Rebecca. Daughter of Isaac the Jew, in love with Ivanhoe. Rebecca, with her father and Ivanhoe, being taken prisoners, are confined in Front de Boeuf's

castle. Rebecca is taken to the turreted chamber and left with the old sibyl there; but when Brian de Bois Guilbert comes and offers her insult she spurns him with heroic disdain, and, rushing to the verge of the battlements, threatens to throw herself over if he touches her. Ivanhoe, who was suffering from wounds received in a tournament, is nursed by Rebecca. Being again taken prisoner, the Grand Master commands the Jewish maiden to be tried for sorcery, and she demands a trial by combat. The demand is granted, when Brian de Bois Guilbert is appointed as the champion against her; and Ivanhoe undertakes her defence, slays Brian, and Rebecca is set free. To the general disappointment of novel-readers, after all this excitement Ivanhoe tamely marries the lady Rowena, a "vapid piece of still life." Rebecca pays the newly-married pair a wedding visit, and then goes abroad with her father to get out of the way. (*Sir Walter Scott: Ivanhoe*.)

Rebecca's (4 syl.). Certain Welsh rioters in 1813, whose object was to demolish turnpike gates. The name was taken from Rebekah, the bride of Isaac. When she left her father's house, Isaac and his family "blessed her," and said, "Let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them" (Gen. xxi. 60).

Rebellion (*The*). The revolts in behalf of the House of Stuart in 1715 and 1745; the former in behalf of the Chevalier de St. George, son of James II., called the Old Pretender, and the latter in favour of Charles Edward, usually termed the Young Pretender.

The Great Rebellion. The revolt of the Long Parliament against Charles I. (1642-1646.)

The Great Irish Rebellion, 1789. It was caused by the creation of numerous Irish societies hostile to England, especially that called "The United Irishmen." There have been eight or nine other rebellions. In 1365 the Irish applied to France for soldiers; in 1597 they offered the crown of Ireland to Spain; in 1796 they concluded a treaty with the French Directory.

Rebus (Latin, *with things*). A hieroglyphic riddle, "*non verbis sed rebus*." The origin of the word and custom is this: The basochiens of Paris, during the carnival, used to satirise the current follies of the day in squibs called *De rebus quæ geruntur* (on the current events). That these squibs might not be accounted libellous, they employed hieroglyphics either wholly or in part.

Reception (*To get a*), in theatrical language means to be welcomed with applause from the front, when you make your first appearance for the night. This signifies that the audience recognises your established reputation.

Re'chabites (3 syl.). A religious sect founded by Jonadab, son of Rechab, who enjoined his family to abstain from wine and to dwell in tents. (Jer. xxxv. 6, 7.)

Receipt is a direction for compounding or mixing together certain ingredients to make something required. It also means a written discharge to a debtor for the payment of a debt.

Recipe (3 syl.), **Receipt**. Recipe is Latin for *take*, and contracted into R is used in doctor's prescriptions. The dash through the R is an abbreviated form of J, the symbol of Jupiter, and R means *Recipe, deo volente*.

Reck his own Rede (*To*). Give heed to his own counsel. (Old English, *Rec[an]*, to heed; *Red*, counsel, advice.)

Reckon (1). A peculiar phraseology common in the Southern States of America. Those in New England say, "I guess." (See CALCULATE.)

Reckoning without your Host. To guess what your expenses at an hotel will be before the bill has been delivered; to enter upon an enterprise without knowing the cost.

"We thought that now our troubles were over; ... but we reckoned without our host."—*Macmillan's Magazine*, 1887.

Recla'im (2 syl.). To turn from evil ways. This is a term in falconry, and means to *call back* the hawk to the wrist. This was done when it was unruly, that it might be smoothed and tamed. (Latin, *re-clamo*.)

Recorded. *Death recorded* means that the sentence of death is *recorded* or written by the recorder against the criminal, but not verbally pronounced by the judge. This is done when capital punishment is likely to be remitted. It is the verbal sentence of the judge that is the only sufficient warrant of an execution. The sovereign is now not consulted about any capital punishment.

Ree'reant is one who cries out (French, *récrier*); alluding to the judicial combats, when the person who wished to give in cried for mercy, and was held a coward and infamous. (See CRAVEN.)

Rector. (See CLERICAL TITLES.)

Reculer pour Mieux Sauter. To run back in order to give a better jump forwards; to give way a little in order to take up a stronger position.

"Where the empire sets its foot, it cannot withdraw without much loss of credit, whereas *reculer pour mieux sauter* must often be the most effective action in that tide of European civilisation, which is slowly, but surely, advancing into the heart of the Dark Continent."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1892, p. 900.

Recul'ver. The antiquities of this place are fully described in *Antiquitates Rutupinæ*, by Dr. Battley (1711). It was a Roman fort in the time of Claudius.

Red. The colour of magic.

"Red is the colour of magic in every country, and has been so from the very earliest times. The caps of fairies and musicians are well-nigh always red."—*Fætes: Fairy and Folk Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 61.

Red applied to gold. Hence a gold watch is a "red kettle."

"Thou shew'st an honest nature; weep'st for thy master;
There's a red rogue to buy the handkerchief."
Beaumont and Fletcher: *Mad Lover*, v. 1.

Red Basque Cap. The cognisance of Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne.

Red Book. The book which gave account of the court expenditure in France before the Revolution was so called because its covers were red. We have also a "Red Book" in manuscript, containing the names of all those who held lands *per baroniam* in the reign of Henry II., with other matters pertaining to the nation before the Conquest. (Ryley, 667.)

Red Book of the Exchequer (*The*). *Liber Rubens Scaccarii* in the Record Office. It was compiled in the reign of Henry III. (1246), and contains the returns of the tenants *in capite* in 1166, who certify how many knights' fees they hold, and the names of those who hold or held them, also much other matter from the Pipe Rolls and other sources. It has not, yet (1895) been printed, but is described in *Sims' Manual* (p. 41), *Thomas's Handbook* (p. 255), and in the *Record Report* of 1837 (pp. 166-177). A separate account of it was printed by Hunter in 1837. It contains the only known fragment of the Pipe Roll of Henry II., and copies of the important Inquisition returned into the exchequer in 13 John. It is not written in red ink. (Communicated by A. Oldham.)

Red Boots. A pair of red boots. A Tartar phrase, referring to a custom

of cutting the skin of a victim round the upper part of the ankles, and then stripping it off at the feet. A Tartar will say, "When you come my way again, I will give you a pair of red boots to go home in."

Red-breasts. Bow Street runners, who wore a scarlet waistcoat.

"The Bow Street runners ceased out of the land soon after the introduction of the new police. I remember them very well as standing about the door of the office in Bow Street. They had no other uniform than a blue dress-coat, brass buttons . . . and a bright red cloth waistcoat. . . . The slang name for them was 'Red-breasts.'"—*Dickens: Letters*, vol. ii. p. 178.

Red Button (A). A mandarin of the first class, whose badge of honour is a red button in his cap.

"An interview was granted to the admiral [Kiloh] by Kishen, the Imperial commissioner, the third man in the empire, a mandarin of first class and red button."—*Howitt: History of England*, 1811, p. 171.

Red Cap (Mother). An old nurse "at the Hungerford Stairs." Dame Ursley or Ursula, another nurse, says of her rival—

"She may do very well for skipper's wives, chandler's daughters, and such like, but nobody shall wait on pretty Mistress Margaret . . . excepting and saving myself."—*Sir Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel*.

Red Coats in fox-hunting (or scarlet) is a badge of royal livery, fox-hunting being ordained by Henry II. a royal sport.

Red Cock. *The red cock will crow in his house.* His house will be set on fire.

"We'll see if the red cock crow not in his bonnie barn-yard so morning." "What does she mean?" said Nanerkin. . . . "Fire-raising," answered the . . . dommie."—*Sir Walter Scott: Guy Mannering*, chap. iii.

Red Com'yn. Sir John Comyn of Badenoch, son of Marjory, sister of King John Balliol; so called from his ruddy complexion and red hair, to distinguish him from his kinsman "Black Comyn," whose complexion was swarthy and hair black. He was stabbed by Sir Robert Bruce in the church of the Minorites at Dumfries, and afterwards dispatched by Lindesay and Kirkpatrick.

Red Cross (The). The badge of the royal banner of England till those of St. Patrick and St. Andrew were added.

"The fall of Rouen (1419) was the fall of the whole province . . . and the red cross of England waved on all the towers of Normandy."—*Howitt: History of England*, vol. i. p. 515.

Red Cross Knight, in Spenser's *Fairie Queene*, is the impersonation of holiness, or rather the spirit of Christianity. Politically he typifies the Church of England. The knight is sent forth by the queen to slay a dragon

which ravaged the kingdom of Una's father. Having achieved this feat, he marries Una (*q.v.*). (Book i.)

Red Feathers (The). The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. They cut to pieces General Wayne's brigade in the American War, and the Americans vowed to give them no quarter. So they mounted red feathers that no others might be subjected to this threat. They still wear red puggarees on Indian service. (*See LACEDÆMONIANS.*)

Red Flag (A). (i) In the *Roman* empire it signified war and a call to arms.

(ii) Hoisted by *British* seamen, it indicates that no concession will be made.

As a railway signal, it intimates danger, and warns the engine-driver to stop.

(iii) In *France*, since 1791, it has been the symbol of insurrection and terrorism.

(iv) It is a synonym of Radicalism and Anarchy.

"Mr. Chamberlain sticks to the red flag, and apparently believes in its ultimate success."—*Newspaper paragraph*, January, 1906.

Red Hand of Ulster. In an ancient expedition to Ireland, it was given out that whoever first touched the shore should possess the territory which he touched; O'Neill, seeing another boat likely to outstrip his own, cut off his left hand and threw it on the coast. From this O'Neill the princes of Ulster were descended, and the motto of the O'Neills is to this day "*Lámh dearg Éirinn*" (red hand of Erin). (*See HAND.*)

Red-handed. In the very act; with red blood still on his hand.

"I had some trouble to save him from the fury of those who had caught him red-handed."—*The Times* (a correspondent).

Red Hat (The). The cardinalate.

"David Beaton was born of good family . . . and was raised to a red hat by Pope Paul III."—*Prince: Parallel History*, vol. ii. p. 81.

Red Heads. (*See SCHITES.*)

Red Herring (The) of a novel is a hint or statement in the early part of the story to put the reader on the wrong scent. In all detective stories a red herring is trailed across the scent. The allusion is to trailing a red herring on the ground to destroy the scent and set the dogs at fault. A "red herring" is a herring dried and smoked.

Red Herring. *Drawing a red herring across the path.* Trying to divert attention from the main question by some side-issue. A red herring drawn across a fox's path destroys the scent and sets the dogs at fault.

Neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring.
Something insipid and not good eating.
Neither one thing nor another.

Red Indians (of Newfoundland). So called because they daub their skin, garments, canoes, weapons, and almost everything with red ochre.

"Whether it is merely a custom, or whether they daub their skin with red ochre to protect it from the attacks of mosquitos and black-flies, which swarm by myriads in the woods and wilds during the summer, it is not possible to say."—*Lady Blake: Nineteenth Century*, Dec. 1888, p. 96.

Red Kettle (*A*). Properly a gold watch, but applied, in thieves' slang, to any watch.

(Gold is often called red, hence "red ruddocks" (gold coin).

Red-laced Jacket. Giving a man a red-laced jacket. Military slang for giving a soldier a flogging.

Red Land (*The*). The jurisdiction over which the Vehmgericht of Westphalia extended.

Red-lattice Phrases. Pot-house talk. Red-lattice at the doors and windows was formerly the sign that an ale-house was duly licensed; hence our *chequers*. In some cases "lattice" has been converted into *lettuce*, and the colour of the alternate checks changed to green: such a sign used to be in Brownlow Street, Holborn. Sometimes, without doubt, the sign had another meaning, and announced that "tables" were played within; hence Gayton, in his *Notes on Don Quixote* (p. 310), in speaking of our public-house signs, refers to our notices of "billiards, kettle-noddy-boards, tables, trunks, shovel-boards, fox-and-geese, and the like." It is quite certain that shops with the sign of the chequers were not uncommon among the Romans. (See a view of the left-hand street of Pompeii, presented by Sir William Hamilton to the Society of Antiquaries.) (See LATTICE.)

"I, I myself sometimes, leaving the fear of heaven on the left hand, . . . am fain to shuffle, to hedge and to lurch; and yet you, to me, will encourage your rage . . . your red-lattice phrases . . . under the shelter of your honour."—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, II. 2.

Red Laws (*The*). The civil code of ancient Rome. Juvenal says, "*Per lege rubras majoram leges*" (*Satires*, xiv. 193). The civil laws, being written in vermillion, were called *rubrica*, and *rubrica ritavit* means, it is forbidden by the civil laws.

The praetor's laws were inscribed in white letters as "Juntilian informs us" (xii. 8 "*praetoris edicta in albo proponerentur*"), and imperial rescripts were written in purple.

Red-letter Day. A lucky day; a day to be recalled with delight. In almanacks, saints' days and holidays are printed in red ink, other days in black.

"That day, . . . writes the doctor, was truly a red-letter day to me."—*Wauters: Stanley's Emu Expedition*, chap. vi. p. 111.

Red Man. The French say that a red man commands the elements, and wrecks off the coast of Brittany those whom he dooms to death. The legend affirms that he appeared to Napoleon and foretold his downfall.

Red Men. W. Hepworth Dixon tells us that the Mormons regard the Red Indians as a branch of the Hebrew race, who lost their priesthood, and with it their colour, intelligence, and physiognomy, through disobedience. In time the wild-olive branch will be restored, become white in colour, and will act as a nation of priests. (*New America*, i. 15.)

Red Rag (*The*). The tongue. In French, *Le chiffon rouge*; and *balancer le chiffon rouge* means to prate.

"Discovering in his mouth a tongue,

He must not his palaver talk;

So keep it running all day long,

And fancy his red rag can talk."

Peter Pinder: Lord B. and his Motions.

Red Republicans. Those extreme republicans of France who scruple not to dye their hands in blood in order to accomplish their political object. They used to wear a red cap. (See CARMAGNOLE.)

Red Rose Knight (*The*). Tom Thumb or Tom-a-lin. Richard Johnson, in 1597, published a "history of this ever-renowned soldier, the Red Rose Knight, surnamed the Boast of England. . . ."

Red Rot (*The*). The Sun-dew (*g.r.*); so called because it occasions the rot in sheep.

Red Sea. The sea of the Red Man—i.e. Edom. Also called the "sedgy sea," because of the sea-wood which collects there.

Red-shanks. A Highlander; so called from a buskin formerly worn by them; it was made of undressed deer's hide, with the red hair outside.

Red Snow and *Gory Dew*. The latter is a slimy damp-like blood which appears on walls. Both are due to the presence of the algæ called by botanists *Palnella cruenta* and *Hæmatococcus sanguineus*, which are of the lowest forms of vegetable life.

Red Tape. Official formality; so called because lawyers and government officials tie their papers together with red tape. Charles Dickens introduced the phrase.

"The c is a good deal of red tape at Scotland Yard, as anyone may find to his cost who has any business to transact there."—*W. Terrell: Lady Delmar*, bk. III, 2.

Red Tape. Dressing Edward VI.

"First a shirt was taken up by the Chief Equerry-in-Waiting, who passed it to the First Lord of the Back-bounds, who passed it to the Second Gentleman of the Bedchamber, who passed it to the Head Ranger of Windsor Forest, who passed it to the Third Groom of the Stole, who passed it to the Chancellor Royal of the Duchy of Lancashire, who passed it to the Master of the Wardrobe, who passed it to the Knight King-of-Arms, who passed it to the Constable of the Tower, who passed it to the Chief Steward of the Household, who passed it to the Hereditary Grand Diaperer, who passed it to the Lord High Admiral of England, who passed it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who passed it to the First Lord of the Bedchamber, who put it on the young king."

Mark Twain: The Prince and the Pauper, p. 143.

Red Tapisim. The following is from *Truth*, Feb. 16th, 1887, p. 207:—"There was an escape of gas at Cambridge Barracks, and this is the way of proceeding: The escape was discovered by a private, who reported it to his corporal; the corporal reported it to the colour-sergeant, and the colour-sergeant to the quartermaster-sergeant. The quartermaster-sergeant had to report it to the quartermaster, and the quartermaster to the colonel commanding the regiment. The colonel had to report it to the commissariat officer in charge of the barracks, and the commissariat officer to the barrack-sergeant, who had to report it to the divisional officer of engineers. This officer had to report it to the district officer of engineers, and he to the clerk of works, Royal Engineers, who sends for a gasman to see if there is an escape, and report back again. While the reporting is going on the barracks are burnt down."

Red Tincture. That preparation which the alchemists thought would convert any baser metal into gold. It is sometimes called the Philosopher's Stone, the Great Elixir, and the Great Magisterium. (See WHITE TINCTURE.)

Redan'. The simplest of fieldworks, and very quickly constructed. It consists simply of two faces and an angle

formed thus A, the angle being towards the object of attack. A corruption of *redens*. (Latin.)

Redder (The). The adviser, the person who reds or interferes. Thus the proverb, "The redder gets aye the warst lack of the fray."

"Those that in quarrels interpose
Must wipe themselves a bloody nose."

Redding-stralk (A). A blow received by a peacemaker, who interferes between two combatants to red or separate them; proverbially, the severest blow a man can receive.

"Said I not to ye, 'Make not, meddle not'; beware of the redding-stralk?"—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering*, chap. xxvii.

Redgauntlet. The sobriquet of Fitz-Aldin, given him from the great slaughter which he made of the Southron, and his reluctance to admit them to quarter. The sobriquet was adopted by him as a surname, and transmitted to his posterity. A novel by Sir W. Scott. (See chap. viii.)

Redgauntlet. A novel told in a series of letters by Sir Walter Scott. Sir Edward Hugh Redgauntlet, a Jacobite conspirator in favour of the Young Pretender, Charles Edward, is the hero. When George III. was crowned he persuaded his niece, Lillias Redgauntlet, to pick up the glove thrown down by the king's champion. The plot ripened, but when the prince positively refused to dismiss his mistress, Miss Walkinshaw—a *sine qua non* with the conspirators—the whole enterprise was given up. General Campbell arrived with the military, the prince left Scotland, Redgauntlet, who embarked with him, became a prior abroad, and Lillias, his niece, married her brother's friend, Allan Fairford, a young advocate.

Redgauntlet (Sir Aberick). An ancestor of the family so called.

Sir Edward. Son of Sir Aberick, killed by his father's horse.

Sir Robert. An old Tory in *Wandering Willie's Tale*. He has a favourite monkey called "Major Weir." **Sir John.** son and successor of Sir Robert. **Sir Redwald.** son of Sir John.

Sir Henry Darsie. Son of Sir Redwald. **Lady Henry Darsie.** wife of Sir Henry Darsie. **Sir Arthur Darsie** alias **Darsie Latimer**, son of Sir Henry and the above lady. **Miss Lillias** alias **Greenmantle**, sister of Sir Arthur; she marries Allan Fairford.

Sir Edward Hugh. A political enthusiast and Jacobite conspirator, uncle of

Sir Arthur Darsio. He appears as "Laird of the Lochs," "Mr. Herries, of Birrenswark," and "Mr. Ingoldshy." "When he frowned, the puckers of his brow formed a horseshoe, the special mark of his race." (*Sir Walter Scott: Redgauntlet.*)

Redlaw (*Mr.*). The haunted man, professor of chemistry in an ancient college. Being haunted, he bargained with his spectre to leave him, and the condition imposed was that Redlaw (go where he would) should give again "the gift of forgetfulness" bestowed by the spectre. From this moment the chemist carried in his touch the infection of sullenness, selfishness, discontent, and ingratitude. On Christmas Day the infection ceased, and all those who had suffered by it were restored to love and gratitude. (*Dickens: The Haunted Man.*)

Redmain. Magnus, Earl of Northumberland, was so called not from his red or bloody hand, but on account of his long red beard or mane. He was slain in the battle of Sark (1449).

"He was remarkable for his long red beard, and was therefore called by the English Magnus Redbeard; but the Scotch in derision called him 'Magnus with the Red Mane.'—*Godscroft*, fol. 174.

Redmond O'Neale. Rokeby's page, who is beloved by Rokeby's daughter Matilda. Redmond turns out to be Northam's son and heir, and marries Matilda. (*Sir Walter Scott: Rokeby.*)

Reductio ad Absurdum. A proof of inference arising from the demonstration that every other hypothesis involves an absurdity. Thus, suppose I want to prove that the direct road from two given places is the shortest, I should say, "It must either be the shortest or not the shortest. If not the shortest, then some other road is the direct road; but there cannot be two shortest roads, therefore the direct road must be the shortest."

Reduplicated or Rlocochef Words, of intensifying force. Chit-chat, click-clack, clitter-clatter, dilly-dally, ding-dong, drip-drop, fal-lal, flim-flam, fiddle-faddle, flip-flop, flify-fluffy, flippity-floppity, handy-pandy, harum-scurum, helter-skelter, heyve-keyve (*Hallivell*), hibbley-hobbley, higgledy-piggledy, hob-nob, hodge-podge, hoity-toity, hurly-burly, mish-mash, mixy-maxy (*Brockett*), namby-pamby, niddy-noddy, niminy-piminy, noxy-posy, pell-mell, pit-pat, pitter-patter, randem-tandem, riddy-dandy, riddle-rabble, riff-raff, roly-poly, rusty-fusty-crusty, see-saw,

shilly-shally, slip-slop, slish-slosh, snick-snack, spitter-spatter, splitter-splutter, squish-squash, teeny-tiny, tick-tack, tilly-valley, tiny-totty, tip-top, tittle-tattle, toe-toes, wee-wee, wiggle-waggle, widdly-waddy (*Hallivell*), widdle-waddle, wibble-wobble, wish-wash, wishy-washy; besides a host of rhyming synonyms, as bawling-squawling, mewling-pewling, whisky-frisky, musty-fusty, gawky-pawky, sloppy-sloppy, rosy-posy, right and tight, wear and tear, *high* and *mighty*, etc.; and many more with the Anglo-Saxon letter-rhyme, as *safe* and *sound*, *jog-trot*, etc.

Ree. Right. Thus teamers say to a leading horse, "Ree!" when they want it to turn to the right, and "Hey!" for the contrary direction. (Saxon, *reht*; German, *recht*; Latin, *rectus*; various English dialects, *reet*, whence *rectle*, "to put to rights.")

"Who with a hey and ree the beasts command"
Micro-Cynicon (1399).

Riddle me, riddle me ree. Expound my riddle rightly.

Reed. *A broken reed.* Something not to be trusted for support. Egypt is called a broken reed, to which Hezekiah could not trust if the Assyrians made war on Jerusalem, "which broken reed if a man leans on, it will go into his hand and pierce it." Reed walking sticks are referred to.

A bruised reed, in Bible language, means a believer weak in grace. A bruised reed [God] will not break.

Reed Shaken by the Wind (*A*), in Bible language, means a person blown about by every wind of doctrine. John the Baptist (said Christ) was not a "reed shaken by the wind," but from the very first had a firm belief in the Messiahship of the Son of Mary, and this conviction was not shaken by fear or favour.

Reef. *He must take in a reef or so.* He must reduce his expenses; he must retrench. A reef is that part of a sail which is between two rows of eyelet-holes. The object of these eyelet-holes is to reduce the sail reef by reef as it is required.

Reekie (*And*). Chambers says: "An old patriarchal laird (Durham of Largo) was in the habit of regulating the time of evening worship by the appearance of the smoke of Edinburgh. . . . When it increased in density, in consequence of the good folk preparing supper, he would . . . say, 'It is time noo, bairns, to tak the buiks and gang

to our beds, for yonder's auld Reekie, I see, putting on her night-cap."

"Yonder is auld Reekie. You may see the smoke-brover over her at twenty miles' distance."
— *W. Scott: The Abbot*, xvii.

Reel. *Right off the reel.* Without intermission. A reel is a device for winding rope. A reel of cotton is a certain quantity wound on a bobbin. (Anglo-Saxon *reōl*.)

"We've been travelling best part of twenty-four hours right off the reel." — *Bulwer-Lytton: Robbery under Arms*, chap. xxvi.

Reel. A Scotch dance. (Gaelic, *right*.)

Reeves Tale. Thomas Wright says that this tale occurs frequently in the jest- and story-books of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Boccaccio has given it in the *Decameron*, evidently from a fabliau, which has been printed in Barbazan under the title of *De Gombert et des Deux Clercs*. Chaucer took the story from another fabliau, which Wright has given in his *Anecdota Literaria*, p. 15.

Refresh'or. A fee paid to a barrister daily in addition to his retaining fee, to remind him of the case intrusted to his charge.

Refreshments of public men, etc.

BRABHAM's favourite refreshment was bottled porter.

BYRON almost lived on uncanny foods, such as garlic pottage, raw artichokes and vinegar, broths of bitter herbs, stuff on biscuits, eggs and lemons.

CATALANI's favourite refreshment was sweetbreads.

CONTRAITO SINGERS can indulge even in pork and pease-pudding.

COOK (*G. F.*) indulged in everything drinkable.

DISRAELI (Lord Beaconsfield), champagne.

EMERY, cold brandy and water.

GLADSTONE, an egg beaten up in sherry.

HENDERSON, gum arabic and sherry.

INCLEDON (*Mrs.*), Madeira.

JORDAN (*Mrs.*), Calves'-foot jelly dissolved in warm sherry.

KEAN (*Edmund*), beef-tea for breakfast; brandy neat.

KEMBLE (*both John and Charles*), rump-steaks and kidneys. John indulged in opium.

LEWIS, oysters and mulled wine.

MALIBRAN, a dozen native oysters and a pint of half-and-half.

SIDDONS (*Mrs.*), mutton-chops, either neck or clump, and porter.

SMITH (*William*), coffee.

SOPRANOS eschew much butcher's meat, which baritonea may indulge in.

TENORS rarely indulge in beef-steaks and sirloins.

WOOD (*Mrs.*), draught porter.

Regale (2 syl.). To entertain like a king. (Latin, *regulus*, like a king, kingly.)

Re'gan and Gon'eril. Two of the daughters of King Lear, and types of unfilial daughters. (*Shakespeare: King Lear*.)

Regatta (*Italian*). Originally applied to the contests of the gondoliers at Venice.

Regent (*The*). (See SHIPS.)

Regent's Park (London). This park was originally attached to a palace of Queen Elizabeth, but at the beginning of the seventeenth century much of the land was let on long leases, which fell in early in the nineteenth century. The present park was formed under the direction of Mr. Nash, and received its name in compliment to George IV., then Prince Regent.

Regime de la Calotte. Administration of government by ecclesiastics. The *calotte* is the small skull-cap worn over the tonsure.

Regiment de la Calotte. A society of witty and satirical men in the reign of Louis XIV. When any public character made himself ridiculous, a calotte was sent to him to "cover the bald or brainless part of his noddle." (See *above*.)

Regina (*St.*), the virgin martyr, is depicted with lighted torches held to her sides, as she stands fast bound to the cross on which she suffered martyrdom.

Regiomonta'nus. The Latin equivalent of *Königsberger*. The name adopted by Johann Müller, the mathematician. (1436-1476.)

Regium Donum (Latin). An annual grant of public money to the Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist ministers of Ireland. It began in 1672, and was commuted in 1869.

Regius Professor. One who holds in an English university a professorship founded by Henry VIII. Each of the five Regius Professors of Cambridge receives a royally-endowed stipend of about £40. In the universities of Scotland they are appointed by the Crown. The present stipend is about £400 or £500.

Regulars (*The*). All the British troops except the militia, the yeomanry, and the volunteers. There are no irregulars in the British army, but such a force exists among the black troops.

Rehoboam (*A*). A clerical hat.

"He [Mr. Holston] was short of stature (and wore) a rehoboam, or shovel hat, which he did not . . . remove."—*"Currier Bell"*: Shirley, chap. I.

Rehoboam. A *rehoboam* of claret or rum is a double jeroboam. (2 Chr. xiii, 3.)

1 rehoboam = 2 jeroboams or 32 pints.
1 jeroboam = 2 1/2 pints or 16 pints.
1 tappet-hen = 2 magnum or 8 pints.
1 magnum = 2 quarts or 4 pints.

Reign of Terror. The period in the French Revolution between the fall of the Girondists and overthrow of Robespierre. It lasted 420 days, from May 31st, 1793, to July 27th, 1794.

Reinkennar (*A*). A sorceress, a pythoness; one skilled in numbers. Sorcery and Chaldean numbers are synonymous terms. The Anglo-Saxon *rim-stafas* means charms or conjuration, and the Norse *rim-kennar* means one skilled in numbers or charms. Norma of the Fitful Head was a Reinkennar, "a controller of the elements."

Reins. To give the reins. To let go unrestrained; to give licence.

To take the reins. To assume the guidance or direction.

Reins (*The*). The kidneys, supposed by the Hebrews and others to be the seat of knowledge, pleasure, and pain. The Psalmist says (xvi, 7), "My reins instruct me in the night season," i.e. my kidneys, the seat of knowledge, instruct me how to trust in God. Solomon says (Prov. xxiii, 16), "My reins shall rejoice when [men] speak right things," i.e. truth excites joy from my kidneys; and Jeremiah says (Lam. iii, 13), God "caused His arrows to enter into my reins," i.e. sent pain into my kidneys. (Latin, *ren*, a kidney.)

Reidresal. Principal secretary for private affairs in the court of Lilliput, and great friend of Gulliver. When it was proposed to put the Man-Mountain to death for high treason, Reidresal moved as an amendment, that the "traitor should have both his eyes put out, and be suffered to live that he might serve the nation." (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels; Voyage to Lilliput.*)

Relics. A writer in the *Twentieth Century* (1892, article *ROME*) says: "Some of the most astounding relics are

officially shown in Rome, and publicly adored by the highest dignitaries of the Christian Church, with all the magnificence of ecclesiastical pomp and ritual." The following are mentioned:—

A BOTTLE OF THE VIRGIN'S MILK.
THE CRADLE AND SWADDLING CLOTHES of the infant Jesus.
THE CROSS OF THE PENITENT THIEF.
THE CROWN OF THORNS.
THE FINGER OF THOMAS, with which he touched the wound in the side of Jesus.
HAIR OF THE VIRGIN MARY.
THE HANDKERCHIEF OF ST. VERONICA, on which the face of Jesus was miraculously pictured.
HAY OF THE MANGER in which the infant Jesus was laid.
HEADS OF PETER, PAUL, AND MATTHEW.
THE INSULATION set over the cross by the order of Pilate.
NAILS used at the crucifixion.
PIECE OF THE CLOTH OF the Virgin Mary.
THE SILVER MONEY given to Judas by the Jewish priests, which he threw into the Temple, and was expended in buying the potters' field as a cemetery for strangers.
THE TABLE on which the soldiers cast lots for the coat of Jesus.

Brady mentions many others, some of which are actually impossibilities, as, for example, a rib of the *Verbum caro factum*, a vial of the sweat of St. Michael when he contended with Satan, some of the rays of the star which guided the wise men. (See *Clavis Calendaria*, p. 240.)

Relief (*The*). In fortification, the general height to which the defensive masses of earth are raised. The directions in which the masses are laid out are called the *tracings*.

Rem Acu. You have hit the mark; you have hit the nail on the head. *Rem acu tetigit* (Plautus). A phrase in archery, meaning, You have hit the white, or the bull's-eye.

"It has been once again," said Sir Pierre.—*The Monastery*, chap. xvi.

Remember. The last injunction of Charles I., on the scaffold, to Bishop Juxon. A probable solution of this mysterious word is given in *Notes and Queries* (February 24th, 1894, p. 111). The substance is this: Charles, who was really at heart a Catholic, felt persuaded that his misfortunes were a divine visitation on him for retaining the church property confiscated by Henry VIII., and made a vow that if God would restore him to the throne, he would restore this property to the Church. This vow may be seen in the British Museum. His injunction to the bishop was to remember this vow, and enjoin his son Charles to carry it out. Charles II., however, wanted all the money he could get, and therefore the church lands were never restored.

Remig'us (*St.*). Remy, bishop and confessor, is represented as carrying a vessel of holy oil, or in the act of anointing therewith Clovis, who kneels before him. When Clovis presented himself for baptism, Remy said to him, "Sigambrian, henceforward burn what thou hast worshipped, and worship what thou hast burned." (438-533.)

Remis atque Vellis (Latin). With oars and sails. Tooth and nail; with all despatch.

"We were going *remis atque velis* into the interests of the Pretender, since a Scot had presented a Jacobite at court."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet* (conclusion).

Renaissance (French). A term applied in the arts to that peculiar style of decoration revived by Raphael, and which resulted from ancient paintings exhumed in the pontificate of Leo X. (16th century). The French Renaissance is a Gothic skeleton with classic details.

Renaissance Period (*The*). That period in French history which began with the Italian wars in the reign of Charles VIII. and closed with the reign of Henri II. It was the intercourse with Italy, brought about by the Italian war (1494-1557), which "regenerated" the arts and sciences in France; but as everything was Italianised—the language, dress, architecture, poetry, prose, food, manners, etc.—it was a period of great false taste and national deformity.

Renard. *Une queue de renard*. A mockery. At one time a common practical joke was to fasten a fox's tail behind a person against whom a laugh was designed. "Panurge never refrained from attaching a fox's tail or the ears of a leveret, behind a Master of Arts or Doctor of Divinity, whenever he encountered them."—*Rabelais: Gargantua*, ii. 16. (See REYNARD.)

"C'est une petite vipère
Qui n'épargne ni son père,
Et qui par nature au parait
Sait couper la queue au renard."
Banquet: Le Embarras de la Foire.

Renarder (French). To vomit, especially after too freely indulging in intoxicating drinks. Our word *fox* means also to be tipsy.

"Il lui vint la nausée,
Quand l'autre lui renarda aux yeux.
Le traître qu'il venoit de haïre
Pour se le rendre à qui mieux vint."
Œuvre de St. Amant: Chambre de Debauché.

Rena'ta. Renée, daughter of Louis XII. and Anne of Bretagne, married Hercules, second son of Lucrotia Borgia and Alphonso.

Renaud. French form of Rinaldo (*q.v.*).

Renault of Montauban. In the last chapter of the romance of *Aymon's Four Sons*, Renault, as an act of penance, carries the hods of mortar for the building of St. Peter's, at Cologne.

"Since I cannot improve our architecture, . . . I am resolved to do like Renault of Montauban, and I will wait on the mason. . . . As it was not in my good luck to be cut out for one of them, I will live, and be the admirer of their divine writings."—*Rabelais: Prologue to Book V. of Pantagruel*.

Rendezvous. The place to which you are to repair, a meeting, a place of muster or call. Also used as a verb. (French, *rendez*, betake; *vous*, yourself.)

His house is a grand rendezvous of the *élite* of Paris.
The Imperial Guard was ordered to rendezvous in the Champs de Mars.

René (2 syl.). *Le bon Roi René*. Son of Louis II., Duc d'Anjou, Comte de Provence, father of Margaret of Anjou. The last minstrel monarch, just, joyous, and debonaire; a friend to chase and tilt, but still more so to poetry and music. He gave in largesses to knights-errant and minstrels (so says Thielault) more than he received in revenue. (1408-1480.)

"Studying to promote, as far as possible, the immediate mirth and good humour of his subjects . . . he was never mentioned by them excepting as *Le bon Roi René*, a distinction . . . due to him certainly by the qualities of his heart, if not by those of his head."—*Sir Walter Scott: Anna of Great Britain*, chap. xxix.

René Loblane. Notary-public of Grand Pré (Nova Scotia), the father of twenty children and 150 grandchildren. (*Longfellow: Evangeline*.)

Rep'artee' properly means a smart return blow in fencing. (French, *re-partir*, to return a blow.)

Repenter Curls. The long ringlets of a lady's hair. *Repentir* is the French for a penitentiary, and *les repentirs* are the girls sent there for reformation. *Repentir*, therefore, is a Lock Hospital of Magdalen. Now, Mary Magdalen is represented to have had such long hair that she wiped off her tears therewith from the feet of Jesus. Hence, Magdalen curls would mean the long hair of a Mary Magdalen made into ringlets.

Reply Churlish (*The*). Sir, you are no judge; your opinion has no weight with me. Or, to use Touchstone's illustration: "If a courtier tell me my beard is not well cut, and I disable his judgment, I give him the reply churlish, which is the fifth remove from the lie direct, or, rather, the lie direct in the fifth degree."

Reproof Valiant (*The*). Sir, allow me to tell you that is not the truth. To use Touchstone's illustration: "If a courtier tells me my beard is not well cut, and I answer, 'That is not true,' I give him the reply valiant, which is the fourth remove from the lie direct, or rather, the lie direct in the fourth degree."

The reproof valiant, the countercheck quarrelsome, the lie circumstantial, and the lie direct, are not clearly defined by Touchstone. The following, perhaps, will give the distinction required: *That is not true; How dare you utter such a falsehood; If you said so, you are a liar; You are a liar, or you lie.*

Republican Queen. Sophie Charlotte, wife of Frederick I. of Prussia.

Republicans. (See BLACK.)

Resolute (*The*). John Florio, the philologist, tutor to Prince Henry; the Holofernes of Shakespeare. (1515-1625.)

The resolute doctor. John Baconthorpe (*-1346).

The most resolute doctor. Guillaume Durandus de St. Pourçain (*-1332).

Rest (*The*). A contraction of *residue*—thus, *resid', rest, res't.*

Rest on One's Oars. (See OARS.)

Res'tive (2 syl.) means inclined to resist, resist-ive, obstinate or self-willed. It has nothing to do with *rest* (quiet).

Restorationists. The followers of Origen's opinion that all persons, after a purgation proportioned to their demerits, will be restored to Divine favour and taken to Paradise. Mr. Ballou, of America, has introduced an extension of the term, and maintains that all retribution is limited to this life, and at the resurrection all will be restored to life, joy, and immortality.

Resurrection Men. Grave robbers. First applied to Burke and Hare, in 1829, who rifled graves to sell the bodies for dissection, and sometimes even murdered people for the same purpose.

Resurrection Pie is made of broken cooked meat. Meat *réchauffé* is sometimes called "resurrection meat."

Retiarius. A gladiator who made use of a net, which he threw over his adversary.

"As in thronged amphitheatre of old,
The very Retiarius trapped his foe."
Thomson: Castle of Indolence, canto II.

Retort Courteous (*The*). Sir, I am not of your opinion; I beg to differ from you; or, to use Touchstone's illustration. "If I said his beard was not cut well, he was in the mind it was." The

lie seven times removed; or rather, the lie direct in the seventh degree.

Reuben Dixon. A village school-master "of ragged lads."

"Mud noise, and dirt, and stench, and play, and
He calmly cuts the pen or views the slate."
Crabbe: Borough, letter xxiv.

Reveille [*re-vay'-ya*]. The beat of drum at daybreak to warn the sentries that they may forbear from challenging, as the troops are awake. (French, *réveil*, to awake.)

Revenons à nos Moutons. (See MOUTONS.)

Reverend. An archbishop is *the Most Reverend* [Father in God]; a bishop, *the Right Reverend*; a dean, *the Very Reverend*; an archdeacon, *the Venerable*; all the rest of the clergy, *the Reverend*.

Revetments, in fortifications. In "permanent fortification" the sides of ditches supported by walls of masonry are so called. (See COUNTERFORTS.)

Review. The *British Review* was nicknamed "My Grandmother." In *Don Juan*, Lord Byron says, he bribed "*My Grandmother's Review*, the British." The editor took this in badger and gave Byron the lie, but the poet turned the laugh against the reviewer.

"Am I flat, I tip 'My Grandmother' a bit of prose." *Noctes Ambrosianae*

Revise (2 syl.). The second proof-sheet submitted to an author or "reader."

"I at length reached a vaulted room, . . . and beheld, seated by a lamp and employed in reading a blasted revise . . . the author of Waverley." *See Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel* (Introduction).

Revival of Letters in England dates from the commencement of the eleventh century.

Revival of Painting and Sculpture began with Niccola Pisano, Giunta, Cimabue, and Giotto (2 syl.).

Revoke (2 syl.). When a player at cards can follow suit, but plays some other card, he makes a revoke, and by the laws of whist the adversaries are entitled to score three points.

"Good heaven! Revoke? Remember, if the set
Be lost, in honour you should pay the debt."
Crabbe: Borough.

Revulsion (in philosophy). Part of a substance set off and formed into a distinct existence; as when a slip is cut from a tree and planted to form a distinct plant of itself. Tertullian the Montanist taught that the second person

of the Trinity was a *rêvulsion* of the Father. (Latin, *revulsio*, *re-vello*, to pull back.)

Rewe. A roll or slip; as Ragman's Rewe. (See RAGMAN.)

"There is a whole world of curious history contained in the phrase 'ragman's rewe,' meaning a bet, roll, catalogue, . . . chapter, sort of any kind. In *Piers Plowman's* Vision it is used for the pope's bull." *Edinburgh Review*, July, 1870.

"In Fescennium was first invented the jollitee of minstrelsie and synnyng merrie songs for makynge bawchiter, hence called 'Fescennia Carmina,' which I translate a 'Ragman's Rewe' or 'Bible.'"—*Udall*.

Reynard the Fox. The hero in the beast-epic of the fourteenth century. This prose poem is a satire on the state of Germany in the Middle Ages. Reynard typifies the church; his uncle, Isengrim the wolf, typifies the baronial element; and Nodel the lion, the regal. The word means deep counsel or wit. (Gothic, *raginohart*, cunning in counsel; Old Norse, *hreinn* and *ard*; German, *reincke*.) Reynard is commonly used as a synonym of fox. (*Heinrich von Altmutter*.)

"Where prowling Reynard trod his nightly round." *Bloomfield*: *Farmer's Boy*.

Reynard the Fox. Professedly by Hurecc van Alckiner, tutor of the Duke of Lorraine. This name is generally supposed to be a pseudonym of Hermann Barkhusen, town clerk and book printer in Rostock. (1198.)

False Reynard. So Dryden describes the Renardus in his *Hind and Panther*. (See RENARD.)

"With greater galle
False Reynard fed on consecrated spoil;
The graceless beast by Athanasius first
Was chased from Nice, then by Soemus nursed."
Part I. st. 51.

Reynardine (3 syl.). The eldest son of Reynard the Fox, who assumed the names of Dr. Pedanto and Crabron. (*Reynard the Fox*.)

Reynold of Montalbon. One of Charlemagne's knights and paladins.

Rezio. (See DOCTOR REZIO.)

Rhadamanthos. One of the three judges of hell; Minos and Æacus being the other two. (*Greek mythology*.)

Rhampsinitos. The Greek form of Ramesses III., the richest of the Egyptian kings, who amassed seventy-seven millions sterling, which he secured in a treasury of stone, but by an artifice of the builder he was robbed every night.

Herodotus (bk. II. chap. 121) tells us that two brothers were the architects of the treasury, and that they placed in the wall a removable stone, through which they crept every night to purloin

the store. The king, after a time, noticed the diminution, and set a trap to catch the thieves. One of the brothers was caught in the trap, but the other brother, to prevent detection, cut off his head and made good his escape.

"This tale is almost identical with that of Trophonios, told by Pausanias. Hyrieus (3 syl.) a Boeotian king employed Trophonios and his brother to build him a treasury. In so doing they also contrived to place in the wall a removable stone, through which they crept nightly to purloin the king's stores. Hyrieus also set a trap to catch the thief, and one of the brothers was caught; but Trophonios cut off his head to prevent detection, and made good his escape. There cannot be a doubt that the two tales are in reality one and the same.

Rhapsody means songs strung together. The term was originally applied to the books of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, which at one time were in fragments. Certain bards collected together a number of the fragments, enough to make a connected "ballad," and sang them as our minstrels sang the deeds of famous heroes. Those bards who sang the *Iliad* wore a red robe, and those who sang the *Odyssey* a blue one. Pisiistratos of Athens had all these fragments carefully compiled into their present form (Greek *rhapto*, to sew or string together; *oîs*, a song.)

Rhene (1 syl.). The Rhine. (Latin, *Rhenus*.)

"To 1754
Rhenus or the Danaw: Danubius."
Milton: *Paradise Lost*, bk. I. 333

Rhine or Rhineland. The country of Gunther, King of Burgundy, is so called in the *Nibelungen-Lied*.

"Not a lord of Rhineland could follow where he flew."
Letson: *Nibelungen-Lied*, st. 210.

Rhino. Ready money. (See NOSE.) May not this explain the phrase "paying through the nose" (*par le nez*), that is, paying ready rhino. Rhino = money is very old.

"Some, as I know,
Have parted with their ready rhino."
The Notion: *Adieu* (1670).

Rhod'alind. A princess famous for her "knightly" deeds; she would have been the wife of Gondibert, but he wisely preferred BIRTHA, a country girl, the daughter of the sage As'tragon.

Rhodian Bully (*Thē*). The colossus of Rhodes.

"Yet fain wouldst thou the crutching world bestride."

Just like the Rhodian bully over the tide."
Peter Plowman: *The Lancelot*, canto 2.

Rhodian Law. The earliest system of marine law known to history; compiled by the Rhodians about 900 B.C.

Rhono. The Rhone of Christian chronology. St. Hilary; so called from the vehemence of his style. (300-368.)

Rhopalic Verse (*wedge-verse*). A line in which each successive word has more syllables than the one preceding it (Greek, *rhopalon*, a club, which from the handle to the top grows bigger.)

Rein tibi confecti, doctissime, dulcisonorum.
Spes dona aeterna-est stationis conciliator.
Hope ever solaces miserabile individua.
1 2 3 4 5

Rhyme. Neither rhyme nor reason. Fit neither for amusement nor instruction. An author took his book to Sir Thomas More, chancellor in the reign of Henry VIII., and asked his opinion. Sir Thomas told the author to turn it into rhyme. He did so, and submitted it again to the lord chancellor. "Ay! ay!" said the witty satirist, "that will do, that will do. 'Tis rhyme now, but before it was neither rhyme nor reason."

Rhymer. *Thomas the Rhymer.* Thomas Larnount, of Freildoune, who lived in the thirteenth century. This was quite a different person to Thomas Rymer, the historiographer royal to William III. (who flourished 1283). (See TRUE THOMAS.)

Rhyming to Death. The Irish at one time believed that their children and cattle could be "cybitten," that is, bewitched by an evil eye, and that the "cybitter," or witch could "rime" them to death. (*R. Scott: Discovery of Witchcraft.*) (See RATS.)

Ribaldry is the language of a ribald. (French, *ribault*; Old French, *ribaudie*; Italian, *ribaldesca*, the language of a vagabond or rogue.)

Ribbon Dodge (*The*). Plying a person secretly with threatening letters in order to drive him out of the neighbourhood, or to compel him to do something he objects to. The Irish Ribbon men sent threatening letters or letters containing coffins, cross-bones, or daggers, to obnoxious neighbours.

Ribbonism. A Catholic association organised in Ireland about 1808. Its two main objects were (1) to secure "sixty of tenure," called the tenant-right; and (2) to deter anyone from taking land from which a tenant has been ejected. The name arises from a ribbon worn as a badge in the button-hole.

Ribston Pippin. So called from Ribston, in Yorkshire, where Sir Henry Goodricke planted three pips, sent to him from Rouen, in Normandy. Two pips died, but from the third came all the Ribston apple-trees in England.

Ricardo, in the opera of *I Puritani*, is Sir Richard Forth, a Puritan, commander of Plymouth fortress. Lord Walton promised to give him his daughter Elvira in marriage, but Elvira had engaged her affections to Lord Arthur Talbot, a Cavalier, to whom ultimately she was married.

Ricciardetto. Son of Agmon and brother of Bradamaute. (*Ariosto: Orlando Furioso.*)

Rice Christians. Converts to Christianity for worldly benefits, such as a supply of rice to Indians. Profession of Christianity born of lucre, not faith.

Rice thrown after a Bride. It was an Indian custom, rice being, with the Hindûs, an emblem of fecundity. The bridegroom throws three handfuls over the bride, and the bride does the same over the bridegroom. With us the rice is thrown by neighbours and friends. (See MARRIAGE KNOT.)

Rich as Croesus. (See CROESUS.)

Rich as a Jew. This expression arose in the Middle Ages, when Jews were almost the only merchants, and were certainly the most wealthy of the people. There are still the Rothschilds among them, and others of great wealth.

Richard Cœur de Lion. (See BOGIE.)

"His tremendous name was employed by the Syrian mothers to silence their infants, and if a horse suddenly started from the way, his rider was wont to exclaim, 'Dost thou think King Richard is in the bush?'" (*Gibson: Decline and Fall*, v., xi. 116.)

Richard II.'s Horse. Roan Barbary. (See HORSE.)

"Oh, how it yearned my heart when I beheld
In London streets, that coronation day,
When Bolingbroke rode on roan Barbary,
That horse that then so often hast'ned trust,
That horse that I so carefully have dressed!"
Shakespeare: Richard II., v. 5.

Richard III.'s Horse. White Surrey. (See HORSE.)

"Saddle White Surrey for the field to-morrow."
Shakespeare: Richard III., v. 8.

Richard Roe. (See DOE.)

Richard is Himself again. These words are not in Shakespeare's *Richard III.*, but were interpolated from Colley Cibber by John Kemble.

Richard of Cirencester. Sometimes called "The Monk of Westminster," an early English chronicler. His chronicle *On the Ancient State of Britain* was first brought to light by Dr. Charles Julius Bertram, professor of English at Copenhagen in 1747; but

the original (like the original of Macpherson's *Ossian* and of Joe Smith's *Book of Mormon*) does not exist, and grave suspicion prevails that all three are alike forgeries. (See SANCHONIATHO.)

Richarda, wife of Nicholas d'Este. A widow who, with her son Hercules, was dispossessed of her inheritance by Lionello and Borso. Both were obliged to go into exile, but finally Hercules recovered his lordship.

Richborough, Richeboro', or Ratesburgh (a Roman fort in the time of Claudius), called by Alfred of Beverley, Richberge; by the Saxons (according to Bede) Reptcestre, and by others Ruptimuth; by Orosius, the port and city of Rhotubus; by Ammianus, Rhotupia Statio; by Antoninus, Rhotupis Portus; by Tacitus, Portus Trutulensis for Rhotupensis; by Ptolemy, Rhotupia. (*Canden*.)

Rick Mould. This is an April fool joke transferred to hay-harvest. The joke is this: some greenhorn is sent a good long distance to borrow a rick-mould, with strict injunction not to drop it. The lender places something very heavy in a sack or bag, which he hoists on the greenhorn's back. He carries it carefully in the hot sun to the hayfield, and gets well laughed at for his pains.

Rickety Stock. Stock bought or sold for a man of straw. If the client cannot pay, the broker must.

Ricochet [*rikko-shay*]. Anything repeated over and over again. The fabulous bird that had only one note was called the ricochet; and the rebound on water termed *ducks and drakes* has the same name. Marshal Vauban (1633-1707) invented a battery of rebound called the *ricochet battery*, the application of which was ricochet firing.

Riddle. Josephus relates how Hiram, King of Tyre, and Solomon had once a contest in riddles, when Solomon won a large sum of money; but he subsequently lost it to Abde'mon, one of Hiram's subjects.

Riddle. Plutarch states that Homer died of chagrin because he could not solve a certain riddle. (See SPHINX.)

Father of riddles. So the Abbé Cotin dubbed himself, but posterity has not confirmed his right to the title. (1604-1682.) (See REE.)

Riddle of Claret (*A*). Thirteen bottles, a magnum and twelve quarts.

So called because in golf matches the magistrates invited to the celebration dinner presented to the club a "riddle of claret," sending it in a riddle or sieve.

Ride. To ride abroad with St. George, but at home with St. Michael; said of a hen-pecked braggart. St. George is represented as riding on a war charger whither he listed; St. Michael, on a dragon. Abroad a man rides, like St. George, on a horse which he can control and govern; but at home he has "a dragon" to manage, like St. Michael. (French.)

Ride for a Fall (*To*). To ride a race and lose it intentionally.

"There were not wanting people who said that government had 'ridden for a fall,' in their despair of carrying out their policy."—*Newspaper paragraph*, November, 1883.

Ride up Holborn Hill (*To*). To go to the gallows.

"I shall live to see you ride up Holborn Hill."—*Congreve; Love for Love*.

Rider. An addition to a manuscript, like a codicil to a will; an additional clause tacked to a bill in parliament; so called because it *over-rides* the preceding matter when the two come into collision.

"Perhaps Mr. Kenneth will allow me to add the following as a rider to his suggestion."—*Notes and Queries*, "M. N."

Riderhood (*Rogue*). The villain in Dickens's *Our Mutual Friend*.

Ridicule (*Father of*). François Rabelais (1495-1553).

Riding [*of Yorkshire*]. Same as *trithing* in Lincolnshire: the jurisdiction of a third part of a county, under the government of a reeve (*Sheriff*). The word *ding* or *thing* is Scandinavian, and means a legislative assembly; hence the great national diet of Norway is still called a *stor-thing* (great legislative assembly), and its two chambers are the *lag-thing* (law assembly) and the *odels-thing* (freeholders' assembly). Kent was divided into *luths*, Sussex into *raþes*, Lincoln into *parts*. The person who presided over a trithing was called the *trithing-man*; he who presided in the lath was called a *lath-griec*.

Ridolphus (in *Jerusalem Delivered*). One of the band of adventurers that joined the Crusaders. He was slain by Argantes (bk. vii.).

Ridotto (Italian). An assembly where the company is first entertained to music, and then joins in dancing. The word originally meant music reduced to a full score. (Latin, *reductus*.)

Rienzi (*Nicolò Gahrini*). The Reformer at Rome (1313-1354). Bulwer Lytton (Lord Lytton) has a novel called *Rienzi*, and Wagner an opera.

Rif or Rifle (French). *Avoir rifle et rafte*. To have everything. Also, the negative, *N'avoir ni rif ni raf* (to have nothing).

"Hélas ! j'ai toute misérable,
J'ai rifle et rafte, et rouine et talone."

Les Miracles de Ste. Geneviève.

Rif-raft. The offscouring of society, or rather, "refuse and sweepings." *Rif* is Anglo-Saxon, and means a rag; *Raft* is also Anglo-Saxon, and means sweepings. (Danish, *rips-raps*.) The French have the expression "*Avoir rifle et rafte*," meaning to have everything; whence *radouir* (one who has everything), and the phrase "*Il n'a laissé ni rif ni raf*" (he has left nothing behind him).

"I have neither rif nor raf (rag to cover me nor roof over my head)."—*Sharp: Country Nyst*, p. 224.

"Ikka man agayne his gud he gaffe
That he had tane with ryfe and rafte."

Quoted by Halliwell in his *Archæic Dictionary*.

Rifle is from the German *reifein* (to hollow into tubes). In 1851 the French *mine* rifle was partially supplied to the British army. In 1853 it was superseded by the *Enfield* rifle, which has three grooves. Sir William Armstrong's gun, which has numerous small sharp grooves, was adopted by the government in 1859. The Whitworth gun has a polygonal bore, with a twist towards the muzzle. ("Rifle" is Norwegian for a groove or flute.)

*Rifles are either "breech-loaders" or "magazine rifles." Breech-loading rifles load at the breech instead of at the muzzle; magazine rifles are those which contain a chamber with extra cartridges.

The chief breech-loading rifles are the Ballard, the Berdan, the Chassep, the Chassep (a French needle-gun, 1870-1871), the Flobert-Graus (an improved Chassepot, 1874-1880), the Greene, the Hall, the Mini-Henry (Great Britain, 1860), the Mauser, the Nagard, the Mini, the Mauser-Gewehr, the Peabody, the Peabody-Martini (Turkey), the Scott, the Sharp, the Springfield (United States, 1860), the Werder (Bavaria), the Werder, the Whittemore, the Westley-Richards, and the Winchester.

*The magazine or repeating-rifles are also very numerous. The best known to the general public are Colt's revolver and the Winchester repeating-rifle of 1862. They are of three classes: (1) those in which the magazine is in the stock; (2) those in which the magazine is a tube parallel with the barrel (as in Colt's revolver); and (3) those in which the magazine is either a fixed or detachable box near the lock. The once famous Enfield rifle was loaded at the muzzle. In Spencer's rifle the magazine was in the stock.

Rift in the Lute (*A*). A small defect which mars the general result.

"Unfaith in aught is want of faith in all.

It is the little rift within the lute,

That by-and-by will make the music mute,

And, ever widening, slowly silence all."

Tennyson: Merlin and Vivien; Vivien's Song, verses 1, 2.

Rig. A piece of fun, a practical joke. The Scotch say of a man who indulges in intoxication, "He goes the rig." The same word is applied in Scotland to certain portion or division of a field. A wanton used to be called a rig (French, *se rigoler*, to make merry.)

"He little thought when he set out

Of running such a rig."

Cowper: John Gilpin.

Rig. To dress; whence *rigged out*, to rig oneself, to rig a ship, well-rigged, etc. (Anglo-Saxon, *wigan*, to dress; *wrege* a garment.)

"Jack was rigged out in his gold and silver lace, with a feather in his cap."—*L'Étranger*.

Rig-Marie. Base coin. The word originated from one of the billon coin struck in the reign of Queen Mary, which bore the words *Rex. Maria* as part of the legend.

*Billon is mixed metal for coinage, especially silver largely alloyed with copper.

Rigadon. A French figure-dance invented by Isaac Rigadon.

"And Isaac's Rigadon shall live as long

As Raphael's painting, or as Virgil's song."

Jennyus: Art of Dancing, canto ii.

Rig'dum Fun'nidos, in Carey's burlesque of *Chromoklonthologos*.

Rundum Rundos. A sobriquet given by Sir Walter Scott to John Ballantyne, his publisher. So called because he was full of fun. (1776-1821.)

"A quick, active, intriguing little fellow, . . . full of fun and movement, . . . all over quaintness and humorous manner, . . . a keen and skilful devotee of all manner of field-sports from fox-hunting to bulge-baiting inclusive."—*Lockhart*.

Right Foot. *Put the shoe on the right foot first*. The twelfth symbol of the *Protreptics* of Iamblichus. This audition is preserved in our word "awkward," which means "left-handed" (*surke*, the left hand), seen also in the French *gauche*. Pythagoras meant to teach that his disciples should walk discreetly and wisely, not basely and feebly or gawcholy.

Right Foot Foremost. In Rome a boy was stationed at the door of a mansion to caution visitors not to cross the threshold with their left foot, which would have been an ill omen.

Right Hand. The right-hand side of the Speaker, meaning the Ministerial benches. In the French Legislative Assembly the right meant the Monarchy men. In the National Convention the Girondists were called the *right hand*, because they occupied the Ministerial benches.

Right as a Trivet. The trivet is a

metallic plate-stand with three legs. Some fasten to the fender and are designed to hold the plate of hot toast, etc. (Anglo-Saxon, *thryful*, three-foot, tripod.)

Right of Way (*The*). The legal right to make use of a certain passage whether high-road, by-road, or private road. Watercourses, ferries, rivers, etc., are included in the word "ways." Private right of way may be claimed by immemorial usage, special permission, or necessity; but a funeral cortege or bridal party having passed over a certain field does not give to the public the right of way, as many suppose.

Rights. *Declaration of Rights*. An instrument submitted to William and Mary, on their being called to the throne, setting forth the fundamental principles of the constitution. The chief items are these: The Crown cannot levy taxes, nor keep a standing army in times of peace; the Members of Parliament are free to utter their thoughts, and a Parliament is to be convened every year; elections are to be free, trial by jury is to be inviolate, and the right of petition is not to be interfered with.

Riglet. A thin piece of wood used for stretching the canvas of pictures; and in printing to regulate the margin, etc. (French, *reglet*, a rule or regulator; Latin, *regula*, a rule.)

Rig'ol. A circle or diadem. (Italian, *rigolo*, a little wheel.)

"[Sleep] That from this golden rigol hath divorced
So many English kings."
Shakespeare: 2 *Henry IV.*, iv. 4.

Rigolette (3 syl.): A grisette, a courtesan; so called from Rigolette, in Eugène Sue's *Mysteries of Paris*.

Rigoletto. An opera describing the agony of a father obliged to witness the prostitution of his own child. The libretto is borrowed from the drama called *Le Roi s'Amuse*, by Victor Hugo; the music is by Giuseppe Verdi.

Rigwoodie. Unyielding; stubborn. A rigwiddle is the chain which crosses the back of a horse to hold up the shafts of a cart (*rig* = back, *withy* = twig.)

"Withered beldams, auld and droll,
Rigwoodie hags."

Burns: *Tam O'Shanter*.

Rile. *Don't rile the water*. Do not stir up the water and make it muddy. *The water is riled*—muddy and unfit to drink. Common Norfolk expressions; also, a boy is *riled* (out of temper). *I'sy, together, Joe Smith was regularly riled*, is

quite Norfolk. The American *rail* has the same meaning. A corruption of (*em*)*broil*. (French, *brouiller*; our *broil*.) The adjective *rily*, turbid, angry, is more common.

Ri'mer. Chief god of Damascus; so called from the word *rimā*, a "pomegranate," because he held a pomegranate in his right hand. The people bore a pomegranate in their coat armour. The Romans called this god Jupiter Cassius, from Mount Cassius, near Damascus.

Rimfaxi [*Frost-man*]. The horse of Night, the foam of whose bit causes dew. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Rimmon. A Syrian god, whose seat was Damascus.

"Him followed Rimmon, whose delightful seat
Was fair Damascus, on the fertile bank
Of Ab'ana and Pharpar, lucid streams."
Milton: *Paradise Lost*, bk. i. 467.

Rimthur'sar. Brother of Y'mer. They were called the "Evil Ones." (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Rinaldo (in *Jerusalem Delivered*). The Achilles of the Christian army. "He despises gold and power, but craves renown" (bk. i.). He was the son of Bertoldo and Sophia, and nephew of Guelpho, but was brought up by Matilda. At the age of fifteen he ran away and joined the Crusaders, where he was enrolled in the adventurers' squadron. Having slain Gerardo, he was summoned by Godfrey to public trial, but went into voluntary exile. The pedigree of Rinaldo, of the noble house of Este, is traced from Actius on the male side and Augustus on the female to Actius VI. (bk. xvii.)

Rinaldo (in *Orlando Furioso*). Son of the fourth Marquis d'Este, cousin of Orlando, Lord of Mount Auban or Albano, eldest son of Amon or Aymon, nephew of Charlemagne, and Bradamant's brother. (*See ALBA'NO*.) He was the rival of his cousin Orlando, but Angelica detested him. He was called "Clarmont's leader," and brought an auxiliary force of English and Scotch to Charlemagne, which "Silence" conducted into Paris.

Rinaldo or *Renaud*, one of the paladins of Charlemagne, is always painted with the characteristics of a borderer—valiant, ingenious, rapacious, and unscrupulous.

Ring. If a lady or gentleman is willing to marry, but not engaged, a ring should be worn on the index finger of the left hand; if engaged, on the second finger; if married, on the third finger; but if either has no desire to marry, on the little finger. (*Munc. C. de la Tour*.)

A ring worn on the forefinger indicates a haughty, bold, and overbearing spirit; on the long finger, prudence, dignity, and discretion; on the marriage finger, love and affection; on the little finger, a masterful spirit.

Ring given in marriage, because it was anciently used as a seal, by which orders were signed (Gen. xxxviii. 18; Esther iii. 10-12); and the delivery of a ring was a sign that the giver endowed the person who received it with all the power he himself possessed (Gen. xli. 42). The woman who had the ring could issue commands as her husband, and was in every respect his representative.

"In the Roman espousals, the man gave the woman a ring by way of pledge, and the woman put it on the third finger of her left hand, because it was believed that a nerve ran from that finger to the heart."—*Macrobius: Sat.* ii. 15.

Ring. *The Ring and the Book.* An idyllic epic by Robert Browning, founded on a *cause célèbre* of Italian history (1698). Guido Franceschini, a Florentine nobleman of shattered fortune, by the advice of his brother, Cardinal Paulo, marries Pompilia, an heiress, to repair his state. Now Pompilia was only a supposititious child of Pietro, supplied by Violante for the sake of preventing certain property from going to an heir not his own. When the bride discovered the motive of the bridegroom, she revealed to him this fact, and the first trial occurs to settle the said property. The count treats his bride so brutally that she quits his roof under the protection of Caponsacchi, a young priest, and takes refuge in Rome. Guido follows the fugitives and arrests them at an inn; a trial ensues, and a separation is permitted. Pompilia pleads for a divorce, but, pending the suit, gives birth to a son at the house of her putative parents. The count, hearing thereof, murders Pietro, Violante, and Pompilia; but, being taken red-handed, is executed.

Ring (The). The space set apart for prize-fighters, horse-racing, etc. So called because the spectators stand round in a ring.

Ring. *To make a ring.* To combine in order to control the price of a given article. Thus, if the chief merchants of any article (say salt, flour, or sugar) combine, they can fix the selling price, and thus secure enormous profits.

Ring. *It has the true ring*—has intrinsic merit; bears the mark of real talent. A metaphor taken from the custom of judging genuine money by its "ring" or sound. Ring, a circlet, is

the Anglo-Saxon *hring*; ring, to sound a bell, etc., is the verb *hring-an*.

Ring Down. Conclude, end at once. A theatrical phrase, alluding to the custom of ringing a bell to give notice of the fall of the curtain. Charles Dicker says, "It is time to ring down on these remarks." (*Speech at the Dramat. Fête.*)

Ring Finger. Priests used to wear their ring on the fore-finger (which represents the Holy Ghost) in token of their spiritual office. (See WEDDING FINGER.)

The ring finger represents the *humanity* of Christ, and is used in matrimony which has only to do with humanity (See FINGER BENEDICTION.)

Ring finger. Aulus Gellius tells us that Appianus asserts in his *Egyptia* books that a very delicate nerve runs from the fourth finger of the left hand to the heart, on which account this finger is used for the marriage ring (*Noctes*, x. 10.)

The fact has nothing to do with this question; that the ancients believed it is all we require to know. In the Roman Catholic Church, the thumb and first two fingers represent the Trinity; thus the bridegroom says, "In the name of the Father," and touches the thumb "in the name of the Son," and touches the first finger; and "in the name of the Holy Ghost" he touches the long or second finger. The next finger is the husband's, to whom the woman owes allegiance next to God. The left hand is chosen to show that the woman is to be subject to the man. In the Hereford, York, and Salisbury missals, the ring is directed to be put first on the thumb, then on the first finger, then on the long finger, and lastly on the ring-finger *quia in illo dig'ito est quedam vena proce'dens usque ad cor.*

The ring finger. Mr. Henry Swinburne, in his *Treatise of Spousals*, printed 1680 (p. 208), says: "The finger on which this ring [the wedding-ring] is to be worn is the fourth finger of the left hand, next unto the little finger; because by the received opinion of the learned . . . in ripping up and anatomising men's bodies, there is a vein of blood, called *vena amoris*, which passeth from that finger to the heart."

Ring Posies or mottoes.

- (1) A E I (Greek for "Always").
- (2) For ever and for aye.
- (3) In thee, my choice, I do rejoice.
- (4) Let love increase.

- (5) May God above Increase our love.
 (6) Not two but one, Till life is gone.
 (7) My heart and I, 'till I die.
 (8) When this you see, Then think of me.
 (9) Love is heaven, and heaven is love.
 (10) Wedlock, 'tis said, In heaven is made.

Right to wear a gold ring. Amongst the Romans, only senators, chief magistrates, and in later times knights, enjoyed the *jus annuli auri*. The emperors conferred the right upon whom they pleased, and Justinian extended the privilege to all Roman citizens.

Ring a Ding-ding.

"Ring a ding-ding, ring a ding-ding!
 The Parliament soldiers are gone to the king;
 Some they did laugh, and some they did cry,
 To see the Parliament soldiers go by."

The reference is to the several removals of Charles I. from one place of captivity to another, till finally he was brought to the block. The Parliament party laughed at their success, the Royalists wept to see the king thus treated.

Ring in the Ear. A sign of slavery or life-long servitude.

"Then Eldad took an awl, and, piercing his [Jetur's] ears against the doorpost, made him his servant for ever. The elders pronounced a blessing, and Eldad put a ring through the ears of Jetur, as a sign that he was become his property."
 — *Eldad the Pilgrim*, chap. i.

Ring of Invisibillity (The), which belonged to Otnit, King of Lombardy, given to him by the queen-mother when he went to gain in marriage the soldan's daughter. The stone of the ring had the virtue of directing the wearer the right road to take in travelling. (*The Heidenbuch*.) (See *Gyges' Ring*.)

Ring One's Own Bell (To). To be one's own trumpeter. Bells are rung to announce any joyous event, or the advent of some celebrity.

Rings Noted in Fable.

Agramant's ring. This enchanted ring was given by Agramant to the dwarf Brunello, from whom it was stolen by Bradamant and given to Melissa. It passed successively into the hands of Rogero and Angelica (who carried it in her mouth). (*Orlando Furioso*, bk. v.)

The ring of Amasis. The same as the ring of Polycratès (q.v.).

The Doge's ring. The doge of Venice, on Ascension Day, used to throw a ring into the sea from the ship *Bucentaur*, to denote that the Adriatic was subject to the republic of Venice as a wife is subject to her husband.

The ring of Edward the Confessor. It is said that Edward the Confessor was once asked for alms by an old man,

and gave him his ring. In time some English pilgrims went to the Holy Land, and happened to meet the same old man, who told them he was John the Evangelist, and gave them the identical ring to take to "Saint" Edward. It was preserved in Westminster Abbey.

The ring of Gyges (2 syl.) rendered the wearer invisible when its stone was turned inwards.

The ring of Ogier, given him by the Morgue de Fay. It removed all infirmities, and restored the aged to youth again. (See *OGIER*.)

Polycratès' ring was flung into the sea to propitiate Nemesis, and was found again by the owner inside a fish. (See *GLASGOW ARMS*.)

The ring of Pope Innocent. On May 29th, 1205, Pope Innocent III. sent John, King of England, four gold rings set with precious stones, and in his letter says the gift is emblematical. He thus explains the matter: The rotundity signifies *eternity*—remember we are passing through time into eternity. The number signifies the four virtues which make up constancy of mind—viz. "justice, fortitude, prudence, and temperance." The material signifies "wisdom from on high," which is as gold purified in the fire. The green emerald is emblem of "faith," the blue sapphire of "hope," the red garnet of "charity," and the bright topaz of "good works." (*Rymer: Fœdera*, vol. i. 139.)

Reynard's wonderful ring. This ring, which existed only in the brain of Reynard, had a stone of three colours—red, white, and green. The red made the night as clear as the day; the white cured all manner of diseases; and the green rendered the wearer of the ring invincible. (*Reynard the Fox*, chap. xii.)

He must have got possession of Reynard's ring. He bore a charmed life; he was one of Nature's favourites; all he did prospered. Reynard affirmed that he had sent King Lion a ring with three gems—one red, which gave light in darkness; one white, which cured all pains and wounds, even those arising from indigestion and fever; and one green, which guarded the wearer from every ill both in peace and war. (*Alkmar: Reynard the Fox*, 1498.)

Solomon's ring, among other wonderful things, sealed up the refractory Jins in jars, and cast them into the Red Sea.

Ringling Changes. Bantering each other; turning the tables on a jester. The allusion is to bells. (See *PRAL*.)

Ringling the Changes. A method of swindling by changing gold and silver in payment of goods. For example: A man goes to a tavern and asks for two-pennyworth of whisky. He lays on the counter half a sovereign, and receives nine shillings and tenpence in change. "Oh!" (says the man) "give me the half-sovereign back, I have such a lot of change." He then takes up ten shillings in silver and receives back the half-sovereign. The barmaid is about to take up the silver when the man says, "Give me a sovereign in lieu of this half-sovereign and ten shillingsworth of silver." This is done, and, of course, the barmaid loses ten shillings by the transaction.

Ringling Island. The Church of Rome. It is an island because it is isolated or cut off from the world. It is a ringling island because bells are incessantly ringing: at matin and vespers, at mass and at sermon-time, at noon, vigils, eves, and so on. It is entered only after four days' fasting, without which none in the Romish Church enter holy orders.

Ringleader. The person who opens a ball or leads off a dance (see *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593). The dance referred to was commenced by the party taking hands round in a ring, instead of in two lines as in the country dance. The leader in both cases has to set the figures. One who organises and leads a party.

Riot. To run riot. To act in a very disorderly way. Riot means debauchery or wild merriment.

"See, Riot her luxurious bowl prepares."
Tableau of Cebes.

Rip (A). He's a regular rip. A rip of a fellow. A precious rip. Applied to children, means one who rips or tears his clothes by boisterous play, carelessness, or indifference. Anglo-Saxon *ryp[an]*, to spoil, to tear, to break in pieces.

He is a sad rip. A sad rake or debauchee; seems to be a perversion of rep, as in demirep, meaning rep, i.e. rep-robate.

"Some forlorn, worn-out old rips, broken-kneed and broken-winded."—*Du Maurier: Peter Ibbetson*, part vi, p. 376.

Rip. To rip up old grievances or sores. To bring them again to recollection, to recall them. The allusion is to breaking up a place in search of something hidden and out of sight. (*Anglo-Saxon.*)

"They ripped up all that had been done from the beginning of the Rebellion."—*Clarendon.*

Rip Van Winkle slept twenty years in the Kaatskill mountains. (S WINKLE.)

Ripaille. *I am living at Ripaille—* idleness and pleasure. (French, *fai Ripaille.*) Amadeus VIII., Duke Savoy, retired to Ripaille, near Genoa where he threw off all the cares of state and lived among boon companions in the indulgence of unrestrained pleasure (See SYBARITE.)

Rhiphean or Rhiphs'an Rock Any cold mountains in a north country. The fabled Rhiphean mountains were Scythia.

"Cold Rhiphean rocks, which the wild Russ
Believes the stony girdle of the world"
Thomson: Autumn

The poet here speaks of the Welic Cameuppoys (*great stone girdle*) supposed by the early Russians to have girdled the whole earth.

Rip'on. True as Ripon steel. Ripon used to be famous for its steel spur which were the best in the world. The spikes of a Ripon spur would stir through a shilling-piece without turning the point.

Riquet with a Tuft, from the French *Riquet à la Houppe*, by Charles Perrault, borrowed from *The Nights Strapavola*, and imitated by Madam Villeneuve in her *Beauty and the Beast*. Riquet is the beau-ideal of ugliness, but had the power of endowing the person he loved best with wit and intelligence. He falls in love with a beautiful woman as stupid as Riquet is ugly, but possessing the power of endowing the person she loves best with beauty. The two marry and exchange gifts.

Rise. To take a rise out of one. He then says this is a metaphor from fly-fishing; the fish rise to the fly, and are caught.

Rising in the Air. In the Middle Ages, persons believed that saints were sometimes elevated from the ground by religious ecstasy. St. Philip of Neaples was sometimes raised to the height of several yards, occasionally to the ceiling of the room. Ignatius Loyola was sometimes raised up two or three feet, and his body became luminous. St. Robert of Palentin was elevated in his ecstatic eighteen or twenty inches. St. Dunstan a little before his death, was observed to rise from the ground. And Girolamo Savonarola, just prior to execution, knee in prayer, and was lifted from the floor of his cell into mid-air, where he remained

suspended for a considerable time. (*Acta Sanctorum*.)

Rivals. "Persons dwelling on opposite sides of a river." Forsyth derives these words from the Latin *rivalis*, a riverman. Cælius says there was no more fruitful source of contention than river-right, both with beasts and men, not only for the benefit of its waters, but also because rivers are natural boundaries. Hence Ariosto compares Orlando and Agriean to "two hinds quarrelling for the river-right" (xxiii. 83).

River Demon or River Horse was the Kelpie of the Lowlands of Scotland.

River of Paradise. St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, "the Last of the Fathers," was so called. (1091-1153.)

River Flowing from the Ocean Inland. The stream from the Bay of Tadjoura, on the north-east coast of Africa. It empties itself into Lake Assal.

Rivers. *Miles in length.*

2,578, the Nile, the longest river in Africa.

2,762, the Volga, the longest river in Europe.

3,314, the Yang-tze-Kiang, the longest river in Asia.

3,716, the Mississippi, the longest river in America.

Roach. *Sound as a roach* (French, *Sain comme une roche*). Sound as a rock.

Road. *Gentlemen of the road or Knights of the road.* Highwaymen. In the latter a double pun is implied. A first-class highwayman, like Robin Hood, is a "Colossus of Roads."

King of Roads [Rhodes]. John Loudon Mucadam (1766-1836).

The law of the road—

"The law of the road is a paradox quite,

In riding or driving along :

If you go to the left you are sure to go right,

If you go to the right you go wrong."

Road or Roadstead, as "Yarmouth Roads," a place where ships can ride at anchor. (French, *rader*, to anchor in a *rade* : Anglo-Saxon, *rad*, a road or place for riding.)

Road-agent. A highwayman in the mountain districts of North America.

"Road-agent is the name applied in the mountains to a ruffian who has given up honest work in the store, in the mine, in the ranch, for the perils and profits of the highway."—W. Hepworth Dixon : *New America*, l. 14.

Roads. *All roads lead to Rome.* All efforts of thought converge in a common centre.

Roan. A reddish-brown. This is the Greek *eruthron* or *eruthraon* ; whence the Latin *rufum*. (The Welsh have *rhudd* ; German, *roth* ; Anglo-Saxon, *rud* ; our *ruddy*.)

Roan Barbary. The famous charger of Richard II., which ate from his royal hand. (See RICHARD II.)

Roarer. A broken-winded horse is so called from the noise it makes in breathing.

Roaring Boys or Roarers. The riotous blades of Ben Jonson's time, whose delight it was to annoy quiet folk. At one time their pranks in London were carried to an alarming extent.

"And bid them think on Jones amidst this glea,
In hope to get such roaring boys as he,"
Legend of Cupid's Jones (1633).

Roaring Forties (*Thé*). What seamen understand by this term is a zone of strong winds about lat. 40° S., where a strong wind prevails throughout the year, from W.N.W. to E.S.E. There is a similar zone in the northern hemisphere, but the current of the wind is interrupted by the prevalence of land. The tendency, however, is from W.S.W. to E.N.E.

Roaring Game (*The*). So the Scotch call the game of curling.

Roaring Trade. *He drives a roaring trade.* He does a great business ; his employees are driven till all their wind is gone. Hence *fast, quick*. (See *above*.)

Roast. *To rule the roast.* To have the chief direction ; to be paramount.

"It is usually thought that "roast" in this phrase means *roast*, and that the reference is to a cock, who decides which hen is to roast nearest to him ; but the subjoined quotation favours the idea of "council."

"John, Duke of Burgoyne, ruled the roast, and governed both King Charles . . . and his whole realm."—*Hall : Canon* (1542).

Roasting One. *To give one a roasting.* To banter him, to expose him to sharp words. Shakespeare, in *Hamlet*, speaks of roasting "in wrath and fire."

Rob. A sort of jam. It is a Spanish word, taken from the Arabic *roob* (the juice of fruit).

Faire un rob (in whist). To win the rubber ; that is, either two successive games, or two out of three. Borrowed from the game of bowls.

Rob Roy [*Robert the Red*]. A nickname given to Robert M'Gregor, who

assumed the name of Campbell when the clan Mc'Gregor was outlawed by the Scotch Parliament in 1662. He may be termed the Robin Hood of Scotland.

"Rather beneath the middle size than above it, his limbs were formed upon the very strongest model that is consistent with agility. . . . Two points in his person interfered with the rules of symmetry: his shoulders were so broad . . . as to give him the air of being too square in respect to his stature; and his arms, though round, sleeky, and strong, were so very long as to be rather a deformity."—*Sir Walter Scott: Rob Roy Mc'Gregor*, xiii.

Robber. The highwayman who told Alexander that he was the greater robber of the two was named Dion'idés. The tale is given in *Evenings at Home* under the title of *Alexander and the Robber*.

Robber. Edward IV. of England was called by the Scotch *Eduard the Robber*.

Robbing Peter to pay Paul. On December 17th, 1530, the abbey church of St. Peter, Westminster, was advanced to the dignity of a cathedral by letters patent; but ten years later it was joined to the diocese of London again, and many of its estates appropriated to the repairs of St. Paul's Cathedral. (*Winkie: Cathedrals*.)

"Tanquam siquis crucifigeret Paulum ut redimeret Petrum." (Twelfth century.)

"It was not desirable to rob St. Peter's altar in order to build one to St. Paul."—*Vigilius: Com. Dec. Denarii*, i. 9 (1599).

Robert. *King Robert of Sicily.* A metrical romance of the Trouveur, taken from the *Story of the Emperor Jovinian* in the *Gesta Romanorum*, and borrowed from the *Talmud*. It finds a place in the *Arabian Nights*, the Turkish *Tutnamach*, the Sanskrit *Pantschatantra*, and has been *réchauffé* by Longfellow under the same name.

Robert, Robin. A highwayman.

Robert François Damiens, who attempted to assassinate Louis XV., is called "Robert the Devil." (1714-1757.)

Robert Macaire. He's a *Robert Macaire*. A bluff, free-living, unblushing libertine, who commits the most horrible crimes without stint or compunction. It is a character in M. Daumier's drama of *L'Auberge des Adrets*. His accomplice is Bertrand, a simpleton and villain. (See MACAIRE.)

Robert Street (Adelphi, London). So called from Robert Adams, the builder.

Robert le Diable. The son of Bertha and Bertramo. The former was daughter of Robert, Duke of Normandy, and the latter was a fiend in the guise of

a knight. The opera shows the struggle in Robert between the virtue inherited from his mother, and the vice imparted by his father. He is introduced as a libertine; but Alice, his foster-sister, places in his hand the will of his mother, "which he is not to read till he is worthy." Bertramo induces him to gamble till he loses everything, and finally claims his soul; but Alice counterplots the fiend, and finally triumphs by reading to Robert the will of his mother. (*Meyerbeer: Roberto il Diavolo, an opera.*)

Robert the Devil. Robert, first Duke of Normandy; so called for his daring and cruelty. The Norman tradition is that his wandering ghost will not be allowed to rest till the Day of Judgment. He is also called *Robert the Magnificent*. (1028-1035.)

Robert of Brunne, that is, of Bourne, in Lincolnshire. His name was Robert Manning, author of an old English *Chronicle*, written in the reign of Edward III. It consists of two parts, the first of which is in octosyllabic rhymes, and is a translation of Wace's *Brut*; the second part is in Alexandrine verse, and is a translation of the French chronicle of Piers de Langtoft, of Yorkshire.

"Of Brunne I am, if any me blame,
Robert Mannyng is my name.
In the thrid Edwardes tyme was I
When I wrote alle this story."

Preface to Chronicle

Robert's Men. Bandits, marauders, etc. So called from Robin Hood, the outlaw.

Robespierre's Weavers. The fish-women and other female rowdies who joined the Parisian Guard, and helped to line the avenues to the National Assembly in 1793, and clamour "Down with the Girondists!"

Robin Goodfellow. A "drudging fiend," and merry domestic fairy, famous for mischievous pranks and practical jokes. At night-time he will sometimes do little services for the family over which he presides. The Scotch call this domestic spirit a *brownie*; the Germans, *kobold* or *Knecht Ruprecht*. The Scandinavians called it *Nisse* *God-dreng*. Puck, the jester of Fairy-court, is the same.

"Either I mistake your shape and making quite,
Or else you are that shrewd and knavish sprite
Called Robin Goodfellow,
Those that Hob-goblin call you, and sweet Puck,
You do their work, and they shall have good luck."

Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, II. 1.

(See FAIRY.)

Robin Gray (*Auld*).^{*} Words by Lady Anne Lindsay, daughter of the Earl of Balcarras, and afterwards Lady Barnard, in 1772, written to an old Scotch tune called "The bridegroom grat when the sun gaed down." Auld Robin Gray was the herdsman of her father. When Lady Anne had written a part, she called her younger sister for advice. She said, "I am writing a ballad of virtuous distress in humble life. I have oppressed my heroine with sundry troubles: for example, I have sent her Jamie to sea, broken her father's arm, made her mother sick, given her Auld Robin Gray for a lover, and want a fifth sorrow; can you help me to one?" "Steal the cow, sister Anne," said the little Elizabeth; so the cow was stolen awa', and the song completed.

Robin Hood is first mentioned by the Scottish historian Fordun, who died in 1386. According to Stow, he was an outlaw in the reign of Richard I. (twelfth century). He entertained one hundred tall men, all good archers, with the spoil he took, but "he suffered no woman to be oppressed, violated, or otherwise molested; poore men's goods he spared, abundantlie relieving them with that which by theft he got from abbeyes and houses of rich carles." He was an immense favourite with the common people, who have dubbed him an earl. Stukeley says he was Robert Fitzooth, Earl of Huntingdon. (See ROBERT.)

According to one tradition, Robin Hood and Little John were two heroes defeated with Simon de Montfort at the battle of Evesham, in 1265. Fuller, in his *Worthies*, considers him an historical character, but Thierry says he simply represents a class—viz. the remnant of the old Saxon race, which lived in perpetual defiance of the Norman oppressors from the time of Hereward.

Other examples of similar combinations are the Cumberland bandits, headed by Adam Bell, Clym of the Clough, and William of Cloudeley.

An old sporting magazine of December, 1806, says the true name of Robin Hood was Fitzooth, and Fitz being omitted leaves Ooth, and converting *th* into *d* it became "Ood." He was grandson of Ralph Fitzooth, Earl of Kyme, a Norman, who came to England in the reign of William Rufus. His maternal grandfather was Gilbert de Gaunt, Earl of Lincoln, and his grandmother was Lady Roisia de Bere, sister to the Earl of Oxford. His father was under the guardianship of Robert,

Earl of Oxford, who, by the king's order, gave him in marriage the third daughter of Lady Roisia. (*Notes and Queries*, May 21st, 1887.)

"The traditions about Fulk Fitz-Warine, great-grandson of Warine of Metz, so greatly resemble those connected with "Robin Hood," that some suppose them to be both one. Fitz-Warine quarrelled with John, and when John was king he banished Fulk, who became a bold forester. (See *Notes and Queries*, November 27th, 1886, pp. 421-424.)

Bow and arrow of Robin Hood. The traditional bow and arrow of Robin Hood are religiously preserved at Kirkstoes Hall, Yorkshire, the seat of Sir George Armytage; and the site of his grave is pointed out in the park.

Death of Robin Hood. He was bled to death treacherously by a nun, instigated to the foul deed by his kinsman, the prior of Kirkstoes, Yorkshire, near Halifax. Introduced by Sir Walter Scott in *Ivanhoe*.

Epitaph of Robin Hood.

"Hear, underneath this laill stean,
Lies Robert earl of Huntington;
Nes airis ver az his sae goud,
An pipl kauld him Robin Heud.
Sich utlar az he an liz men
Vil England nivr si agen."

(*Obit.* 21, Kalend Decembris, 1247.

"Notwithstanding this epitaph, it is generally thought that Robin Hood died in 1325, which would bring him into the reign of Edward II., not Richard I., according to Sir Walter Scott.

In the accounts of King Edward II.'s household is an item which states that "Robin Hood received his wages as king's valet, and a gratuity on leaving the service." One of the ballads relates how Robin Hood took service under this king.

Many talk of Robin Hood who never shot with his bow. Many brag of deeds in which they took no part. Many talk of Robin Hood, and wish their hearers to suppose they took part in his adventures, but they never put a shaft to one of his bows; nor could they have bent it even if they had tried.

To sell Robin Hood's pennyworth is to sell things at half their value. As Robin Hood stole his wares, he sold them, under their intrinsic value, for just what he could get on the nonce.

Robin Hood and Guy of Gisborne. Robin Hood and Little John, having had a tiff, part company; when Little John falls into the hands of the sheriff of Nottingham, who binds him to a tree.

Meanwhile, Robin Hood meets with Guy of Gisborne, sworn to slay the "bold forrester." The two bowmen struggle together, but Guy is slain, and Robin Hood rides till he comes to the tree where Little John is bound. The sheriff mistakes him for Guy of Gisborne, and gives him charge of the prisoner. Robin cuts the cord, hands Guy's bow to Little John, and the two soon put to flight the sheriff and his men. (*Percy: Reliques*, etc., series i.)

Robin Hood Wind (A). A cold thaw-wind. Tradition runs that Robin Hood used to say he could bear any cold except that which a thaw-wind brought with it.

Robin Mutton (A). A simpleton.

"Do you see this ram? His name is Robin. Here, Robin, Robin, Robin. . . We will get a pair of scales, and then you, Robin Mutton (Panturkel), shall be weighed against Tap Robin, . . . etc."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 7.

Robin Redbreast. The tradition is that when our Lord was on His way to Calvary, a robin picked a thorn out of His crown, and the blood which issued from the wound falling on the bird dyed its breast with red. (See CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.)

Robin Redbreasts. Bow Street runners were so called from their red waistcoats.

Robin and Makynne (2 syl.). An ancient Scottish pastoral. Robin is a shepherd for whom Makynne sighs. She goes to him and tells her love, but Robin turns a deaf ear, and the damsel goes home to weep. After a time the tables are turned, and Robin goes to Makynne to plead for her heart and hand; but the damsel replies—

"The man that will not when he may
Shall have naucht when he wald."

Percy: Reliques, etc., series ii.

Robin of Bagshot. Noted for the number of his aliases (see ALIAS); but Deeming had nine: viz. Wilkins, Ward, Swanston, Levey, Lord Dunn, Lawson, Moffatt, Drewe, and Baron Swanston. "You have as many aliases as Robin of Bagshot."

Robinson Crusoe. Alexander Selkirk was found in the desert island of Juan Fernandez, where he had been left by Captain Stradling. He remained on the island four years and four months, when he was rescued by Captain Rogers, and brought to England. The embryo of De Foe's novel may be seen in Captain Burney's interesting narrative.

Robinsonians. They were followers of John Robinson, of Leyden. The

Brownists were followers of Robert Brown. The Brownists were most rigid separatists; the Robinsonians were only semi-separatists.

Rooc. A fabulous white bird of enormous size, and such strength that it can "truss elephants in its talons," and carry them to its mountain nest, where it devours them. (*Arabian Nights: The Third Calender, and Sinbad the Sailor.*)

Roch (St.). Patron of those afflicted with the plague, because he devoted his life to their service, and is said to intercede for them in his exaltation. He is depicted in a pilgrim's habit, lifting his dress to display a plague-spot on his thigh, which an angel is touching that he may cure it. Sometimes he is accompanied by a dog bringing bread in his mouth, in allusion to the legend that a hound brought him bread daily while he was perishing in a forest of pestilence.

St. Roch's Day (August 16th), formerly celebrated in England as a general harvest-home, and styled "the great August festival." The Anglo-Saxon name of it was *harfest* (herb-feast), the word *herb* meaning autumn (German *herbst*), and having no relation to what we call herbs.

St. Roch et son chien. Inseparables; Darby and Joan.

Roche. *Men of la vieille roche.* Old-fashioned men; men of fossilised ideas; non-progressive men. A geological expression.

"Perhaps it may be justly attributed to a class of producers, men of *la vieille roche*, that they have been so slow to apprehend the changes which are daily presenting themselves in the requirements of taste."—*The Times*.

Sir Boyle Roche's bird. Sir Boyle Roche, quoting from Jevon's play (*The Devil of a Wife*), said on one occasion in the House, "Mr. Speaker, it is impossible I could have been in two places at once, unless I were a bird."

"Presuming that the duplicate card is the knave of hearts, you may make a remark on the ubiquitous nature of certain cards, which, like Sir Boyle Roche's bird, are in two places at once."—*Drawing-room Magic*.

Rochelle Salt. So called because it was discovered by an apothecary of Rochelle, named Seignette, in 1672.

Roches (Catharine des) had a collection of poems written on her, termed *La Puce de Grands-jours de Poitiers*.

Rochester, according to Bode, derives its name from "Hrof," a Saxon chieftain. (*Hrof's-ceaster*, Hrof's castle.)

Rock: A quack; so called from one Rock, who was the "Holloway" of Queen Anne's reign.

"Oh, when his nerves had once received a shock, Sir Isaac Newton might have gone to Rock."
Crabbe: Borough.

The Ladies' Rock. A crag in Scotland under the castle rock of Stirling, where ladies used to witness tournaments.

"In the castle hill is a hollow called *The Valley* about a square acre in extent, used for joustings and tournaments. On the south side of the valley is a small rocky pyramidal mount, called *The Ladies' Hill* or *Rock*, where the ladies sat to witness the spectacle."—*Nimmo: History of Stirling-shire*, p. 283.

People of the Rock. The inhabitants of Hejaz or Arabia Petræa.

Captain Rock. A fictitious name assumed by the leader of the Irish insurgents in 1822.

Rock ahead (A). A sea-phrase, meaning that a rock is in the path of the ship, which the helmsman must steer clear of; a danger threatens; an opponent; an obstruction.

"That yokker . . . has been a rock ahead to me all my life."—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering*, chap. liv.

Rock Cork. A variety of asbestos, resembling cork. It is soft, easily cut, and very light.

Rock Crystal. The specimens which enclose hair-like substances are called *Thetis's hair-stone*, *Venus's hair-stone*, *Venus's pencil*, *Cupid's net*, *Cupid's grivous*, etc.

Rock Day. The day after Twelfth-day, when, the Christmas holidays being over, women returned to their rock or distaff.

Rococo. *C'est du rococo.* It is mere twaddle; Brummagem finery; make-believe. (Italian *roco*, uncouth.)

Rococo Architecture. A debased style, which succeeded the revival of Italian architecture, and very prevalent in Germany. The ornamentation is without principle or taste, and may be designated ornamental design run mad. The Rock-temple of Ellora, in India, is most lavishly decorated.

"The sacrilegy of St. Lorenzo . . . was the beginning of that wonderful mixture of antique regularity with the capricious bizzarrie of modern times, the last barren fruit of which was the rococo."—*H. Grimm: Michel Angelo*, vol. ii. chap. xi. p. 173.

Rococo Jewellery. strictly speaking, means showy jewellery made up of several different stones. Moorish decoration and Watteau's paintings are rococo. The term is now generally used depreciatingly for flashy, gaudy. Louis XIV.

furniture, with gilding and ormolu, is sometimes termed rococo.

Rod. *To kiss the rod.* (See **KISS THE ROD.**)

Rod-men. Anglers, who use line and fishing-rod.

"You will be nearly sure to meet one or two old rod-men sipping their toddy there."—*J. K. Jerome. Three Men in a Boat*, chap. xvii.

Rod in Pickle (A). A scolding in store. The rod is laid in pickle to keep it ready for use.

Roderick, the thirty-fourth and last of the Visigothic kings, was the son of Theod'ofred, and grandson of King Chindasuin'tho. Witi'za, the usurper, put out the eyes of Theod'ofred, and murdered Favila, a younger brother of Roderick; but Roderick, having recovered his father's throne, put out the eyes of the usurper. The sons of Witi'za, joining with Count Julian, invited the aid of Muza ibn Nozeir, the Arab chief, who sent Tarik into Spain with a large army. Roderick was routed at the battle of Guadale'te, near Xeres de la Fronte'ra (July 17th, 711). Southey has taken this story for an epic poem in twenty-five books—blank verse. (See **RONRIGO.**)

Roderick Random. (See **RANDOM.**)

Roderigo. A Venetian gentleman in Shakespeare's *Othello*. He was in love with Desdemona, and when the lady eloped with Othello, hated the "noble Moor." Iago took advantage of this temper for his own ends, told his dupe the Moor will change, therefore "put money in thy purse." The burden of his advice was always the same—"Put money in thy purse."

This word is sometimes pronounced Rod'r-igo: e.g. "It is as sure as you are Roderigo;" and sometimes Rode-ri'go: e.g. "On, good Roderigo: I'll deserve your pains." (Act i. scene i.)

Rodhaver. The lady-love of Zal, a Persian hero. Zal wanted to scale her bower, and Rodhaver let down her long tresses to assist him; but the lover managed to climb to his mistress by fixing his crook into a projecting beam. (*Champion: Ferdosi.*)

Rodilar'dya. A huge cat which scared Panurge, and which he declared to be a puny devil. The word means "gnaw-bacon" (Latin, *rodo-lardum*). (*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, iv. 67.)

Rodel'pho (Count). The count, returning from his travels, puts up for the

night at an inn near his castle. While in bed, a lady enters his chamber, and speaks to him of her devoted love. It is Ami'na, the somnambulist, who has wandered thither in her sleep. Rodolpho perceives the state of the case, and quits the apartment. The villagers, next morning, come to congratulate their lord on his return, and find his bed occupied by a lady. The tongue of scandal is loud against her, but the count explains to them the mystery, and his tale is confirmed by their own eyes, which see Ami'na at the moment getting out of the window of a mill, and walking in her sleep along the edge of a roof under which the wheel of the mill is rolling with velocity. She crosses the crazy bridge securely, and everyone is convinced of her innocence. (*Bellini: La Sonnambula.*) (See AMINA, ELVINO.)

Rod'omont (in *Orlando Inamorato* and *Orlando Furioso*). King of Sarza or Algiers, Ulien's son, and called the "Mars of Africa." He was commander both of horse and foot in the Saracen army sent against Charlemagne, and may be termed the Achilles of the host. His lady-love was Doralis, Princess of Granada, who ran off with Mandricardo, King of Tartary. At Rogero's wedding-feast Rodomont rode up to the king of France in full armour, and accused Rogero, who had turned Christian, of being a traitor to King Agramant, his master and a renegade; whereupon Rogero met him in single combat, and slew him. (See ROGERO.)

"Who more brave than Rodomont?"—*Cervantes: Don Quixote.*

Rod'omonta'de (4 syl.). From Rodomont, a brave but braggart knight in Bojardo's *Orlando Inamorato*. He is introduced into the continuation of the story by Ariosto (*Orlando Furioso*), but the braggart part of his character is greatly toned down. Neither Rodomont nor Hector deserves the opprobrium which has been attached to their names. (See RODOMONT.)

Rodrigo [*Rod-red-go*] or **Roderick**, King of Spain, conquered by the Arabs. He saved his life by flight, and wandered to Guadalete, where he saw a shepherd, and asked food. In return he gave the shepherd his royal chain and ring. He passed the night in the cell of a hermit, who told him that by way of penance he must pass certain days in a tomb full of snakes, toads, and lizards. After three days the hermit went to see him, and he was unhurt, "because the Lord kept His

anger against him." The hermit went home, passed the night in prayer, and went again to the tomb, when Rodrigo said, "They eat me now, they eat me now, I feel the adder's bite." So his sin was atoned for, and he died.

Rogation Days. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. Rogation is the Latin equivalent of the Greek word "Litany," and on the three Rogation days "the Litany of the Saints" is appointed to be sung by the clergy and people in public procession. ("Litany," Greek *litaneia*, supplication. "Rogation," Latin *rogatio*, same meaning.)

Rogation Week used to be called *Gang Week*, from the custom of ganging round the country parishes to mark their bounds. Similarly, the weed Milk-wort is still called Rogation or Gang-flower, from the custom of decorating the pole (carried on such occasions by the charity children) with these flowers.

Rogel of Greece. A knight, whose exploits and adventures form a supplemental part of the Spanish romance entitled *Ani'adis of Gaul*. This part was added by Feliciano de Silva.

Roger. The cook in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. "He cowde roste, sethe, broille, and frie. Make mortreux, and wel bake a pye;" but Herry Bailif, the host, said to him—

"Now telle on, Roger, and loke it he good;
For many a Jakk of Dover hastow sold.
That hath be twyfe's hoot and twyfe's cold."
Verse 433.

Roger Bontemps. (See BONTEMPS.)

The Jolly Roger. The black flag, the favourite ensign of pirates.

"Set all sail, clear the deck, stand to quarters, up with the Jolly Roger!"—*Sir Walter Scott: The Pirate, chap. xxxi.*

Roger of Bruges. Roger van der Weyde, painter. (1455-1522.)

Roger de Coverley. A dance invented by the great-grandfather of Roger de Coverley, or Roger of Cowley, near Oxford. Named after the squire described in Addison's *Spectator*.

Roger of Hoveden or **Howden**, in Yorkshire, continued Bede's *History* from 732 to 1202. The reigns of Henry II. and Richard I. are very fully given. The most matter-of-fact of all our old chroniclers; he indulges in no epithets or reflections.

Rogero, Ruggiero, or Rialeri of Risa (in *Orlando Furioso*), was brother of Marphis's, and son of Rogero and Galacella. He married Bradamant,

Charlemagne's niece, but had no issue. Galacella being slain by Agolant and his sons, Rogero was nursed by a lioness. Rogero deserted from the Moorish army to the Christian Charles, and was baptised. His marriage with Bradamant and election to the crown of Bulgaria conclude the poem.

Rogero was brought up by Atlantes, a magician, who gave him a shield of such dazzling splendour that everyone quailed who set eyes on it. Rogero, thinking it unknighly to carry a charmed shield, threw it into a well.

"Who more courteous than Rogero?"—*Cervantes: Don Quixote*.

Rogero (in *Jerusalem Delivered*), brother of Bremoud, and son of Roberto Guiscardo, of the Norman race, was one of the band of adventurers in the crusading army. Slain by Tisaphernes. (Bk. xx.)

Rogue Ingrain (*A*). Ingrain colours are what we call "fast colours," colours which will not fly or wash out. A rogue ingrain means one rotten to the core, one whose villainy is deep-seated.

"'Tis ingrain, sir: 'twill endure wind and weather!"—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night*, i. 5.

Roi Pannade [*King of Stops*]. Louis XVIII. was so nicknamed. (1755, 1814-1824.)

Roland, Count of Mans and Knight of Blaves, was son of Duke Milo of Aiglant, his mother being Bertha, the sister of Charlemagne. His sword was called Durandal, and his horse Veillantif. He was eight feet high, and had an open countenance, which invited confidence, but inspired respect. In Italian romance he is called *Orlando*, his sword *Durandana*, and his horse *Vegliantino*. (See *Song of Roland*.)

"I knew of no one to compare him to but the Archangel Michael."—*Croquemitaine*, iii.

Roland. Called the Christian Theseus (2 syl.), or the Achilles of the West.

Roland or **Rolando** (*Orlando* in Italian). One of Charlemagne's paladins and nephews. He is represented as brave, loyal, and simple-minded. On the return of Charlemagne from Spain, Roland, who commanded the rear-guard, fell into an ambushade at Roncesvalles, in the Pyrenees, and perished with all the flower of French chivalry (778). He is the hero of Theroulde's *Chanson de Roland*; the romance called *Chronique de Turpin*; Boiardo's epic *Orlando in Love* (Italian); and Ariosto's epic of *Orlando Mad* (Italian).

Roland, after slaying Angoulafre, the

Saracen giant, in single combat at Fonsac, asked as his reward the hand of Aude, daughter of Sir Gerard and Lady Guibourg; but they never married, as Roland fell at Roncesvalles, and Aude died of a broken heart. (*Croquemitaine*, xi.)

A Roland for an Oliver. A blow for a blow, tit for tat. Roland and Oliver were two of the paladins of Charlemagne, whose exploits are so similar that it is very difficult to keep them distinct. What Roland did Oliver did, and what Oliver did Roland did. At length the two met in single combat, and fought for five consecutive days on an island in the Rhine, but neither gained the least advantage. (See in *La Légende des Sicles*, by Victor Hugo, the poem entitled *Le Mariage de Roland*.)

The etymologies connecting the proverb with Charles II., General Monk, and Oliver Cromwell, are wholly unworthy of credit, for even Shakespeare alludes to it: "England all Olivers and Rolands bred" (*1 Henry VI.*, i. 2); and Edward Hall, the historian, almost a century before Shakespeare, writes—

"But to have a Roland to resist an Oliver, he sent solemn ambassadours to the King of England, offering him his daughter in marriage."—*Henry VI.*

(See **OLIVER, BRECHE**.)

"In French, a bon chat bon rat."

To die like Roland. To die of starvation or thirst. It is said that Roland, the great paladin, set upon in the defile of Roncesvalles, escaped the general slaughter, and died of hunger and thirst in seeking to cross the Pyrenees.

"Post laudentem Hispanorum cædem prope Pyrenæi saltus iuxta . . . sit: inserrunt extractum. Inde nostri intolerant illi et cum nimis volentes significare se torquere, facere aiunt, Rolandi morte se jectire."—*John de la Bruerie Champie: Re Cyprien*, xvi. 5.

Faire le Roland. To swagger.

Like the blast of Roland's horn. When Roland was set upon by the Gascons at Roncesvalles, he sounded his horn to give Charlemagne notice of his danger. At the third blast it cracked in two, but so loud was the blast that birds fell dead and the whole Saracen army was panic-struck. Charlemagne heard the sound at St. Jean Pied de Port, and rushed to the rescue, but arrived too late.

"Oh, for one blast of that dread horn

On Fontarabian echoes borne."

That King Charles did game."—*Sir Walter Scott: Marmion*, vi. 23.

Song of Roland. Part of the *Chansons de Geste*, which treat of the achievements of Charlemagne and his paladins. William of Normandy had it sung at the head of his troops when he came to invade England.

Song of Roland. When Charlemagne had been six years in Spain, by the advice of Roland, his nephew, he sent Ganelon on an embassy to Marsillus, the pagan king of Saragossa. Ganelon, out of jealousy, betrayed to Marsillus the route which the Christian army designed to take on its way home, and the pagan king arrived at Roncesvalles just as Roland was conducting through the pass a rearguard of 20,000 men. Roland fought till 100,000 Saracens lay slain, and only 50 of his own men survived. At this juncture another army, consisting of 50,000 men, poured from the mountains. Roland now blew his enchanted horn, and blew so loudly that the veins of his neck started. Charlemagne heard the blast, but Ganelon persuaded him that it was only his nephew hunting the deer. Roland died of his wounds, but in dying threw his trusty sword Durandal into a poisoned stream, where it remained.

Roland de Vaux (*Sir*). Baron of Triernmain, who woke Gyneth from her long sleep of five hundred years and married her. (*Sir Walter Scott: Bridal of Triernmain.*)

Rolandseck Tower, opposite the Drachenfels. The legend is that when Roland went to the wars, a false report of his death was brought to his betrothed, who retired to a convent in the isle of Nonnewerth. When Roland returned home flushed with glory, and found that his lady-love had taken the veil, he built the castle which bears his name, and overlooks the nunnery, that he might at least see his heart-treasure, lost to him for ever.

Roll. *The flying roll of Zechariah* (v. 1-5). "Predictions of evils to come on a nation are like the Flying Roll of Zechariah." This roll (twenty cubits long and ten wide) was full of maledictions, threats, and calamities about to befall the Jews. The parchment being unrolled fluttered in the air.

Rolls [*Chancery Lane, London*]. So called from the records kept there in rolls of parchment. The house was originally built by Henry III. for converted Jews, and was called "Domus Conversorum." It was Edward III. who appropriated the place to the conservation of records. "Conversi" means lay-monks. (*Ducange*, vol. ii. p. 703.)

Glover's Roll. A copy of the lost *Roll of Arms*, made by Glover, Somerset herald. It is a roll of the arms borne by Henry III., his princes of the

blood, barons, and knights, between 1216 and 1272.

The Roll of Caerlaverock. An heraldic poem in Norman-French, reciting the names and arms of the knights present at the siege of Caerlaverock, in 1300.

Rolling Stone. *A rolling stone gathers no moss.*

Greek: Λίθος κυλινδόμενος το φύκος ου ποιεῖ.
(*Erasmus: Proverbs; Assinduitar.*)

Latin: Saxum volutum non obducitur musco (or Saxum volubilo etc.)

Planta quæ sæpius transeunt non coalescit. (*Fabius.*)

Sæpius plantata arbor fructum profert exiguum.

French: Pierre qui roule n'amasse jamais mousse.

La pierre souvent remuée n'amasse pas volontiers mousse.

Pierre souvent remuée n'attire pas mousse.

Italian: Pietra mossa non fa muschio.

"Three removes are as bad as a fire."

"I never saw an oft-removed tree,
Not yet an oft-removed family.
That thrive so well as those that settled be."

Rollrich or Rowldrich Stones, near Chipping Norton (Oxfordshire). A number of large stones in a circle, which tradition says are men turned to stone. The highest of them is called *the King*, who, "would have been king of England if he could have caught sight of Long Compton," which may be seen a few steps farther on; five other large stones are called the knights, and the rest common soldiers.

Roly-poly (pron. *rowl-y powl-y*). A crust with jam rolled up into a pudding; a little fat child. Roly is a thing rolled with the diminutive added. In some parts of Scotland the game of nine-pins is called *rouly-pouly*.

Roma'ic. Modern or Romanised Greek.

Roman (*The*).

Jean Dumont, the French painter, *le Romain* (1700-1781).

Stephen Picart, the French engraver, *le Romain* (1631-1721).

Giulio Pippi, *Giulio Romano* (1492-1546).

Adrian van Roomen, the mathematician, *Adria'nus Romanus* (1561-1615).

Most learned of the Romans. Marcus Terentius Varro (B.C. 116-28).

Last of the Romans. Rienzi (1310-1354).

Last of the Romans. Charles James Fox (1749-1806.) (See SIDNEY.)
Ultimus Romanorum. Horace Walpole (1717-1797). (See LAST.)

Roman Birds. Eagles; so called because the ensign of the Roman legion was an eagle.

"*Roma' nas aves propria legio' num nu'mina.*"—*Tacitus.*

Roman Remains in England. The most remarkable are the following:—

The pharos, church, and trenches in Dover.

Chilham Castle, Richborough, and Reculver forts.

Silchester (Berkshire), Dorchester, Nisconium (Salop), and Caerleon, amphitheatres.

Hadrian's wall, from Tyne to Boulness.

The wall, baths, and Newport Gate of Lincoln.

Verulam, near St. Albans.

York (Eboracum), where Sev'rus and Constantius Chlorus died, and Constantine the Great was born.

Bath, etc.

Roman de Chevalier de Lyon, by Maitre Wace, Canon of Caen in Normandy, and author of *Le Brut*. The romance referred to is the same as that entitled *Yvain and Gauvain*.

Roman de la Rose. (See ILIAD, *The French*.)

* **Roman des Romans.** A French version of *Amadis of Gaul*, greatly extended, by Gilbert Saunier and Sieur de Duverdier.

Romance. A tale in prose or verse the incidents of which are hung upon what is marvellous and fictitious.

These tales were originally written in the Romance language (*q.v.*), and the expression, "In Romance we read," came in time to refer to the tale, and not to the language in which it was told.

Romance of chivalry may be divided into three groups:—(1) that relating to Arthur and his Round Table; (2) that relating to Charlemagne and his paladins; (3) that relating to Amadis and Palmerin. In the first are but few fairies; in the second they are shown in all their glory; in the third (which belongs to Spanish literature) we have no fairies, but the enchantress Urganda la Desconocida.

"It is misleading to call such poetical tales as the *Bride of Abydos*, *Lalla Rookh*, and the *Chamions of the Moutres*, etc., *Romances*.

Romanesque (3 syl.).

In painting. Fanciful and romantic rather than true to nature.

In architecture. Byzantine, Lombard, Saxon, and, indeed, all the debased Roman styles, between the time of Constantine (360) and Charlemagne (800).

In literature. The dialect of Langue-doc, which smacks of the Romance.

Roman'ic or Romance Languages.

Those modern languages which are the immediate offspring of Latin, as the Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Early French is emphatically so called; hence Bouillett says, "*Le roman était universellement parlé en Gaule au dixième siècle.*"

"Frank's speech is called Romance;
 So say clerks and men of France."

Robert Le Bruan.

Romanism. Popery, or what resembles Popery, the religion of modern Rome. (A word of implied reproach.)

Roman'tic School. The name assumed, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, by a number of young poets and critics in Germany, who wished to limit poetry and art to romance. Some twenty-five years later Victor Hugo, Lamartine, and Dumas introduced it into France.

Roma'nus (*St.*), a Norman bishop of the seventh century, is depicted fighting with a dragon, in allusion to the tale that he miraculously conquered a dragon which infested Normandy.

Roma'ny. Gipsy language, the speech of the Roma or Zingali. This has nothing to do with Rome.

"A learned Slavonian . . . said of Romany, that he found it interesting to be able to study a Hindu dialect in the heart of Europe."—*Leland: English Gipsies*, chap. viii. p. 100.

Rome. Virgil says of Romulus, "*Marottis condet membra Romanosque suo de nomine dicit*" (*Æneid*, i. 276). The words of the Sibyl, quoted by Servius, are "*Ρωμαίοι Ρωμὸν παῖδες*." Romulus is a diminutive or word of endearment for Romus.

The etymology of Rome from *Roma* (mother of Romulus and Remus), or from *Romulus*, the legendary founder of the city, or from *ruma* (a dug), in allusion to the fable of a wolf suckling the outcast children, is not tenable. Niebuhr derives it from the Greek word *rhoma* (strength), a suggestion confirmed by its other name *Valentia*, from *valens* (strong). Michelet prefers *Rumo*, the ancient name of the river Tiber.

Rome. *Founders of Rome.* (1) Romulus, the legendary founder, B.C. 752; (2) Camillus was termed the *Second Romulus*, for saving Rome from the Gauls, B.C. 365; (3) Caius Marius was called the *Third Romulus*, for saving Rome from the Teutones and Cimbri, B.C. 101.

From Rome to May. A bantering expression, equivalent to the following:—"From April to the foot of Westminster Bridge;" "*Inter pascha Renneque fever*" (Reinardus, ii. 690); "*Intr' Chiniacum et Sancti festa Johannis obit*" (Reinardus, iv. 972); "*Cela s'est passé entre Maubeuge et la Pentecôte.*"

'Tis ill sitting at Rome and striving with the Pope. Never tread on a man's corns. "Never wear a brown hat in Friesland" (q.v.).

"Mr. Harrison the steward, and Gudsell the butler, are no very fond of us, and it's ill sitting at Rome and striving with the pope, as I thought it best to fit before I came."—*Sir W. Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. viii.

Oh, that all Rome had but one head, that I might strike it off at a blow! Caligula, the Roman emperor, is said to have uttered this amiable sentiment.

When you go to Rome, do as Rome does—i.e. conform to the manners and customs of those amongst whom you live, and don't wear a brown hat in Friesland. St. Monica and her son St. Augustine, said to St. Ambrose: At Rome they fast on Saturday, but not so at Milan; which practice ought to be observed? To which St. Ambrose replied, "When I am at Milan, I do as they do at Milan; but when I go to Rome, I do as Rome does." (*Epistle xxxvi.*) Compare 2 Kings v. 18, 19.

Rome of the West. Aachen, or Aix la Chapelle, the favourite city of Charlemagne, where, when he died, he was seated, embalmed, on a throne, with the Bible on his lap, his sword (La Joyeuse) by his side, the imperial crown on his head, and his sceptre and shield at his feet.* So well had the Egyptians embalmed him, that he seemed only to be asleep.

Rome was not Built in a Day. Achievements of great pith and moment are not accomplished without patient perseverance and a considerable interval of time. The French say, "*Grand bien ne vient pas en peu d'heures*," but the English proverb is to be found in the French also: "*Rome n'a pas été faite en un jour.*" (1615.)

Rome was not built in a day, like Anchiale, of Cilicia, where Sardanapalus was buried. It is said that Anchiale was actually built in a day.

Rome's best Wealth is Patriotism. So said Mettius Curtius, when he jumped into the chasm which the soothsayers gave out would never close till Rome threw therein "its best wealth."

Romeo (A). A devoted lover; a lady's man; from Romeo in Shakespeare's tragedy. (See *Romeo and Juliet*.)

"James in an evil hour went forth to woo

Young Juliet Hart, and was her Romeo."

Crabbe: Borough.

Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare). The story is taken from a poetical version by Arthur Brooke of Boisteau's novel, called *Rhorne and Julietta*. Boisteau borrowed the main incidents from a story by Luigi da Porto, of Vicenza (1535), entitled *La Giulietta*. In many respects it resembles the *Ephesiaca* (in ten books) of Ephesius Xenophon, whose novel recounts the loves of Habrocomas and Anthia.

Rom'ulus. We need no Romulus to account for Rome. We require no hypothetical person to account for a plain fact.

☞ Romulus and Remus were suckled by a wolf; Atalanta by a she-bear.

Ron or Rone. The name of Prince Arthur's spear, made of ebony.

"His speere he nom (took) an honde, the Ron was thaten (called)."

Layamon: Brut (twelfth century).

Ronald. Lord Ronald gave Lady Clare a lily-white doe as a love-token, and the cousins were to be married on the following day. Lady Clare opened her heart to Alice the nurse, and was then informed that she was not Lady Clare at all, but the nurse's child, and that Lord Ronald was rightful heir to the estate. "Lady" Clare dressed herself as a peasant, and went to reveal the mystery to her lord. Ronald replied, "If you are not the heiress born, we will be married to-morrow, and you shall still be Lady Clare." (*Tennyson.*)

Roncesvalles (4 syl.). A defile in the Pyrenees, famous for the disaster which here befell the rear of Charlemagne's army, on the return march from Saragossa. Ganelon betrayed Roland, out of jealousy, to Marsillus, King of the Saracens, and an ambuscade attacking the Franks, killed every man of them. Amongst the slain were Roland, Oliver, Turpin, and Mitaine, the emperor's god-child. An account of this attack is given in the epilogue of *Croquis mitaine*; but the historical narrative is derived from Eginhard.

Rondo. *Father of the rondo.* Jean Baptiste Davaux; but Gluck was the first to introduce the musical rondo into France, in the opera of *Orpheus*.

Rone (1 syl.). (*See* **ROX**.)

Ron'yon or Ronien. A term of contempt to a woman. It is the French *rogneux* (scabby, mangy).

"You hag, you baggage, you polecat, you ronyon! out, out!"—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, iv. 2.

"Arount thee, witch!" the rump-fed ronyon cries!—*Shakespeare: Macbeth*, i. 3.

Rood Lane (London). So called from a rood or "Jesus on the Cross" placed there, and in Roman Catholic times held in great veneration.

Rood-loft (*The*). The screen between the nave and chancel, where the rood or crucifix was elevated. In some cases, on each side of the crucifix were either some of the evangelists or apostles, and especially the saint to whom the church was dedicated.

"And then to see the rood-loft,
Zo bravely set with zaints."

Percy: Ballad of Plain Truth, ii. 202.

Roodselken. Vervain, or "the herb of the cross."

"Hallowed be thou, vervain, as thou growest in the ground,
For in the Mount of Calvary thou wast found.
Thou healest Christ our Saviour, and staunchest His bleeding wound."

In the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I
take thee from the ground."
Folkard: Plant Lore, p. 47.

Rook (*A*). A cheat. "To rook," to cheat; "to rook a pigeon," to fleece a greenhorn. Sometimes it simply means, to win from another at a game of chance or skill. (*See* **ROOKERY**.)

"My Lord Marquis," said the king, "you rooked me at piquet last night, for which disloyal deed thou shalt now atone, by giving a couple of pieces to this honest youth, and five to the girl."—*Sir Walter Scott: Peccol of the Peak*, chap. xxx.

Rook's Hill (Lavant, Chichester), celebrated for the local tradition that the golden calf of Aaron is buried there.

Rookery (3 syl.). Any low neighbourhood frequented by thieves and vagabonds. A person fleeced or liable to be fleeced is a pigeon, but those who prey upon these "gulls" are called rooks.

"The demolition of rookeries has not proved an efficient remedy for overcrowding."—*A. Symond: Free Trade in Capital*, chap. xv.

Rooky Wood (*The*). Not the wood where rooks do congregate, but the misty or dark wood. The verb *rook* (to emit vapour) had the preterite *roke*,

rook, or *roak*; hence Hamilton, in his *Wallace*, speaks of the "rooky mist."

"Light thickens, and the crow
Makes wing to the rooky wood."
Shakespeare: Macbeth, iii. 2.

Room. *Your room is better than your company*, occurs in Green's *Quip for an Upstart Courtier*.

Roost. A strong current or furious tide betwixt island groups.

"This lofty promontory is constantly exposed to the current of a strong and furious tide, which setting in betwixt the Orkney and Zetland islands, and running with force only inferior to that of the Pentland Firth, . . . is called the Roost of Sumburgh (from the headland)."—*Sir Walter Scott: The Pirate*, chap. i.

Roost. *Gone to roost.* Gone to bed. (*Anglo-Saxon, hrost.*)

"The chough and crow to roost are gone."
Glee (words by Joanna Baillie, music by Bishop).

Rope. The Brahmin teaches that "whoever hangs himself will wander eternally with a rope round his neck." (*Asiatic Researches*.)

Rope. *To fight with a rope round one's neck.* To fight with a certainty of being hanged unless you conquer.

"You must send in a large force: . . . for, as he fights with a rope round his neck, he will struggle to the last."—*Kingdon: The Three Admirals*, viii.

To give one rope enough. To permit a person to continue in wrong-doing, till he reaps the consequences.

Rope. *You carry a rope in your pocket* (French). Said of a person very lucky at cards, from the superstition that a bit of rope with which a man has been hanged, carried in the pocket, secures luck at cards.

"You have no occupation?" said the Beach, inquiringly, to a vagabond at the bar. "Beg your worship's pardon," was the rejoinder: "I deal in bits of halter for the use of gentlemen as plays."
—*The Times* (French correspondent).

Rope-dancer (*The*). Yvo de Grentmesnil, the crusader, one of the leaders of Robert's Duke of Normandy's party against Henry I. of England.

"Ivo was one of those who escaped from Antioch when it was besieged. He was let down by a rope over the wall, and hence called 'The Rope-dancer.'"—*Gentleman's Magazine*.

Rope-dancers. Jacob Hall, in the reign of Charles II., greatly admired by the Duchess of Cleveland.

Richer, the celebrated rope-dancer at Sadler's Wells (1658).

Signora Violante, in the reign of Queen Anne.

The Turk who astonished everyone who saw him, in the reign of George II.

Froissart (vol. iv. chap. xxxviii. fol. 47) tells us of "a mayster from Geane,"

who either slid or walked down a rope suspended to the highest house on St. Michael's bridge and the tower of Our Lady's church, when Isabel of Bavaria made her public entry into Paris. Some say he descended dancing, placed a crown on Isabel's head, and then re-ascended.

A similar performance was exhibited in London, February 19th, 1546, before Edward VI. The rope was slung from the battlements of St. Paul's steeple. The performer of this feat was a man from Aragon.

The same trick was repeated when Felipe of Spain came to marry Queen Mary. (See *Holinshed: Chronicle*, iii. p. 1121.)

Rope-walk [*barristers' slang*]. Old Bailey practice. Thus, "Gone into the rope-walk" means, he has taken up practice in the Old Bailey. (See *ROPES*.)

The ways of London low life are called "ropes," and to know the ropes means to be an *adroit* with the minutiae of all sorts of dodges. (See *ROPES*.)

Ropes. Fought back to the ropes. Fought to the bitter end. A pugilistic phrase.

"It is a battle that must be fought gamo and right back to the ropes."—*Boldrewood: Robbery Under Arms*, chap. xxxiii.

Ropes. Tricks, artifices. A term in horse-racing. To rope a horse is to pull it in or restrain its speed, to prevent its winning a race. When a boxer or any other athlete loses for the purpose, he is accused of roping. "To know the ropes" is to be up to all the dodges of the sporting world. Of course, the ropes mean the reins.

"I am no longer the verdant country squire, the natural prey of swindlers, blacklegs, and sharks. No, sir, I know the ropes, and these gentry would find me but sorry sport."—*Truth: Queer Story*, September 3rd, 1885.

Ropes. She is on her high ropes. In a distant and haughty temper. The allusion is to a rope-dancer, who looks down on the spectators. The French say, *Être monté sur ses grands chevaux* (to be on your high horse).

Roper. Margaret Roper was buried with the head of her father, Sir Thomas More, in her arms.

"Her, who clasped in her last trance
Her murdered father's head." *Tennyson*.

Mistress Roper. A cant name given to the *marines* by British sailors. The wit, of course, lies in the awkward way that *marines* handle the ship's ropes.

To marry *Mistress Roper* is to enlist in the *marines*.

Roque (1 syl.).¹ A blunt, feeling old man in the service of Donna Floranthe. (*George Colman: The Mountaineers*.)

Saint Roque. Patron saint of those who suffer from plague or pestilence; this is because "he worked miracles on the plague-stricken, while he was himself smitten with the same judgment."

Roque Guinart. A famous robber, whose true name was Pedro Rocha Guinarda, leader of *los Nicervos*, which, with the *los Cadelles*, levied heavy contributions on all the mountain districts of Catalonia in the seventeenth century. He was a Spanish Rob Roy, and was executed in 1616. (*Pellicer*.)

Roquelaure. A cloak; so called from the Duke de Roquelaure. (George II.)

"Your honour's roquelaure," replied the corporal, "has not once been had on since the night before your honour received your wound."—*Sterne: Tristram Shandy; Story of Le Ferre*.

Rory O'More. Slang for a door. (Explained under the word CHIVVY.)

Ros-crana. Daughter of Cormac, King of Moiriana, wife of Fingal. (*Ossian: Tamora*, iv.)

Ro'sa (*Salvator*). An Italian painter, noted for his scenes of savage nature, gloomy grandeur, and awe-creating magnificence. (1615-1673.)

"Whatever Lorrain light touched with soft
hue,
Or savage Rosa dashed, or learned Poussin
drew."

Thomson: Castle of Indolence, canto i.

Rosabelle. The favourite palfrey of Mary Queen of Scots. (See HORSE.)

"I could almost swear I am at this moment mounted on my own favourite Rosabelle, who was never matched in Scotland for swiftness, for ease of motion, and for sureness of foot."—*Sir W. Scott: The Abbot*, chap. xxxvi.

Rosalia or **St. Rosalie.** A native of Palermo, who was carried by angels to an inaccessible mountain, where she lived for many years in the cleft of a rock, a part of which she wore away with her knees in her devotions. If anyone doubts it, let him know that a rock with a hole in it may still be seen, and folks less sceptical have built a chapel there, with a marble statue, to commemorate the event.

"That grove where olives nod,
Where, darling of each heart and eye,
From all the youths of Sicily,
St. Rosalie retired to God."

Sir Walter Scott: Marmion, l. 23.

St. Rosalia, in Christian art, is depicted in a cave with a cross and skull, or else in the act of receiving a rosary or chaplet of roses from the Virgin.

Rosalind. Daughter of the banished duke, but brought up with Celia in the court of Frederick, the duke's brother, and usurper of his dominions. When Rosalind fell in love with Orlando, Duke Frederick said she must leave his house and join her father in the forest of Arden. Celia resolved to go with her, and the two ladies started on their journey. For better security, they changed their names and assumed disguises; Celia dressed herself as a peasant-girl, and took for the nonce the name of Aliena; Rosalind dressed as her brother, and called herself Ganymede. They took up their quarters in a peasant's cottage, where they soon encountered Orlando, and (to make a long tale short) Celia fell in love with Oliver, the brother of Orlando, and Rosalind obtained her father's consent to marry Orlando. (*Shakespeare: As You Like It.*)

Rosalind, in the *Shepherd's Calendar*, is the maiden vainly beloved by Colin Clout, as her choice was fixed on a shepherd named Menalcas. (See below.)

Rosalinde (3 syl.). The anagram of "Rose Danil" or "Rose Daniel," with whom Spenser was in love, but the young lady married John Florio, lexicographer. In the *Shepherd's Calendar* Rose is called "Rosalinde," and Spenser calls himself "Colin Clout." Shakespeare introduces John Florio in *Love's Labour's Lost*, under the imperfect anagram Holofernes (*lines Florio*).

Rosaline (3 syl.). A negress of sparkling wit and great beauty, attending on the Princess of France, and loved by Lord Biron, a nobleman in the suite of Ferdinand, King of Navarre. (*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost.*)

Rosamond (*Fair*). Higden, monk of Chester, says: "She was the fayre daughter of Walter, Lord Clifford, concubine of Henry II., and poisoned by Queen Elianor, A.D. 1177. Henry made for her a house of wonderfull working, so that no man or woman might come to her. This house was named Labyrinthus, and was wrought like unto a knot in a garden called a maze. But the queen came to her by a clue of thredde, and so dealt with her that she lived not long after. She was buried at Godstow, in an house of nunnes, with these verses upon her tombe:—

"Hic jacet in tumba Rosa mundi, non Rosa
mundi;

Non redolet, sed olet, quæ redoletis olet."
Here Rose the graceful, not Rose the chaste, re-
sponses:
The smell that rises is no smell of roses. E. C. B.

"Rosamond Clifford is introduced by Sir Walter Scott in two of his novels—*The Talisman* and *Woodstock*."

"Jane Clifford was her name, as books aver;
Fair Rosamond was but her nom de guerre."
Dryden: Epilogue to Henry II.

Roseana. Daughter of the Queen of Armenia. She aided the three sons of St. George to quench the seven lamps of the Knight of the Black Castle. (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, ii. 8-9.) (See LAMPS.)

Rosary [*the rose article*]. A name given to the bead-roll employed by Roman Catholics for keeping count of their repetitions of certain prayers. It consists of three parts, each of which contains five mysteries connected with Christ or His virgin mother. The entire roll consists of 150 *Ave Marias*, 15 *Pater Nosters*, and 15 doxologies. The word is said by some to be derived from the chaplet of beads, perfumed with roses, given by the Virgin to St. Dominic. (This cannot be correct, as it was in use A.D. 1100.) Others say the first chaplet of the kind was made of rosewood; others, again, maintain that it takes its name from the "Mystical Rose," one of the titles of the Virgin. The set is sometimes called "fifteens," from its containing 15 "doxologies," 15 "Our Fathers," and 10 times 15 or 150 "Hail Marys." (Latin, *rosarium*.)

The "Devotion of the Rosary" takes different forms:—(1) the *Greater Rosary*, or recitation of the whole fifteen mysteries; (2) the *Lesser Rosary*, or recitation of one of the mysteries; and (3) the *Living Rosary*, or the recitation of the fifteen mysteries by fifteen different persons in combination.

In regard to the "rosewood," this etymology is extremely doubtful. The beads are now made of berries, wood, stone, ivory, metal, etc., sometimes of considerable value.

Rosciad. A satire published by Charles Churchill in 1761; it canvasses the faults and merits of the metropolitan actors.

Roscius. A first-rate actor; so called from the Roman Roscius, unrivalled for his grace of action, melody of voice, conception of character, and delivery. He was paid thirty pounds a day for acting; Pliny says four thousand a year, and Cicero says five thousand.

"What scene of death hath Roscius now to act?"
Shakespeare: 3 Henry VI., v. 6.

Another Roscius. So Camden terms Richard Burbage (1666-1619).

The British Roscius. Thomas Betterton, of whom Cibber says, "He alone was born to speak what only Shakespeare knew to write." (1635-1710.)

David Garrick (1716-1779).

The Roscius of France. Michel Boyron, generally called Baron. (1653-1729.)

The Young Roscius. William Henry West Betty, who in fifty-six nights realised £34,000. (Died 1874, aged 84.)

Rose. Sir John Mandeville says—A Jewish maid of Bethlehem (whom Southey names Zillah) was beloved by one Ham'uel, a brutish sot. Zillah rejected his suit, and Hamuel vowed vengeance. He gave out that Zillah was a demoniac, and she was condemned to be burnt; but God averted the flames, the stake budded, and the maid stood unharmed under a rose-tree full of white and red roses, then "first seen on earth since Paradise was lost."

Rose. An emblem of England. It is also the cognisance of the Richmonds, hence the rose in the mouth of one of the foxes which support the shield in the public-house called the *Holland Arms*, Kensington. The daughter of the Duke of Richmond (Lady Caroline Lennox) ran away with Mr. Henry Fox, afterwards Baron Holland of Foxley. So the Fox stole the *Rose* and ran off with it.

Rose. In the language of flowers, different roses have a different significance. For example:—

The Burgundy Rose signifies simplicity and beauty.

The China Rose, grace or beauty ever fresh.

The Daily Rose, a smile.

The Dog Rose, pleasure mixed with pain.

A Faded Rose, beauty is fleeting.

The Japan Rose, beauty your sole attraction.

The Moss Rose, voluptuous love.

The Musk Rose, capricious beauty.

The Provence Rose, my heart is in flames.

The White Rose Bud, too young to love.

The White Rose full of buds, secrecy.

A wreath of Roses, beauty and virtue rewarded.

The Yellow Rose, infidelity.

Rose. The red rose, says Sir John Mandeville, sprang from the extinguished brands heaped around a virgin martyr at Bethlehem, named Zillah. (See *ROSES*.)

The Red Rose [of Lancaster]. (See *ROSES*, *The Wars of the Roses*.)

The Red Rose (as a public-house sign). Camden says the red rose was the accepted badge of Edmund Plantagenet, who was the second son of Henry III., and of the first Duke of Lancaster, surnamed Crouchback. It was also the

cognisance of John of Gaunt, second Duke of Lancaster, in virtue of his wife, who was godchild of Edmund Crouchback, and his sole heir. (See *above*.)

The white rose, says Sir John Mandeville, sprang from the unkindled brands heaped around the virgin martyr at Bethlehem. (See *ROSE*.)

The White Rose (as a public-house sign) was not first adopted by the Yorkists during the contest for the crown, as Shakespeare says. It was an hereditary cognisance of the House of York, and had been borne by them ever since the title was first created. It was adopted by the Jacobins as an emblem of the Pretender, because his adherents were obliged to abet him *sub rosa* (in secret).

No rose without a thorn. "There is a crook in every lot" (*Boston*); "No joy without alloy"; "There is a poison-drop in man's purest cup"; "Every path hath its puddle" (*Scotch*).

French: "Il n'y a point de roses sans épines," or "Point de rose sans épine"; "Il n'est si gentil mois d'Avril qui n'ait son chapeau de grésil."

Italian: "Non v'è rosa senza spina"; "Ogni medaglia ha il suo reverso."

Latin: "Nihil est ab omni parte beatum" (*Horace*: 2 *Odes*, x. 27); "Curtas nescio quid semper abest rei."

Under the rose (sub rosa). In strict confidence. Cupid gave Harpocrates (the god of silence) a rose, to bribe him not to betray the amours of Venus. Hence the flower became the emblem of silence. It was for this reason sculptured on the ceilings of banquet-rooms, to remind the guests that what was spoken *sub rino* was not to be uttered *sub divo*. In 1526 it was placed over confessionals. The banquet-room ceiling at Haddon Hall is decorated with roses. (*French*, *parler sous la rose*.)

Rose (in Christian art). The attribute of St. Dorothea, who carries roses in a basket; of St. Casilda, St. Elizabeth of Portugal, and St. Rose of Viterbo, who carry roses either in their hands or caps. St. Rosa'lia, St. An'gelus, St. Rose of Lima, St. Ascyus, St. Victoria, etc., wear crowns of roses.

"Rose, elle a vécu ce que vivent les roses
L'espace d'un matin."
Malherbe: A *Mme. de Ferrier*, sur la Mort
de sa Fille.

Like other roses, thy sweet rose survived
While shone the morning sun, then drooped
and died. E. C. B.

Rose for Rose-moble. A gold coin worth 6s. 8d. struck in 1344, under Edward III.; so called because it had

a rose, the badge of the Lancastrians and Yorkists.

De la pistole.
De la guinée, et de l'écouble,
Du louis d'or, du dinatou,
De la rose, et du palagon,
Jacques Morceau, in *Virgile Travesti*.

Rose Sunday. The fourth Sunday in Lent, when the Pope blesses the "Golden Rose." He dips it in balsam, sprinkles it with holy water, and incenses it. Strange as it may seem, Pope Julius II., in 1510, and Leo X. both sent the sacred rose to Henry VIII. In 1856 Isabella II. of Spain received the "Rose," and both Charlotte, Empress of Mexico, and Eugénie, Empress of France, were honoured by it likewise.

The Rose Alley ambuscade. The attack on Dryden by hired ruffians in the employ of Rochester and the Duchess of Portsmouth, December 18th, 1679. This scandalous outrage was in revenge of a satire by Mulgrave, erroneously attributed to Dryden.

Attacks of this kind were not uncommon in "the age of chivalry;" witness the case of Sir John Coventry, who was waylaid and had his nose slit by some young men of rank for a reflection on the king's theatrical amours. This attack gave rise to the "Coventry Act" against maiming and wounding. Of a similar nature was the cowardly assassination of Mr. Mountford, in Norfolk Street, Strand, by Lord Mohun and Captain Hill, for the hypothetical offence of his admiration for Mrs. Bracegirdle.

The Rose coffee-house, formerly called "The Red Cow," and subsequently "Will's," at the western corner of Bow Street, where John Dryden presided over the literature of the town. "Here," says Malcolm, "appeal was made to him upon every literary dispute." (*Spence: Anecdotes*, p. 263.)

This coffee-house is referred to as "Russell Street Coffee House," and "The Wits' Coffee-house."

"Will's" continued to be the resort of the wits at least till 1710. Probably Addison established his servant (Button) in a new house about 1712.—*Spence: Anecdotes*, p. 263.

This Button had been a servant of the Countess of Warwick, whom Addison married; and Button's became the headquarters of the Whig literati, as Will's had been of the Tory.

Rose of Jericho. Also called *Rosa Maria* or *Rose of the Virgin*.

Rose of Baby (The). Cicely, the twelfth and youngest daughter of Ralph Neville, Earl of Westmoreland, (1415-1495.)

Roses. *The Wars of the Roses.* A civil contest that lasted thirty years, in which eighty princes of the blood, a larger portion of the English nobility, and some 100,000 common soldiers were slain. It was a contest between the Lancastrians and Yorkists, whose supporters wore in their caps as badges a red or white rose, the *Red rose (gules)* being the cognisance of the House of Lancaster, and the *White rose (argent)* being the badge of the House of York. (1455-1485.)

Rosemary is *Ros-mari-nus* (sea-dew), and is said to be "useful in love-making." The reason is this: Both Venus, the love-goddess, and Rosemary or sea-dew, were offspring of the sea; and as Love is Beauty's son, Rosemary is his nearest relative.

"The sea his mother Venus came on;
And hence some reverend men approve
Of rosemary in making love."

Butler: Hudibras, pt. ii. c. 1.

Rosemary, an emblem of remembrance. Thus Ophelia says, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." According to ancient tradition, this herb strengthens the memory. As Hungary water, it was once very extensively taken to quiet the nerves. It was much used in weddings, and to wear rosemary in ancient times was as significant of a wedding as to wear a white favour. When the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* asks, "Doth not rosemary and Romeo begin both with a [*i.e.* one] letter?" she refers to these emblematical characteristics of the herb. In the language of flowers it means "Fidelity in love."

Rosemary Lane (London), now called *Royal Mint Street*.

Rosewood. So called because when cut it yields a perfume like that of roses.

Rosenorantz and Guildenstern. Time-serving courtiers, willing to betray anyone, and do any "genteel" dirty work to please a king. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*.)

Rosetta (Africa). The orchards of Rosetta are filled with turtle-doves.

"Now hangs listening to the doves
In warm Rosetta."

P. Moore: Paradise and the Peri.

Rosetta Stone (The). A stone found in 1799 by M^r Boussard, a French officer of engineers, in an excavation made at Fort St. Julien, near Rosetta. It has an inscription in three different languages—the hieroglyphic, the demotic, and the Greek. It was erected B.C. 195, in honour of Ptolemy Epiphanes, because

he remitted the dues of the sacerdotal body. The great value of this stone is that it furnished the key whereby the Egyptian hieroglyphics have been deciphered.

Rosicrucians. Not *rosa crux*, rose cross, but *ros crux*, dew cross. Dew was considered by the ancient chemists as the most powerful solvent of gold; and *crux* in alchemy is the synonym of light, because any figure of a cross contains the three letters L V X (light). "Lux" is the monstrium of the red dragon (*i.e.* corporeal light), and this gross light properly digested produces gold, and dew is the digester. Hence the Rosicrucians are those who used dew for digesting lux or light, with the object of finding the philosopher's stone.

"As for the Rosycross philosophers,
Whom you will have to be but sorcerers,
What they pretend to is no more
Than *Thamemagist* did before,
Pythagoras, old Zoroaster,
And Apollonius their master."

Butler: Hudibras, pt. II, 3.

Ross (Celtic). A headland; as Roslin, Culross, Rossberg, Montrose, Roxburg, Ardrossan, etc.

Ross, from the Welsh *rhos* ("a moor"); found in Welsh and Cornish names, as Rossal, Rusholme, etc.

The Man of Ross. A name given to John Kyrie, a native of Whitehouse, in Gloucestershire. He resided the greater part of his life in the village of Ross, Herefordshire, and died 1724.

"Who taught that heaven-directed spire to rise?
'The Man of Ross,' each hiving babe replies?"
Pope: Moral Essays.

Rosse (2 syl.). A famous sword which the dwarf Elberich gave to Otwit, King of Lombardy. It struck so fine a cut that it left no "gap." It shone like glass, and was adorned with gold. (See SWORD and BALMUNG.)

"This sword to thee I give: it is all bright of hue;
Whatever it may cleave, no gap will there ensue,
From Al'mari I brought it, and Rosse' is its name;
Wherever swords are drawn, 'twill put them all to shame."
The Heidenbuch.

Rossel. One of Reynard's sons. The word means "reddish." (*Reynard the Fox*.)

Rossignol (French). *Rossignol d'Arcadie*. A donkey; so called because its bray is quite as remarkable as the nightingale's song, and Arcadia is called the land of asses and fools. (See FEN NIGHTINGALE.)

Rostrum. A pulpit; properly the beak of a ship. In Rome, the pulpit

from which orators addressed the public was ornamented with the rostra or ship-prows taken from the Carthaginians.

Ro'ta or Rota Men. A political club formed in 1651 by Harrington, author of *Oceana*. Its objects were to introduce rotation in office, and voting by ballot. It met at the *Turk's Head*, in New Palace Yard, Westminster, where the members drew up a popular form of commonwealth, which will be found in Harrington's *Oceana*. It was called Rota because a third part of the members were *roted out* by ballot every year, and were not eligible for re-election for three years.

Rota Aristotelica (Aristotle's wheel). A problem in mechanics founded on the motion of a wheel about its axis. First noticed by Aristotle.

Rota Romana. An ecclesiastical court composed of twelve Catholic prelates, to adjudicate when a conflict of rights occurs.

Rote. To learn by rote is to learn by turning words round and round in the memory as a wheel. To "learn by heart" is to learn thoroughly (French, *apprendre par cœur*). Shakespeare speaks of the "heart of loss," meaning *entire loss*, and to love with "all our heart" is to love thoroughly. (Latin, *rota*, a wheel.)

"Take hackney'd jokes from Miller got by rote,"
Byron: English Bards, etc.

Rothschild [*Red Shield*]. Mayer Amschel, in 1763, made his appearance in Hanover barefoot, with a sack on his shoulders and a bundle of rags on his back. Successful in trade, he returned to Frankfort and set up a small shop, over which hung the signboard of a *red shield*. As a dealer in old coins he became known to William I., Elector of Hesse-Cassel, who appointed him confidential agent. The serene elector being compelled to fly his country, Mayer Amschel took charge of his cash, amounting to £250,000. When Napoleon was banished to Elba, and the elector returned, Amschel was dead, but his son Auselm restored the money, an act of noble honesty which the elector mentioned at the Congress of Vienna. Hence arose the greatness of the house, which assumed the name of the Red Shield. In 1863 Charles received six millions sterling as his personal share and retiring pension from the firm of the five brothers.

Rotten Row. Münster row. Camden derives the word from *rotteran* (to muster); hence *rot*, a file of six soldiers. Another derivation is the Norman *Ratten Row* (roundabout way), being the way corpses were carried to avoid the public thoroughfares. Others suggest *Route du roi*; and others the Anglo-Saxon *rot*, pleasant, cheerful; or *rotten*, referring to the soft material with which the road is covered.

Rotundity of the Belt (Washington Irving). Obesity; a large projecting paunch; what Shakespeare calls a "fair round belly with good capon lined." (*As You Like It*, ii. 7.)

Roué. The profligate Duke of Orleans, Regent of France, first used this word in its modern sense. It was his ambition to collect round him companions as worthless as himself, and he used facetiously to boast that there was not one of them who did not deserve to be broken on the *wheel*—that being the most ordinary punishment for malefactors at the time; hence these profligates went by the name of Orleans' roués or wheels. The most notorious roués were the Dukes of Richelieu, Broglie, Biron, and Brancas, together with Canillac and Nocé; in England, the Dukes of Rochester and Buckingham.

A notorious roué. A libertine.

Rouen. *Aller à Rouen.* To go to ruin. The French are full of these puns, and our merry forefathers indulged in them also.

(1) *Il a fait son cours à Asnières.* He knows nothing; he graduated at Dunse [Dunce] College.

(2) *Aller à Cachan.* To give log-bail, or "se cacher" [*de ses créanciers*]; to go to Hyde [Hide] Park.

(3) *Aller à Dourdan.* To go to be whipped (*douder, être battu*); to be on the road to Flogty.

(4) *Vous êtes de Lagny, vous n'avez pas hâte.* I see you are a man of Laggon. Don't hurry yourself, Mr. Slowcoach.

(5) *Il est de Lunel, il a une chambre à Lunel, il est des Luniers d'Orléans, or Il est Logé à la Lune.* He is a lunatic.

(6) *Envoyer à Mortaigne.* To be slain, or sent to Deadham.

(7) *Aller à Patras.* To die; to be gathered to one's fathers (*ad patres*).

(8) *Aller à Versailles.* To be going to the bad. Here the pun is between *Versailles* and *renverser*. This wretched pun is about equal to such a phrase as "Going to Downham."

The Bloody Feast of Rouen (1356). Charles the Dauphin gave a banquet to his private friends at Rouen, to which his brother-in-law Charles the Bad was invited. While the guests were at table King Jean entered the room with a numerous escort, exclaiming, "Traitor, thou art not worthy to sit at table with my son!" Then, turning to his guards, he added, "Take him hence! By holy Paul, I will neither eat nor drink till his head be brought me!" Then, seizing an iron mace from one of the men-at-arms, he struck another of the guests between the shoulders, exclaiming, "Out, proud traitor! by the soul of my father, thou shalt not live!" Four of the guests were beheaded on the spot.

Rouge (*rl*), i.e. a red cap, a red republican, a democrat.

"She had all the furious prejudices and all the instinctive truths in her of an unconquering Rouge."—*Ouida: Under Two Flags*, chap. xxiv.

Rouge Croix. One of the pursuivants of the heraldic establishment. So called from the red cross of St. George, the patron saint of England.

Rouge Dragon. The pursuivant founded by Henry VII.: it was the ensign of Cadwaladyr, the last king of the Britons, an ancestor of Henry Tudor.

Rouge et Noir (French, *red and black*). A game of chance; so called because of the red and black diamonds marked on the board. The dealer deals out to noir first till the sum of the pips exceeds thirty, then to rouge in the same manner. That packet which comes nearest to thirty-one is the winner of the stakes.

Rough-hewn. Shaped in the rough, not finished, unpolished, ill-mannered, raw; as, a "rough-hewn seaman" (Bacon); a "rough-hewn discourse" (Howell).

Rough Music, called in Somersetshire *skimmity-riding*, and by the Basques *tobæac*. A ceremony which takes place after sunset, when the performers, to show their indignation against some man or woman who has outraged propriety, assemble before the house, and make an appalling din with bells, horns, tin pans, and other noisy instruments.

Rough-shod. *Riding rough-shod over one.* Treating one without the least consideration. The allusion is to riding a horse rough-shod.

Rough and Ready. Said to be derived from Colonel Rough, who was in the battle of Waterloo. The story says that the Duke of Wellington used to say "Rough and ready, colonel," and the family adopted the words as their motto.

Rough and Ready. So General Zachary Taylor, twelfth president of the United States, was called. (1786-1853.)

Roughs (The). The coarse, ill-behaved rabble, without any of the polish of good breeding.

Roun'cival. Large; of gigantic size. Certain large bones of antediluvian animals were at one time said to be the bones of the heroes who fell with Roland in Roncesvalles. "Rounceval peas" are those large peas called "marrowfats," and a very large woman is called a *rounceval*.

"Hereof, I take it, it comes that seeing a great woman, we say she is a *rounceval*."—*Manderley*.

Round. A watchman's beat. He starts from one point, and comes round again to the same place.

To walk the Round. The lawyers used frequently to give interviews to their clients in the Round church; and "walking the Round" meant loitering about the Round church, under the hope of being hired for a witness.

Round (To). To whisper. (Anglo-Saxon, *runian*; German, *raunen*, to whisper.) (See **ROUND**.)

That lesson which I will round you in the ear—which I will whisper in your ear. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*.)

"France . . . rounded in the ear with [his] . . . commodity [self-interest] hath resolved to [on] a most base . . . peace."—*Shakespeare: King John*, II. I.

"And ner the feend he drough as nought ne were,
Fith prively, and rounded in his eere,
'Herke, my brother, herke, by thi faith . . ."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales 7132.

Round Dealing. Honest, straightforward dealing, without branching off into underhand tricks, or deviating from the straight path into the by-ways of finesse.

"Round dealing is the honour of man's nature."
—*Bacon*.

Round Numbers (In). In whole numbers, without regarding the fractions. Thus we say the population of the British Isles is forty millions in round numbers, and that of London four millions (1895). The idea is that what is round is whole or perfect, and, of course, fractions, being broken numbers, cannot belong thereto.

Round Peg. *'Round peg in the square hole, and square peg in the round hole.* The wrong man in the wrong place; especially applied to government officials. The expression was used in 1855, by Mr. Layard, speaking of the "Administration Reform Association." The allusion is to such games as cribbage, German tactics, etc.

In 1804, Sydney Smith, in his *Moral Philosophy*, said: "You choose to represent the various parts in life by holes upon a table. . . . We shall generally find that the triangular person has got into the square hole, the oblong into the triangular hole, and the round person has squeezed himself into the square hole."

Round Robin. A petition or protest signed in such a way that no name heads the list. Of course, the signatures are placed in a circular form. The device is French, and the term is a corruption of *ronde* (round) *ruban* (a ribbon). It was first adopted by the officers of government as a means of making known their grievances.

Round Sum. *A good round sum.* A large sum of money. Shakespeare says the Justice has a "big round belly, with good capon lined;" and the notion of puffed out or bloated is evidently the idea of Shylock when he says to Bassanio, "'Tis a good round sum."

Round Table. Made by Merlin at Carduel for Uter Pendragon. Uter gave it to King Leodegrance, of Camelyard, and King Leodegrance gave it to Arthur when the latter married Guinever, his daughter. It seated 150 knights, and a place was left in it for the San Greal.

What is usually meant by Arthur's Round Table is a smaller one for the accommodation of twelve favourite knights. Henry VIII. showed Francois I. the table at Winchester, which he said was the one used by the British king.

The Round Table, says Dr. Percy, was not peculiar to the reign of King Arthur, but was common in all the ages of chivalry. Thus the King of Ireland, father of the fair Christabelle, says in the ballad—

"Is there never a knight of my round table
This matter will undergo?" *Sir Cauthen*.

Round Table. In the eighth year of Edward I., Roger de Mortimer established a Round Table at Kenilworth for "the encouragement of military pastimes." At this foundation 100 knights and as many ladies were entertained at the founder's expense. About

seventy years later, Edward III. erected a splendid table at Windsor. It was 200 feet in diameter, and the expense of entertaining the knights thereof amounted to £100 a week.

A round table. A tournament. "So called by reason that the place wherein they practised those feats was environed with a strong wall made in a round form" (*Dugdale*). We still talk of *table-land*.

Holding a round table. Proclaiming or holding a grand tournament. Matthew of Paris frequently calls justs and tournaments *Hastilia dia Mense Rotundæ* (lance games of the Round Table).

Knights of the Round Table. There were 150 knights who had "sieges" at the table. King Leodegrance brought over 100 when, at the wedding of his daughter Guinever, he gave the table to King Arthur; Merlin filled up twenty-eight of the vacant seats, and the king elected Gawaine and Tor; the remaining twenty were left for those who might prove worthy. (*History of Prince Arthur*, 45, 46.)

Knights of the Round Table. The most celebrated are *Sirs* Acolon,* Agurvain, Am'oral of Wales, Ballamore,* Banier, Beaumans,* Beleo'bus,* Bevidere, Belvour,* Bersunt,* Blom'beris, Borro or Bors* (Arthur's natural son), Brandles, Brunor, Caradoc the Chaste (the only knight who could quaff the golden cup), Col'greavance, Din'adam, Driam, Dodynas the Savage, Eric, Floil,* Galahad or Galaad the Modest,* Gareth,* Gaheris,* Galohalt,* Gawain or Gauwin the Gentle* (Arthur's nephew), Grislet,* Hector of Mares (1 syl.) or Ector of Marys,* Iwein or Ewaine* (also written Yvain), Kay,* Ladyma, Lamereck or Lamerock,* Lancelot or Launcelot du Lac* (the seducer of Arthur's wife), Lanval of the Fairy Lance, Lavain, Lionell,* Lucan, Mathaus,* Melia'dus, Mordred the Traitor (Arthur's nephew), Morolt or Morhault of the Iron Mace, Pag'inet,* Palamede or Palamedes,* Pharamond, Pell'eas,* Pell'inore, Persuant of Inde (meaning of the *indigo* or blue armour), Per'civall,* Peredur, Ryence, Sag'ramour le Desirus, Sa'gris,* Super'bilis,* Tor or Torres* (reputed son of Ariës the cowherd), Tristram or Tristan the Love-lorn,* Turquino,* Wig'alois, Wig'amor, Ywain (*see* Iwein).

* The thirty marked with a star (*) are seated with Prince Arthur at the Round Table, in the frontispiece of the

Famous History of the Renowned Prince Arthur.

"There tialhad sat with manly grace,
Yet maiden meekness in his face;
There Morolt of the iron mace,
And love-lorn Tristrem there;
And Dinadam with lively glance,
And Lanval with the fairy lance,
And Mordred with his looks askance,
Brunor and Bevidere.
Why should I tell of numbers more?
Sir Cay, Sir Banier, and Sir Bore,
Sir Caradoc the keen,
The gentle Gawain's courteous lore,
Hector de Mares, and Pellinore,
And Lancelot, that evermore
Looked stou'wise on the queen."
Sir Walter Scott: Bridal of Trenchmain, ii. 13.

Knights of the Round Table. Their chief exploits occurred in quest of the San Graal or Holy Cup, brought to Britain by Joseph of Arimathea.

Harcourt's Round Table. (*See* HARCOURT'S . . .)

Round as a Ball; . . . as an apple, as an orange, etc.

Roundabout (A). A Pict's camp.

"His desire of his companion a Pict's camp, or Roundabout."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. i.

Roundheads. Puritans; so called because they wore their hair short, while the Royalists wore long hair covering their shoulders.

"And ere their butter 'gan to coddle,
A bullet churnd I th' Roundhead's noddle."
Men Miracles, iv. 43 (1650).

Roundle, in heraldry, is a charge of a round or circular form. They are of eight sorts, distinguished by their tinctures: (1) a *Bezant*, tincture "or;" (2) a *Plate*, tincture "argent;" (3) a *Torteau*, tincture "gules;" (4) a *Hurt*, tincture "azure;" (5) an *Ogress* or *Pellet*, tincture "sable;" (6) a *Golpe*, tincture "purple;" (7) a *Guze*, tincture "sanguine;" (8) an *Orange*, tincture "tenney."

Round. So the Britons called ogres, and the servants or attendants of the ogres they called *Greounds*.

Rouse (A). A contraction of carousal, a drinking, bout. (Swedish, *rûs*; Norwegian, *rums*, drunkenness; Dutch, *roes*, a bumper.) Rouse (1 syl.).

"The king doth wake to-night, and takes his rouse."
Shakespeare: Hamlet, i. 4.

Rousing. A rousing, good fire. Rousing means large, great; hence a rousing falsehood (*menducium magnificum*).

Rout (A). A large evening party. (Welsh, *rhawter*, a crowd.) (*See* DRUM, HURRICANE, etc.)

Routiers. Adventurers who made war a trade and let themselves out to anyone who would pay them. So called because they were always on the *route* or moving from place to place. (Twelfth century.)

Rove (1 syl.). To shoot with roving arrows—i.e. arrows shot at a roving mark, either in height or distance.

To shoot at rovers. To shoot at certain marks of the target so called; to shoot at random without any distinct aim.

"Unbelievers are said by Clobery to 'shoot at rovers.'"—*Divine Olympics*, p. 4 (1659).

Running at rovers. Running wild; being without restraint.

Row (rhyme with *now*). A tumult. It used to be written *roue*, and referred to the night encounters of the *roués* or profligate bon-vivants whose glory it was to attack the "Charleys" and disturb the peace. (See *ROUE*.)

Row (rhyme with *low*). *The Row* means "Paternoster Row," famous for publishing firms and wholesale booksellers, or Rotten Row (*q.v.*). (Anglo-Saxon, *rāw*, a line.)

Rowdy (rhyme with *cloudy*). A ruffian brawler, a "rough," a riotous or turbulent fellow, whose delight it is to make a row or disturbance.

Rowena. A Saxon princess, and bride of Ivanhoe. (*Sir Walter Scott: Ivanhoe*.)

Rowland. (See *ROLAND*.)

Childe Rowland. Youngest brother of the "fair burd Helen." Guided by Merlin, he undertook to bring back his sister from Elf-land, whither the fairies had carried her, and succeeded in his perilous exploit. (*Ancient Scotch ballad*.)

"Childe Rowland to the dark tower came;

His word was still 'Fie, foil, and fun,

I smell the blood of a Britishman!"

Shakespeare: King Lear, iii. 4.

Rowley (*Thomas*). The fictitious priest of Bristol, said by Chatterton to have been the author of certain poems which he (Chatterton) published.

Rowned in the Ear. Whispered in the ear. The old word *rown*, *rowned* (to whisper, to talk in private). Polonius says to the king in *Hamlet*—"Let his queen-mother all alone entreat him to show his grief—let her be rowned with him;" not blunt and loud, but in private converse. (See *ROUND*, *To*.)

Roxburghe Club for printing rare works or MSS., the copies being rigidly confined to members of the club. It

was called after John, Duke of Roxburghe, a celebrated collector of ancient literature, who died 1812. Since the establishment of this club, others of a similar character have sprung up, as (1) the Camden, Cheetham, Percy, Shakespeare, Surtees, and Wharton, in England; (2) the Abbotsford, Bannatyne, Maifland, and Spalding, in Scotland; and (3) the Celtic Society of Ireland.

Roy (*Le*) [or *la Reine*] *s'avisera*. This is the royal veto, last put in force March 11, 1707, when Queen Anne refused her assent to a Scotch Militia Bill.

During the agitation for Catholic emancipation, George III. threatened a veto, but the matter was not brought to the test.

Royal Arms worn by a subject. (See *LANE*.)

Royal Goats (*The*). The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, noted for their jaunty goat. This gallant regiment was at Blenheim, Oudenarde, Malplaquet, Dettingen, Vittoria, Alina, Inkermann, and many another field.

Royal Merchant. In the thirteenth century the Venetians were masters of the sea, and some of their wealthy merchants—as the Sanu dos, the Justiniani, the Grimaldi, and others—erected principalities in divers places of the Archipelago, which their descendants enjoyed for many centuries. These self-created princes were called "royal merchants." (*Warburton*.)

"Glancing an eye of pity on his losses,
That have of late so buddled on his back,
Enough to press a royal merchant down."

Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice, iv. 1.

* Sir Thomas Gresham was called a "royal merchant."

Royal Road to Learning. Euclid, having opened a school of mathematics at Alexandria, was asked by King Ptolemy whether he could not explain his art to him in a more compendious manner. "Sire," said the geometrician, "there is no royal road to learning."

Royal Titles. (1) Of England—Henry IV. was styled *His Grace*; Henry VI., *His Excellent Grace*; Edward IV., *High and Mighty Prince*; Henry VII., *His Grace and His Majesty*; Henry VIII., *His Highness*, then *His Majesty*. Subsequently kings were styled *His Sacred Majesty*. Our present style is *Her Most Gracious Majesty*.

(2) *Royal titles*, their meaning: *Abimelech* (*Father King*). *Autocrat* (*self-potentate*, i.e. *absolute*). *Cæsar* (*in compliment*

to *Julius Cæsar*). *Calif* (*successor*). *Cham* (*chieftain*). *Czar* (*autocrat*, a contraction of *Samodershetel*). *Darius* (*holder of the empire*). *Duke* (*leader*). *Emperor* (*commander*). *Hospodar* (*Slavonic, master of the house*). *Kaiser* (*Cæsar*). *Khan* (*provincial chief*). *Khedive* (*suzerain*). *King* (*father*). *Landgrave* (*land reeve*). *Maharajah* (*great sovereign*). *Margrave* (*border reeve*). *Nejus* (*lord protector*). *Nizam* (*ruler*). *Pharaoh* (*light of the world*). *Queen* (*mother*). *Rajah* (*prince or sovereign*). *Shah* or *Padishah* (*protector, accepted protector*). *Sheik* (*elder*). *Sultan* (*ruler*).

Royston (Herts) means king's town; so called in honour of King Stephen, who erected a cross there. (French, *roy*.)

A Royston horse and Cambridge Master of Arts will give way to no one. A Cambridgeshire proverb. Royston was a village famous for malt, which was sent to London on horseback. These heavy-laden beasts never moved out of the way. The Masters of Arts, being the great dons of Cambridge, had the wall conceded to them by the inhabitants out of courtesy.

Rocinante (4 syl.). A wretched jade of a riding-horse. Don Quixote's horse was so called. (Spanish, *rocin-ante*, a hack before.)

"It is the only time he will sit behind the wretched Rocinante, and it would be Quixotic of him to expect speed."—*London Review*.
(See HORSE.)

Ruach. The Isle of Winds, visited by Pantagruel and his fleet on their way to the Oracle of the Holy Bottle, is the isle of windy hopes and unmeaning flattery. The people of this island live on nothing but wind, eat nothing but wind, and drink nothing but wind. They have no other houses but weathercocks, seeing everyone is obliged to shift his way of life to the ever-changing caprice of court fashion; and they sow no other seeds but the wind-flowers of promise and flattery. The common people get only a fan-puff of food very occasionally, but the richer sort banquet daily on huge mill-draughts of the same unsubstantial stuff. (*Kubelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 43.)

Rub. An impediment. The expression is taken from bowls, where "rub" means that something hinders the free movement of your bowl.

"Without rub or interruption."—*Swift*.
"Like a bowle that runneth in a smooth alle, without any rub."—*Skanktunary*, p. 10.

Rubber of Whist (4). A game of cards called "whist." "Rubber" is

transferred from bowls, in which the collision of two balls is a rubber, because they rub against each other.

Rubens' Women. The portrait of Helena Forman or Fourmont, his second wife, married at the age of 16, introduced in several of his historical paintings; but the woman in *Rubens and His Wife*, in the Munich gallery, is meant for Isabella Brandt, of Antwerp, his first wife.

Rubi. One of the Cherubim or "Spirits of Knowledge," who was present when Eve walked in Paradise. He felt the most intense interest in her, and longed, as the race increased, to find one of her daughters whom he could love. He fixed upon Liris, young and proud, who thirsted for knowledge, and cared not what price she paid to obtain it. After some months had elapsed, Liris asked her angel lover to let her see him in his full glory; so Rubi showed himself to her in all his splendour, and she embraced him. Instantly Liris was burnt to ashes by the radiant light, and the kiss she gave on the angel's forehead became a brand, which shot agony into his brain. That brand was "left for ever on his brow," and that agony knew no abatement. (*Thomas Moore: Loves of the Angels*, story ii.)

Rubicon. To pass the Rubicon. To adopt some measure from which it is not possible to recede. Thus, when the Austrians, in 1859, passed the Ticino, the act was a declaration of war against Sardinia; and in 1866, when the Italians passed the Adige, it was a declaration of war against Austria. The Rubicon was a small river separating ancient Italy from Cisalpine Gaul (the province allotted to Julius Cæsar). When Cæsar crossed this stream he passed beyond the limits of his own province and became an invader of Italy.

Rubonax. Sir Philip Sidney says, "Rubonax" was driven by a poet's verses to hang himself." (*Defence of Poesie*.)

Rubric (from the Latin *rubrica*, "red ochre," or "vermilion"). An ordinance or law was by the Romans called a rubric, because it was written with vermilion, in contradistinction to prætorian edicts or rules of the court, which were posted on a white ground. (*Jurinal*, xiv. 192.)

"*Rubrica vetavit*" = the law has forbidden it. (*Terentius*, v. 99.)

"Prætores edicta sua in albo proponebant, ac rubricas (i.e. jus civile) transcribebant."—*Quintilian*, xii. 3, 11.

"Rules and orders directing how, when, and where all things in divine service are to be performed were formerly printed in red characters (now generally in italics), and called rubrics."—*Hook: Church Dictionary.*

Ruby. The King of Ceylon has the finest ruby ever seen. "It is a span long, as thick as a man's arm, and without a flaw." Kublai-Khan offered the value of a city for it, but the king answered that he would not part with it if all the treasures of the world were laid at his feet. (*Marco Polo.*)

Ruby (The). The ancients considered the ruby to be an antidote of poison, to preserve persons from plague, to banish grief, to repress the ill effects of luxuries, and to divert the mind from evil thoughts.

Ruby (The Perfect). The philosopher's stone. (See FLOWER OF THE SUN.)

Ruch'iel. God of the air. (Hebrew, *ruach*, air; *el*, god.) (*Jewish mythology.*)

Rudder. Who won't be ruled by the rudder must be ruled by the rock. Who won't listen to reason must bear the consequences, like a ship that runs upon a rock if it will not answer the helm.

Ruddock. The redbreast, "sacred to the household gods." The legend says if a redbreast finds a dead body in the woods it will "cover it with moss." Drayton alludes to this tradition—

"Covering with moss the dead's unclosed eye,
The little redbreast teacheth charity."
The Owl.

Shakespeare makes Arriv'agus say over Imogen—

"Thou shalt not lack
The flower that's like thy face, like primrose; nor
The azure larebell . . . the ruddock would
With charitable bill . . . bring thee all these."
Cymbeline, iv. 2.

See also in the folk tale of *The Babes in the Wood*—

"The l. obins so red,
Fresh strawberry-leaves did over them spread."

Ruddy-mane [*Bloody-hand*]. The infant son of Sir Mordant; so called because his hand was red with his mother's blood. She had stabbed herself because her husband had been paralysed by a draught from an enchanted stream. (*Spenser: Faërie Queene*, bk. ii. 1, 3.)

Rudge* (*Barnaby*). A half-witted lad, who had for his companion a raven. (*Dickens: Barnaby Rudge.*)

Ru'diger (3 syl.). Margrave of Bechelar'en, a wealthy Hun, liegeman of King Etzel. In the *Nibelungen-Lied* he

is represented as a most noble character. He was sent to Burgundy by King Etzel, to conduct Kriemhild to Hungary if she would consent to marry the Hunnish king. When Gunther and his suite went to pay a visit to Kriemhild, he entertained them all most hospitably, and gave his daughter in marriage to Kriemhild's youngest brother, Gis'elher; and when the broil broke out in the dining-hall of King Etzel, and Rudiger was compelled to take part against the Burgundians, he fought with Kriemhild's second brother, Gernot. Rudiger struck Gernot "through his helmet," and the prince struck the margrave "through shield and morion," and "down dead dropped both together, each by the other slain."—*Nibelungen-Lied.*

Rudolphine Tables (The). *Tabula Rudolphina*, 1627. Astronomical calculations begun by Tycho Brahe, and continued by Kepler, under the immediate patronage of Kaiser Rudolph II., after whom Kepler named the work.

Rudolph gave Tycho Brahe an annuity of £1,500 sterling. George III. gave Herschel an annuity of £500.

Rudolstadt (*La Comtesse de*), or "Consuelo," who marries the Count of Rudolstadt. (*Romance by George Sand: Madame Duvivier.*) (See CONSUELO.)

Rudra. Father of the tempest-gods. The word means "run about crying," and the legend says that the boy ran about weeping because he had no name, whereupon Brahma said, "Let thy name be Rud-dra." (Sanskrit, *rud*, weep; *dra*, run.) (*Vedic mythology.*)

Rue, to grieve for something done, to repent, is the Anglo-Saxon *reow*, contrition; German, *reue*. Rue (1 syl.).

Rue, called "herb of grace," because it was employed for sprinkling holy water. Without doubt it was so used symbolically, because to *rue* means to be sorry, and penitence brings the water of grace with it. (Latin, *ruta*, from the Greek *rhizo*, so called because it sets persons free from disease and death.) (See DIFFERENCE.) Ophelia says—

"There's rue for you, and here's some for me!
We may call it 'herb of grace' o' Sundays."
Shakespeare: Hamlet, iv. 5.

Rue. A slip of land (free of all manorial charges and claims) encompassing or bounding manorial land. It certainly is not derived from the French *rue*, a street, nor is it a corruption of *reue*. (See REWE.)

Rewe is a roll or slip, hence Ragman's rowe or roll (*q.v.*).

"There is a whole world of curious history contained in the phrase Ragman's Rewe, meaning a roll. In *Piers Plowman's Vision*, the pope's bull is called a rewe."—*Edinburgh Review*, July, 1870.

Ruffe (1 syl.). A game at cards, now called *slamm*; also playing a trump, when one cannot follow suit.

"A swaggerer is one that plays at ruffe, from whence he took the denomination of ruffyn."—*J. H. (Gent.) Satirical Epigrams*, 1619.

Ruffian Hall. That part of West Smithfield which is now the horse-market, where "tryals of skill were plaid by ordinary ruffianly people with sword and buckler." (*Blount*, p. 562.)

Rufus (*The Red*). William II. of England. (1056, 1087-1100.)

Otho II. of Germany; also called *The Bloody*. (953, 973-983.)

Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, son-in-law of Edward I. (Slain 1313.)

Ruggie-ro. (See *ROGERO*.)

Rukenaw (*Dame*). The ape's wife in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*. The word means noisy insolence.

Rule (*St.*) or **St. Regulus**, a monk of Patre in Achaia, is the real saint of Scotland. He was the first to colonise its metropolitan see, and to convert the inhabitants (370). The name Killrule (*Cella Reguli*) perpetuates this fact. St. Andrew superseded the Achaean.

"But I have solemn vows to pay . . .

To far St. Andrew's bound,
Within the ocean-cave to pray,
Where good St. Rule his holy lay
Sung to the billow's sound."

Sir Walter Scott: Marmion, i. 20.

Rule, Britannia. Words by Thomson, author of *The Seasons*; music by Dr. Arne. It first appeared in a masque entitled *Alfred*, in which the name of David Mallett is associated with that of James Thomson, and some think he was the real author of this "political hymn." (August 1, 1740.)

Rule Nisi. A "rule" is an order from one of the superior courts, and a "rule nisi" is such an order "to show cause." That is, the rule is to be held absolute *unless* the party to whom it applies can "show cause" why it should not be so.

Rule of Thumb (*The*). A rough guess-work measure. Measuring lengths by the thumb. In some places the heat required in brewing is determined by dipping the thumb into the vat.

Rule of thumb. In the legend of *Knockmany Fin*, Mr. Coul says:—

"That haste Cucullin [is coming], . . . for my thumb tells me so. To which his wife replies: 'Well, my Cully, don't be cast down. . . . Maybe I'll bring you better out of this scrape than ever you could bring yourself by your rule of thumb [referring to the pricking of the thumb].'"—*W. B. Yeats: Fairy Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 270.

Again, p. 274, Fin knew by the "pricking of his thumb" that the giant Cucullin would arrive at two o'clock. In these cases the "rule of thumb" refers to the prognostics of the thumb, referred to by the witches of Macbeth: "By the pricking of my thumbs, something evil this way comes."

Rule of the Road (*The*).

"The rule of the road's an anomaly quite,
In riding or driving along:
If you go to the left you are sure to go right,
If you go to the right you go wrong."
It is not so in France.

Rule the Roost (*To*). The cock rules which of the hens is to have the honour of roosting nearest him. (See under *ROAST*.)

"Geese you now up into your pulpittes like braggie cocks on the roost, flappe your wings and crowe out aloud."—*Jevel*.

Rum. Queer, quaint, old-fashioned. This word was first applied to Roman Catholic priests, and subsequently to other clergymen. Thus Swift speaks of "a rabble of tenants and rusty dull rums" (country parsons). As these "rusty dull rums" were old-fashioned and quaint, a "rum fellow" came to signify one as odd as a "rusty dull rum."

Professor De Morgan thought that the most probable derivation was from booksellers trading with the West Indies. It is said that in the eighteenth century they bartered books for rum, but set aside chiefly such books as would not sell in England.

Ru'minate (3 syl.). To think, to meditate upon some subject; properly, "to chew the cud" (Latin, *rumino*).

"To chew the cud of sweet and bitter fancy."—*Milton*.

"On a flowery bank he chews the cud."—*Dryden*.

• **Rumolt**. Gunther's chief cook.

"Sore toiled the chief cook, Rumolt; ah! how his orders ran
Among his understrappers! how many a pot and pan,
How many a mighty cauldron rattled and rang again!
They dressed a world of dishes for the expected train."

Lietsson's Nibelungen-Lied, stanza 830.

Rump-fed, that is, fed on scraps, such as liver, kidneys, chittlings, and other kitchen perquisites.

"Aroint thee, witch! the rump-fed ronyon cries!"
Shakespeare: Macbeth, i. 3.

"A ronyon or ronion is a kitchen

wench fed on scraps (French, *rognon*, a kidney).

Rump Parliament. Oliver Cromwell (1648) sent two regiments to the House of Commons to coerce the members to condemn Charles I. Forty-one were seized and imprisoned in a lower room of the House, 160 were ordered to go home, and the sixty favourable to Cromwell were allowed to remain. These sixty were merely the *fag-end* or *rump* of the whole House. (See *PRIDE'S PURGE*.)

The name was revived again in the protectorate of Richard Cromwell. Subsequently the former was called *The Bloody Rump*, and the latter *The Rump of a Rump*.

"The few,
Because they're wasted to the stumps,
Are represented best by rumps."

Bulter: Hudibras, pt. iii. 2.

Rumpelstiltschen [*Rumple-stills-skin*]. A passionate little deformed dwarf. A miller's daughter was engaged by a king to spin straw into gold, and the dwarf did it for her, on condition that she would give him her first child. The maiden married the king, and grieved so bitterly when her first child was born that the dwarf promised to relent if within three days she could find out his name. Two days were spent in vain guesses, but the third day one of the queen's servants heard a strange voice singing—

"Little dreams my dainty dame
Rumpelstiltschen is my name."

The queen, being told thereof, saved her child, and the dwarf killed himself with rage. (*German Popular Stories*.)

Rumping Dozen. A corruption of *Rump and Dozen*, meaning a rump of beef and a dozen of claret; or a rump steak and dozen oysters.

Run. A long run, a short run. We say of a drama, "It had a long run," meaning it attracted the people to the house, and was represented over and over again for many nights. The allusion is to a runner who continues his race for a long way. The drama ran on night after night without change.

In the long run. In the final result. This allusion is to race-running: one may get the start for a time, but in the long run, or entire race, the result may be different. The hare got the start, but in the long run the patient perseverance of the tortoise won the race.

To go with a run. A seaman's phrase. A rope goes with a run when it is let

go entirely, instead of being slackened gradually.

Run Amuck. (See *AMUCK*.)

"It was like a Malay running amuck, only with a more deadly weapon."—*The Times*.

"Frontless and satire-proof he scours the streets,
And runs an Indian-muck at all he meets."
Dryden: The Hind and the Panther.

Run a Rig (*To*). To play a trick, to suffer a sportive trick. Thus, John Gilpin, when he set out, "little thought of running such a rig" as he suffered. Florio gives as a meaning of rig, "the tricks of a wanton;" hence frolicsome and deceptive tricks. The rig of a ship means the way it is rigged, hence its appearance; and, as pirates deceive by changing the rig of their vessel, so rig came to mean a trick to deceive, a trick, a frolicsome deception.

Run Riot (*To*). To run wild. A hunting term, meaning to run at a whole herd.

Run Thin (*To*). To start from a bargain. When liquor runs thin it indicates that the cask is nearly empty.

Run a Man Down (*To*). To abuse, depreciate. A hunting term.

Run of the House (*The*). *He has the run of the house.* Free access to it, and free liberty to partake of whatever comes to table. A "run of events" means a series of good, bad, and indifferent, as they may chance to succeed each other. And the "run of the house" means the food and domestic arrangements as they ordinarily occur.

Runs. *The tub runs*—leaks, or lets out water. In this and all similar phrases the verb run means to "be in a running state." Thus we have "the ulcer runs," "the cup runs over," "the rivers run blood," "the field runs with blood."

Runs may Read (*He that*). The Bible quotation in *Habakkuk* ii. 2 is, "Write the vision, and make it plain, that he may run that readeth it." Cowper says—

"But truths, on which depends our main concern
Shine by the side of every path we tread
With such a lustre, he that runs may read."
Tirocinium.

Running. *Quite out of the running.* Quite out of court, not worthy of consideration. A horse which has been "scratched" is quite out of the running. (See *SCRATCHED*.)

Running Footman. The last of these menials died out with the infamous Duke of Queensberry. In the early part

of the eighteenth century no great house was complete without some half-dozen of them. Their duty was to run before and alongside the fat Flemish mares of the period, and advise the innkeeper of the coming guests. The pole which they carried was to help the cumbrous coach of their master out of the numerous sloughs on the northern and western high-roads. (*See BOW STREET RUNNERS, ESTAFETTE.*)

Running Leather. *His shoes are made of running leather.* He is given to roving. Probably the pun is between *roan* and *run*.

Running Thursday. In the beginning of the reign of William III. a rumour ran that the French and Irish Papists had landed; a terrible panic ensued, and the people betook themselves to the country, running for their lives. Joseph Perry says: "I was dismally affrighted the day called Running Thursday. It was that day the report reached our town, and I expected to be killed" (*his Life*). The day in question was Thursday, Dec. 13, 1688.

Running Water. No enchantment can subsist in a living stream; if, therefore, a person can interpose a brook betwixt himself and the witches, sprites, or goblins chasing him, he is in perfect safety. Burns' tale of *Tam o' Shanter* turns upon this superstition.

Running the Hood. It is said that an old lady was passing over Haxey Hill, when the wind blew away her hood. Some boys began tossing it from one to the other, and the old lady so enjoyed the fun that she bequeathed thirteen acres of land, that thirteen candidates might be induced to renew the sport on the 6th of every January.

Runible Spoon (A). A horn spoon with a bowl at each end, one the size of a table-spoon and the other the size of a tea-spoon. There is a joint midway between the two bowls by which the bowls can be folded over.

Runes. The earliest alphabet in use among the Gothic tribes of Northern Europe. The characters were employed either for purposes of secrecy or for divination. *Rún* is Gaelic for "secret," and *hal-rún* means "divination."

There were several sorts of runes in Celtic mythology: as (1) the *Enil Rune*, employed when evil was invoked; (2) the *Scourable Rune*, to secure from misadventure; (3) the *Victorious Rune*, to procure victory over enemies; (4) the *Medicinal Rune*, for restoring to health the indisposed, or for averting danger; and (5) the *Maledictory Rune*, to bring down curses on enemies. (*Compare Balam and Balaik*.)

Runic Rhymes. Rhymes in imitation of the *Edda* or *Book of Runic Mythology*; rude, old-fashioned poetry of a Runic stamp.

Runic Wands. Willow wands with mystic characters inscribed on them, used by the Scandinavians for magic ceremonies.

Runnymede. The *nom de guerre* of Disraeli in the *Times*. (1805-1881.)

Rupee. A silver coin = 2s. English (a florin). A lac of rupees = £10,000 sterling. Since the depreciation of silver the value of a rupee is considerably less.

In 1870 an ounce of silver was worth 69d.; in 1876 it fell to 49d.; to-day (May, 1898) it is quoted between 58d. and 59d.; and at New York at 67½¢ per ounce.

Rupert of Debate. Edward Geoffrey, fourteenth Earl of Derby. It was when he was Mr. Stanley, and the opponent of the great O (*i.e.* O'Connell), that Lord Lytton so describes him. (1799-1869.)

"The brilliant chief, irregularly great,
Frank, haughty, bold—the Rupert of Debate."
New Timon.

Rupert's Balls, or Prince Rupert's Drops. Glass bubbles first brought to England by Prince Rupert. Each bubble has a tail, and if the smallest part of the tail is broken off the bubble explodes. The French term is *larne d'atarique*, because these toys were invented in Holland.

"The first production of an author . . . is usually esteemed as a sort of Prince Rupert's drop, which is destroyed entirely if a person make on it but a single scratch."—*Household Words*.

Rupert's Head (Sir), Devonshire. The legend is that the young wife of Sir Rupert Leigh eloped with a paramour, and the guilty pair, being pursued, were overtaken on the Red Cliff. The woman fell over the cliff, and the paramour sneaked off; but Sir Rupert let himself down some thirty feet, took up the fallen woman, and contrived to save her. She was terribly mutilated, and remained a sad disfigured cripple till death, but Sir Rupert nursed her with unwearied zeal. From this story the cliff received its name.

Rusan. *Not worth a rush.* Worthless. The allusion is to the practice of strewing floors with rushes before carpets were invented. Distinguished guests had clean fresh rushes, but those of inferior grade had either the rushes which had been already used by their superiors, or none at all. The more modern expression is "Not worth a straw."

"Strangers have green rushes, when daily guests are not worth a rush."—*Lilly: Sappho and Phæon*.

Friar Rush. Will-o'-the-Wisp; a strolling demon, who once on a time got admittance into a monastery as a scullion, and played the monks divers pranks. (See **FRIAR'S LANTHORN**.)

Rush-bearing Sunday. A Sunday, generally near the time of the festival of the saint to whom the church is dedicated, when anciently it was customary to renew the rushes with which the church floor was strewn. The festival is still observed at Ambleside, Westmoreland, on the last Sunday in July, the church being dedicated to St. Anne, whose day is July 26. The present custom is to make the festival a flower Sunday, with rushes and flowers formed into fanciful devices. The preceding Saturday is a holiday, being the day when the old rushes were removed.

Rush'van. The angel who opens and shuts the gates of Paradise or Al Janat. (*The Koran*.)

Ruskin'ee (3 syl.). Words and phrases introduced by Ruskin, or coined à la Ruskin. The word is used in *The Times*:—

"Such writers as Ruskin and Carlyle have made for themselves technical terms, words, and phrases; some of which will be incorporated into the language . . . while others may remain emblems of Ruskinism and Carlylism."—June 11, 1870.

Russ. The Russian language; a Russian.

Russel. A common name given to a fox, from its russet colour.

"Dann Russel, the fox, start up at oones,
And by the garget hence Chaunteclere
And on his bak toward the wood him here."
Chaucer: The Nonne Prestes Tale.

Russia. "Great Russia" is Muscovy. "White or Little Russia" is that part acquired in 1654 by Alexei Mikalowitch, including Smolensk. The emperor is called the "Czar of All the Russias." (See **BLACK RUSSIA**.)

Russian. The nickname of a Russian is "a Bear," or the "Northern Bear."

Rustam. The Deev-bond and Persian Heracles, famous for his victory over the white dragon named Asdeev. He was the son of Zal, prince of Sedjistan. The exploits attributed to him must have been the aggregate of exploits performed by numerous persons of the same name. His combat for two days with Prince Isfendar is a favourite subject with the Persian poets. The name of his horse was Rekah. Matthew Arnold's poem, *Sohrab and Rustam*, gives an account of

Rustam fighting with and killing his son Sohrab.

Rusty. *He turns rusty.* Like a rusty bolt, he sticks and will not move.

Rusty-Fusty. That odour and filth which accumulates on things and in places not used.

"Then from the butchers we bought lamb and
shoepe,
Beer from the alehouse, and a broome to sweepe
Our cottage, that for want of use was musty,
And most extremely rusty-fusty dusty."
Taylor: Works, ii. 24.

Ruyde'ra. The duenna of Belerma. She had seven daughters, who wept so bitterly at the death of Durandarte, that Merlin, out of pity, turned them into lakes or estuaries. (*Don Quixote*, pt. ii. bk. ii. ch. 6.)

Ry. A Stock Exchange expression for any sharp or dishonest practice. It originated in an old stock-jobber, who had practised upon a young man, and, being compelled to refund, wrote on the cheque, "Please to pay to R. Y." etc., in order to avoid direct evidence of the transaction.

Rye-house Plot. A conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. and his brother James on their way from Newmarket. As the house in which the king was lodging accidentally caught fire, the royal party left eight days sooner than they had intended, and the plot miscarried. It was called the Rye House Plot because the conspirators met at the Rye House Farm, in Hertfordshire. (1683.)

Ryell (John). A celebrated tregator in the reign of Henry V. (See **TREGEATOR**.)

"Maister John Ryell sometime tregitour
Of noble Henry, kinge of Englands,
And of France the mighty conquerour."
John Lydgate: Dance of Macabres.

Rykelot. A magpie (?); a little rook. The German *roche*, Anglo-Saxon *hroc*, seem to be cognate words. The last syllable is a diminutive.

Rymar (Mr. Ro'ert). Poet at the Spa. (*Sir Walter Scott: St. Ronan's Well*.)

Ryme. The Frost giant, the enemy of the elves and fairies. At the end of the world this giant is to be the pilot of the ship *Nagle-farè*. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Ryot. A tenant in India who pays a usufruct for his occupation. The Scripture parable of the husbandmen refers to such a tenure; the lord sent for his rent, which was not money but fruits,

and the husbandmen stoned those who were sent, refusing to pay their "lord." Ryoys have an hereditary and perpetual right of occupancy so long as they pay the usufruct, but if they refuse or neglect payment may be turned away.

Ryparographer (Greek). So Pliny calls Pyricus the painter, because he confined himself to the drawing of ridiculous and gross pictures, in which he greatly excelled. Rabelais was the ryparographer of wits. (Greek, *ruparos*, foul, nasty.)

Rython. A giant of Bretagne, slain by King Arthur.

"Rython, the mighty giant slain
By his good brand, relieved Bretagne."
Sir Walter Scott: *Bridal of Triermain*, li. 11.

S.

S. *You have crossed your S* (French). You have cheated me in your account; you have charged me pounds where you ought to have charged shillings, or shillings where you ought to have charged pence. In the old French accounts, *f* (= *s*) stood for sous or pence, and *f* for francs. To cross your *f* meant therefore to turn it fraudulently into *f*.

S.P.Q.R. *Senatus Populus Que Romanus* (the Roman Senate and People). Letters inscribed on the standards of ancient Rome.

S.S. Collar. The collar consists of a series of the letter S in gold, either linked together or set in close order, on a blue and white ribbon. (See **COLLAR OF S.S.**)

"On the Wednesday preceding Easter, 1463, as Sir Anthony was speaking to his royal sister, on his knees, all the ladies of the court, gathered round him, and bound to his left knee a band of gold, adorned with stones fashioned into the letters S.S. (*souvenance*, or remembrance) and to this band was suspended an enamelled Forget-me-not."—*Lord Lytton*: *East of the Barons*, bk. iv. 3.

S.S.S. (Latin *stratum super stratum*). Layer over layer,

S.T.P. stands for *Sanctæ Theologiæ Professor*. Professor is the Latin for Doctor. D.D.—i.e. *Divinity Doctor* or Doctor of Divinity—is the English equivalent of the Latin S.T.P.

Saadia (*Id*). A cuirass of silver which belonged to King Saul, and was lent to David when he was armed for the encounter with Goliath. This cuirass fell into the hands of Mahomet, being part of the property confiscated from the Jews on their expulsion from Medi'na.

Sabbath Day's Journey (Exodus xvi. 29; Acts i. 12), with the Jews was not to exceed the distance between the ark and the extreme end of the camp. This was 2,000 cubits, somewhat short of an English mile. (Exodus xvi. 29; Acts i. 12.)

"Up to the hill by Hebron, seat of giants old,
No journey of a Sabbath Day, and londer wold."
Milton: *Samson Agonistes*.

Sabbath of Sound (*The*). Silence.

Sabbath'ians. The disciples of Sabbathais Zwi, the most remarkable "Messiah" of modern times. At the age of fifteen he had mastered the Talmud, and at eighteen the Cabbala. (1641-1677.)

Sabbatical Year. One year in seven, when all land with the ancient Jews was to lie fallow for twelve months. This law was founded on Exodus xxiii. 10, etc.; Leviticus xxv. 2-7; Deuteronomy xv. 1-11.

Sabe'ans. An ancient religious sect; so called from Sabi, son of Seth, who, with his father and brother Enoch, lies buried in the Pyramids. The Sabeans worshipped one God, but approached Him indirectly through some created representative, such as the sun, moon, stars, etc. Their system is called *Sabeism* or the *Sabeian faith*. The Arabs were chiefly Sabeans before their conversion.

Sabe'anism. The worship of the sun, moon, and host of heaven. (Chaldee, *tzaba*, a host.)

Sa'beism means baptism—that is, the "religion of many baptisms;" founded by Boudasp or Bodhisattva, a wise Chaldean. This sect was the root of the party called "Christians of St. John," and by the Arabs *El Mogtasila*.

Sabell'ians. A religious sect; so called from Sabellius, a Libyan priest of the third century. They believed in the unity of God, and said that the Trinity merely expressed three relations or states of one and the same God.

Sa'bians is the Aramean equivalent of the word "Baptists." (See below.)

"The sects of Hemerobaptists, Baptists, and Sabians (the Mogtasila of the Arabian writers) in the second century filled Syria, Palestine, and Babylonia."—*Rassau*: *Life of Jesus*, chap. xli.

Sable denotes—of the *ages* of man, the last; of *attributes*, wisdom, prudence, integrity, singleness of mind; of *birds*, the raven or crow; of *elements*, the earth; of *metals*, iron or lead; of

planets, Saturn; of *precious stones*, the diamond; of *trees*, the olive; of *animals*, a sort of weasel.

Sable black. Expressed in heraldry by horizontal lines crossing perpendicular ones.

In English heraldry escutcheons are varied by seven colours; foreign heralds add two more.

A suit of sables. A rich courtly dress. By the statute of apparel (24 Henry VIII. c. 13) it is ordained that none under the degree of an earl shall use sables. Bishop tells us that a thousand ducats were sometimes given for a "face of sables" (*Blossoms*, 1577). Ben Jonson says, "Would you not laugh to meet a great councillor of state in a flat cap, with trunk-hose . . . and yond haberdasher in a velvet gown trimmed with sables?" (*Discourses*.)

"So long? Nay, then, let the devil wear black, for I'll have a suit of sables." — *Shakespeare: Hamlet*, iii. 2.

Sablonnaire (La). The sand-pits. So the Tuileries were called to the fourteenth century. Towards the end of that century *tilles* were made there, but the sand-pits were first called the Tile-works or Tuileries in 1416. At the beginning of the sixteenth century, Nicolas de Neuville built a house in the vicinity, which he called the "Hôtel des Tuileries." This property was purchased in 1518 by François I. for his mother.

Sabra. Daughter of Ptolemy, King of Egypt, rescued by St. George from the fangs of the giant, and ultimately married to her deliverer. She is represented as pure in mind, saintly in character, a perfect citizen, daughter, and wife. Her three sons, born at a birth, were named Guy, Alexander, and David. Sabra died from the "pricks of a thorny brake."

Sabreur. *Le beau sabreur* [the handsome or famous swordsman]. Joachin Mufat (1767-1815).

Sabri'na (Latin). The Severn. In Milton's *Comus* we are told she is the daughter of Locrine "that had the sceptre from his father, Brute," and was living in concubinage with Estrildis. His queen, Guendolen, vowed vengeance against Estrildis and her daughter, gathered an army together, and overthrew Locrine by the river Sture. Sabrina fled and jumped into the river. Nereus took pity on her, and made her "goddess of the Severn," which is poetically called Sabri'na.

Saccharine Principle in Things (The). Mr. Emerson means by this phrase, the adaptation of living beings to their conditions—the becoming callous to pains that have to be borne, and the acquirement of liking for labours that are necessary.

Saccharis'sa. A name bestowed by Waller on Lady Dorothea Sidney, eldest daughter of the Earl of Leicester, for whose hand he was an unsuccessful suitor, for she married the Earl of Sunderland.

"The Earl of Leicester, father of Algernon Sidney, the patriot, and of Waller's *Saccharis'sa*, built for himself a stately house at the north corner of a square plot of 'Lamas land' adjoining to the parish of St. Martin's, which plot henceforth became known to Londoners as 'Leicester Fields.'—*Cassell's Magazine: London Legends*, ii.

Saccharissa turns to Joan (Fenton: The Platonic Spell). The gloss of novelty being gone, that which was once thought unparalleled proves only ordinary. Fenton says before marriage many a woman seems a *Saccharissa*, faultless in make and wit, but scarcely is "half Hymen's taper wasted" when the "spell is dissolved," and "*Saccharissa turns to Joan.*"

Sacco Benedetto or Saco Bendi'to [the blessed sack or cloak]. A yellow garment with two crosses on it, and painted over with flames and devils. In this linen robe persons condemned by the Spanish Inquisition were arrayed when they went to the stake. The word sack was used for any loose upper garment hanging down the back from the shoulders; hence "sac-friars" or *fratres saccati*.

Sachem. A chief among some of the North American Indian tribes.

Sachentage (3 syl.). An instrument of torture used in Stephen's reign, and thus described in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle: "It was fastened to a beam, having a sharp iron to go round the throat and neck, so that the person tortured could in no wise sit, lie, nor sleep, but that he must at all times bear all the iron."

Sack. Any dry wine, as sherry sack, Madeira sack, Canary sack, and Palm sack. (A corruption of the French *sec*, dry.)

Sack. A bag. According to tradition, it was the last word uttered before the tongues were confounded at Babel. (Saxon, *sac*; German, *sack*; Welsh, *sach*; Irish, *sac*; French, *sac*; Latin, *saccus*; Italian, *sacco*; Spanish, *saco*; Greek,

sakkos; Hebrew, *sak*;^o Swedish, *säck*; etc., etc.)

To get the sack or *To give one the sack*. To get discharged by one's employer. Mechanics travelling in quest of work carried their implements in a bag or sack; when discharged, they received back the bag that they might replace in it their tools, and seek a job elsewhere. Workmen still often carry a bag of tools, but so much is done by machines that bags of tools are decreasing.

The Sultan puts into a sack, and throws into the Bosphorus, any one of his harem he wishes out of the way.

There are many cognate phrases, as *To give one the bag*, and *Get the bag*, which is merely substitutional. *To receive the canvas* is a very old expression, referring to the substance of which the sack or bag was made. The French *Trousser ses quilles* (pack up your ninepins or toys) is another idea, similar to "Pack up your tatters and follow the drum." (See CASHIER.)

Sack Race (A). A village sport in which each runner is tied up to the neck in a sack. In some cases the candidates have to make short leaps, in other cases they are at liberty to run as well as the limits of the sack will allow them.

Sackbut. A corruption of *sambuca*. (Spanish, *sacabuche*; Portuguese, *saquebuxo*; French, *saquebute*; Latin, *sacra buccina*, sacred trumpet.)

Sack'erson. The famous bear kept at "Paris Garden" in Shakespeare's time. (See PARIS GARDEN.)

Sacrament. Literally, "a military oath" taken by the Roman soldiers not to desert their standard, turn their back on the enemy, or abandon their general. We also, in the sacrament of baptism, take a military oath "to fight manfully under the banner of Christ." The early Christians used the word to signify "a sacred mystery," and hence its application to the Baptism and Eucharist, and in the Roman Catholic Church to marriage, confirmation, etc.

The five sacraments are Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Matrimony, and Extreme Unction. (See *Thirty-nine Articles*, Article xxxv.)

The seven sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Orders, Matrimony, and Extreme Unction.

The two sacraments of the Protestant Church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Sacramentarians. Those who believe that no change takes place in the eucharistic elements after consecration, but that the bread and wine are simply emblems of the body and blood of Christ. They were a party among the Reformers who separated from Luther.

Sacred Anchors, in Greek vessels, were never let go till the ship was in the extremity of danger.

Sacred City. (See HOLY CITY.)

Sacred Heart. The "Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" owes its origin to a French nun, named Mary Margaret Alacoque, of Burgundy, who practised devotion to the Saviour's heart in consequence of a vision. The devotion was sanctioned by Pope Clement XII. in 1732.

Sacred Isle, or *Holy Island*. Ireland was so called because of its many saints, and Guernsey for its many monks. The island referred to by Thomas Moore in his *Irish Melodies* (No. II.) is Scattery, to which St. Senanus retired, and vowed that no woman should set foot thereon.

"Oh, haste and leave this sacred isle,
Cubolly lark, cry morning amite."

St. Senanus and the Lady.

Enghallow (from the Norse *Eyinhallow*, Holy Isle) is the name of a small island in the Orkney group, where cells of the Irish anchorite fathers are said still to exist.

Sacred War.

(1) A war undertaken by the Amphictyonic League against the Cirrheans, in defence of Delphi. (B.C. 594-587.)

(2) A war waged by the Athenians for the restoration of Delphi to the Phocians, from whom it had been taken. (B.C. 448-447.)

(3) A war in which the Phocians, who had seized Delphi, were conquered by Philip of Macedon. (B.C. 346.)

Sacred Way (*The*) in ancient Rome, was the street where Romulus and Tatius (the Sabine) swore mutual alliance. It does not mean the "holy street," but the "street of the oath."

Sacred Weed (*The*). Vervain. (See HERBA SACRA.)

Sacrifice. "Never sacrifice a white cock," was one of the doctrines of Pythagoras, because it was sacred to the moon. The Greeks went further, and said, "Nourish a cock, but sacrifice it not," for all cockerels were sacred either to the sun or moon, as they announced the hours. The

'cock was sacred also to the goddess of wisdom, and to Esculapion, the god of health; it therefore represented *time*, *wisdom*, and *health*, none of which are ever to be sacrificed. (See *Iamblichus. Protreptics*, symbol xviii.)

' **Sacrifice to the Graces** is to render oneself agreeable by courteous conduct, suavity of manners, and fastidiousness of dress. The allusion is to the three graces of classic mythology.

Sacring Bell. The little bell rung to give notice that the "Host" is approaching. Now called sanctus bell, from the words "*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, dominus, Deus Sabaoth*", pronounced by the priest. (French, *sacrer*; Latin, *sacer*.)

"He heard a little sacring bell ring to the elevation of a to-morrow mass."—*Reginald Scott. Discovery of Witchcraft* (1584)

"The sacring of the kings of France."—*Temple*

Sacripant. A braggart, a noisy hectorer. He is introduced by Alexander Passoni, in a mock-heroic poem called *The Rape of the Bucket*.

Sacripant (in *Orlando Furioso*). King of Circassia, and a Saracen.

Sad Bread (Latin, *panis gravis*). Heavy bread, ill-made bread. Shakespeare calls it "distressful bread"—not the bread of distress, but the *panis gravis* or ill-made bread eaten by the poor.

Sad Dog (*He's a*). *Un'triste siget*. A playful way of saying a man is a debauchee.

Sadah. The sixteenth night of the month Bayaman. (*Persian mythology*.)

Sadda. One of the sacred books of the Guebres or Parsis containing a summary of the Zend-Avesta.

Sadder and a Wiser Man (.f.).

"A sadder and a wiser man
He rose the morrow morn"
Coleridge *The Ancient Mariner*

Saddle. *Set the saddle on the right horse.* Lay the blame on those who deserve it.

Loose the horse and wear the saddle. (See *LOSE*.)

Saddletree (*Mr. Bartolme*). The learned saddler. (*Sir Walter Scott: The Heart of Midlothian*.)

Sad'ducees. A Jewish party which denied the existence of spirits and angels, and, of course, disbelieved in the resurrection of the dead; so called from *Sadoc* (*righteous man*), thought to be the name of a priest or rabbi some three centuries before the birth of Christ. As they did

not believe in future punishments, they punished offences with the utmost severity.

Sadi or Saadi. A Persian poet styled the "nightingale of thousand songs," and "one of the four monarchs of eloquence." His poems are the *Gulistan* or *Garden of Roses*, the *Bostan* or *Garden of Fruits*, and the *Pend-Namch*, a moral poem. He is admired for his sententious march. (1184-1263.)

Sadler's Wells (London). There was a well at this place called *Holy Well*, once noted for "its extraordinary cures." The priests of Clerkenwell Priory used to boast of its virtues. At the Reformation it was stopped up, and was wholly forgotten till 1683, when a Mr. Sadler, in digging gravel for his garden, accidentally discovered it again. Hence the name. In 1765 Mr. Rosoman converted Sadler's garden into a theatre.

Sadlerian Lectures. Lectures on Algebra delivered in the University of Cambridge, and founded in 1710 by Lady Sadler.

Sahrinnir [*Sea-rim'-ner*]. The boar served to the gods in Valhalla every evening; by next morning the part eaten was miraculously restored. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Safa, in Arabia, according to Arabian legend, is the hill on which Adam and Eve came together, after having been parted for two hundred years, during which time they wandered homeless over the face of the earth.

Safety Matches. In 1847 Schrotter, an Austrian chemist, discovered that red phosphorus gives off no fumes, and is virtually inert; but being mixed with chlorate of potash under slight pressure it explodes with violence. In 1855 Herr Buttger, of Sweden, put the red phosphorus on the *box* and the phosphorus on the *match*, so that the match must be rubbed on the box to bring the two together. (See *PROMETHEANS, LUCIFERS*.)

Saffron. *He hath slept in a bed of saffron.* In Latin *dormiunt in sacco croci*, meaning he has a very light heart, in reference to the exhilarating effects of saffron.

"With genial joy to warm his soul,
He mixed mixed saffron in the bowl."

Saffron Veil. The Greek and Latin brides wore a *flammeum* or yellow veil, which wholly enveloped them. (See *SAOPHROX*.)

Saga (plural *Sagas*). The northern mythological and historical traditions,

chiefly compiled in the twelfth and three following centuries. The most remarkable are those of *Lodbrok*, *Hervara*, *Vilkinia*, *Volunga*, *Blomsturvalla*, *Ynglinga*, *Olaf Tryggva-Sonar*, with those of *Jomsviklinga* and of *Knyttlinga* (which contain the legendary history of Norway and Denmark), those of *Sturlinga* and *Eryrbiggia* (which contain the legendary history of Iceland), the *Heims-Kringla* and *New Edda*, due to Snorro-Sturleson.

All these legends are short, abrupt, concise, full of bold metaphor and graphic descriptions.

Sagan of Jerusalem, in Dryden's *Abalom and Achitophel*, is designed for Dr. Compton, Bishop of London; he was son of the Earl of Northampton, who fell in the royal cause at the battle of Hopton Heath. The Jewish sagan was the vicar of the sovereign pontiff. According to tradition, Moses was Aaron's sagan.

"The Sagan was the vicar of the Jewish pontiff. Thus they called Moses 'Aaron's Sagan.'"

Sages (The Seven). (See WISE MEN.)

Sagittarius, the archer, represents the Centaur Chiron, who at death was converted into the constellation so called. (See next article.)

Sagittary. A terrible archer, half beast and half man, whose eyes sparkled like fire, and struck dead like lightning. He is introduced into the Trojan armies by Guido da Colonna.

"The dreadful Sagittary
Appeals our numbers."
Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida, v. 5.

Sag'ramour le De'sirus. A knight of the Round Table, introduced in the *Morte d'Arthur*, *Lancelot du Lac*, etc.

Sahib (in Bengalee, *Sahab*). Equal to our Mr., or rather to such gentlemen as we term "Esquires." *Sahiba* is the lady. (Arabic for *lord, master*.)

Sail. *You may hoist sail.* Cut your stick, be off. Maria saucily says to Viola, dressed in man's apparel—

"Will you hoist sail, sir? Here lies your way."
—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night*, l. 5.

To set sail. To start on a voyage.
To strike sail. (See STRIKE.)

Sail before the Wind (To). To prosper, to go on swimmingly, to meet with great success, to go as smoothly and rapidly as a ship before the wind.

Sailing under False Colours. Pretending to be what you are not. The allusion is to pirate vessels, which hoist any colours to elude detection.

Sailing within the Wind or Sailing close to the Wind. Going to the very verge of propriety, or acting so as just to escape the letter of the law. The phrase, of course, is nautical.

"The jokes [of our predecessors] might have been broader than modern manners allow, . . . but . . . the masher sails nearer the wind than did his ruder forefathers."—*Nineteenth Century*, November, 1892, p. 708.

"He defended himself by declaring that he did not tell *Hissadra* anything, he only sent her a dream. This was undoubtedly sailing very near the wind."—*Nineteenth Century*, June, 1891, p. 911.

Sailor King. William IV. of England, who entered the navy as midshipman in 1779, and was made Lord High Admiral in 1827. (1765, 1830-1837.)

Saint. Kings and princes so called:—Edward the Martyr (961, 975-978).

Edward the Confessor (1004, 1012-1066).

Eric IX. of Sweden (*, 1155-1161).
Ethelred I., King of Wessex (*, 866-871).

Eugenius I., pope (*, 654-657).

Felix I., pope (*, 269-274).

Ferdinand III. of Castile and Leon (1200, 1217-1252).

Julius I., pope (*, 337-352).

Kang-he, second of the Manchoo dynasty of China, who assumed the name of Chin-tsou-jin (1661-1722).

Lawrence Justiniani, Patriarch of Venice (1380, 1451-1465).

Leo IX., pope (1002, 1049-1054).

Louis IX. of France (1215, 1226-1270).

Olaus II. of Norway, brother of Harald III., called "St. Olaf the Double Beard" (984, 1026-1030).

Stephen I. of Hungary (979, 997-1038).

Dom Fernando, son of King John of Portugal, was, with his brother Henry, taken prisoner by the Moors at the siege of Tangier. The Portuguese general promised to give Ceuta for their ransom, and left Fernando in prison as their surety. The Portuguese government refused to ratify the condition, and Fernando was left in the hands of the Moors till he died. For this patriotic act he is regarded as a *saint*, and his day is June 5th. His brother Edward was king at the time. (1402-1413.)

St. Bees' College (Cumberland), situated on the bay formed by *St. Bees' Head*, founded by Dr. Law, Bishop of Chester, in 1816. *St. Bees'* was so called from a nunnery founded here in 650, and dedicated to the Irish saint named Bega. A "man of wax" is a "Bees' man."

St. Cecilia, born of noble Roman parents, and fostered from her cradle in the Christian faith, married Valirian. One day she told him that an angel, "whether she was awake or asleep, was ever beside her." Valirian requested to see this angel, and she said he must be baptised first. Valirian was baptised and suffered martyrdom. When Cecilia was brought before the Prefect Alma'chius, and refused to worship the Roman deities, she was "shut fast in a bath kept hot both night and day with great fires," but "felt of it no woe." Alma-chius then sent an executioner to cut off her head, "but for no manner of chance could he smite her fair neck in two." Three days she lingered with her neck bleeding, preaching Christ and Him crucified all the while; then she died, and Pope Urban buried the body. "Her house the church of St. Cecily is hight" unto this day. (*Chaucer: Secounde Nonnes Tale.*) (See CECILIA.)

Towards the close of the seventeenth century an annual musical festival was held in Stationers' Hall in honour of St. Cecilia.

St. Cuthbert's Duck. The eider duck.

St. Distaff. (See DISTAFF.)

St. Elmo, called by the French *St. Elme*. The electric light seen playing about the masts of ships in stormy weather. (See CASTOR AND POLLUX.)

"And sudden breaking on their raptured sight,
Appeared the splendour of St. Elmo's light"
Hoole's Furioso, book ix.

St. Francis. (See FRANCIS.)

St. George's Cross, in heraldry, is a Greek cross gules upon a field argent. The field is represented in the Union Jack by a narrow fimbriation. It is the distinguishing badge of the British navy.

St. George's flag is a smaller flag, without the Union Jack.

St. John Long. An illiterate quack, who professed to have discovered a liniment which had the power of distinguishing between disease and health. The body was rubbed with it, and if irritation appeared it announced secret disease, which the quack undertook to cure. He was twice tried for manslaughter; once in 1830, when he was fined for his treatment of Miss Cashan, who died; and next in 1831, for the death of Mrs. Lloyd. Being acquitted, he was driven in triumph from the Old Bailey in a nobleman's carriage, amid the congratulations of the aristocracy.

St. John is pronounced *Sin'jin*, as in that verse of Pope's—

"Awake, my St. John 'leave all meaner things
To low ambition and the pride of kings."
Essay on Man.

St. John's Eve, St. Mark's Eve, and Allhallow Even, are times when poets say the forms of all such persons as are about to die in the ensuing twelve months make their solemn entry into the churches of their respective parishes. On these eves all sorts of goblins are about. Brand says, "On the Eve of John the Baptist's nativity bonfires are made to purify the air (vol. i. p. 306)."

St. Johnstone's Tippet. A halter; so called from Johnstone the hangman.

"Sent to heaven wit' a St. Johnstone's tippet
about my hauso."—*Sir Walter Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. viii.

St. Leger Sweepstakes. The St. Leger race was instituted in 1776, by Colonel St. Leger, of Park Hill, near Doncaster, but was not called the "St. Leger" till two years afterwards, when the Marquis of Rockingham's horse *Allabaculia* won the race. (See DERRY, LEGER.)

St. Leon became possessed of the elixir of life, and the power of transmuting the baser metals into gold, but these acquisitions only brought him increased misery. (*William Goodwin: St. Leon.*)

St. Lundi (La). St. Monday. Monday spent by workmen in idleness. One of the rules enjoined by the Sheffield unionists was that no work should be permitted to be done on a Monday by any of their members.

St. Michael's Chair. The projecting statue lantern of a tower erected on St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall. It is said that the rock received its name from a religious house built to commemorate the apparition of St. Michael on one of its craggy heights. (See MICHAEL.)

St. Monday. A holiday observed by journeyman shoemakers and other inferior mechanics, and well-to-do merchants.

In the *Journal of the Folk-lore Society*, vol. i. p. 245, we read that, "While Cromwell's army lay encamped at Perth, one of his zealous partisans, named Monday, died, and Cromwell offered a reward for the best lines on his death. A shoemaker of Perth brought the following, which so pleased Cromwell that he not only gave the promised reward, but made also a decree that

shoemakers should be allowed to make Monday a standing holiday.

"Blessed be the Sabbath Day,
And cursed be worldly toil;
Tuesday will begin the week
Since Monday's hanged himself."

St. Si'monism. The social and political system of St. Simon. He proposed the institution of a European parliament, to arbitrate in all matters affecting Europe, and the establishment of a social hierarchy based on capacity and labour. He was led to his "social system" by the apparition of Charlemagne, which appeared to him one night in the Luxembourg, where he was suffering a temporary imprisonment. (1760-1825.)

For other saints, see the names.

St. Stephen's. The Houses of Parliament are so called, because, at one time, the Commons used to sit in St. Stephen's Chapel.

St. Stephen's Loaves. Stones.

"Having said this, he took up one of St. Stephen's loaves, and was going to hit him with it."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, v. 6.

St. Thomas's Castle. The penitentiary in St. Thomas's parish, Oxford, where women of frail morals are kept under surveillance.

St. Wilfrid's Needle, often called "St. Winifred's Needle." In the crypt of Ripon Minster is a passage regarded as a test of chastity.

Saints. *City of Saints.* (See under CITY and HOLY CITY.)

Sal'vas (2 syl.). Worshippers of Siva, one of the three great Indian sects; they are at present divided into—

(1) *Dandins* or staff-bearers, the Hindu mendicants; so called because they carry a *danda* or small staff, with a piece of red cloth fixed on it. In this piece of cloth the Brahmanical cord is enshrined.

(2) *Yogins.* Followers of Yoga, who practise the most difficult austerities.

(3) *Lingavats*, who wear the Linga emblem on some part of their dress.

(4) *Paramahansas*, ascetics who go naked, and never express any want or wish.

(5) *Aghorins*, who eat and drink whatever is given them, even ordure and carrion.

(6) *Urdhab'hus*, who extend one or both arms over their head till they become rigidly fixed in this position.

(7) *Akas mukhins*, who hold up their faces to the sky till the muscles of the neck become contracted.

Sa'ker. A piece of light artillery. The word is borrowed from the saker hawk. (See FALCON.)

"The cannon, blunderbuss, and saker,
He was the inventor of and maker."

Butler: Hudibras, l. 2.

Sakhrat [*Sak-rak'*]. A sacred stone, one grain of which endows the possessor with miraculous powers. It is of an emerald colour; its reflection makes the sky blue. (*Mahometan mythology*.)

Sak'ta. A worshipper of a Sakti, or female deity, in Hindu mythology. The Saktas are divided into two branches, the Dakshin'acha'ris and the Vam'acha'ris (the followers of the right-hand and left-hand ritual). The latter practise the grossest impurities. (Sanskrit, *sakti*, power, energy.)

Sa-kun'tala. Daughter of St. Vis'wa'mita, and Menakā a water-nymph. Abandoned by her parents, she was brought up by a hermit. One day King Dushyanta came to the hermitage during a hunt, and persuaded Sakuntala to marry him, and in due time a son was born. When the boy was six years old, she took it to its father, and the king recognised his wife by a ring which he had given her. She was now publicly proclaimed his queen, and Bhārata, his son and heir, became the founder of the glorious race of the Bhāratas. This story forms the plot of the celebrated drama of Kālidāsa, called *Sakuntala*, made known to us by Sir W. Jones.

Sak'ya-Mu'ni. Sakya, the hermit, founder of Buddhism.

Sal Prunella. A mixture of refined nitre and soda for sore throats. Prunella is a corruption of Brunelle, in French *sel de brunelle*, from the German *breune* (a sore throat), *braune* (the quinsy).

Salacac'bia or **Salacac'aby** of **Apicius.** An uneatable soup of great pretensions. King, in his *Art of Cookery*, gives the recipe of this soup: "Bruise in a mortar parsley-seed, dried pencyral, dried mint, ginger, green coriander, stoned raisins, honey, vinegar, oil, and wine. Put them into a *cacab'ulum*, with three crusts of Pycentine bread, the flesh of a pullet, vestine cheese, pine-kernels, cucumbers, and dried onions minced small; pour soup over all, garnish with snow, and serve up in the *cacab'ulum*."

"At each end there are dishes of the salacac'bia of the Romans: one is made of parsley, pennyroyal, cheese, pinetops, honey, vinegar, brine, eggs, cucumbers, onions, and hen-livers; the other is much the same as soup maigre."—*Smollett: Peregrine Pickle*.

Sal'ace (3 syl.). The sea, or rather the salt or briny deep; the wife of Neptune.

"Triton, who boasts his high Neptunian race,
Sprung from the god by Salace's embrace."
Camoens: Lusiad, book vi.

Salad Days. Days of inexperience, when persons are very green.

"My salad days,
When I was green in judgment."
Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra, i. 5.

A pen'orth of salad oil. A strapping; a castigation. It is a joke on All Fools' Day to send one to the saddler's for a "pen'orth of salad oil." The pun is between "salad oil," as above, and the French *avoir de la salade*, "to be flogged." The French *salader* and *salude* are derived from the *salle* or saddle on which schoolboys were at one time birched. A block for the purpose used to be kept in some of our public schools. Oudin translates the phrase "*Donner la salle à un escolier*" by "*Scourer un scolari innanzi à tutti gli altri*." (*Recherches Italiennes et Françaises*, part ii. 508.)

Salamander, in Egyptian hieroglyphics, is a human form pinched to death with the cold. (See **UNDINES**.)

Salamander. A sort of lizard, fabled to live in fire, which, however, it quenched by the chill of its body. Pliny tells us he tried the experiment once, but the creature was soon burnt to a powder. (*Natural History*, x. 67; xxix. 4.) Salamanders are not uncommon, especially the spotted European kind (Greek, *salamandrin*).

Salamander. François I. of France adopted as his badge "a lizard in the midst of flames," with the legend "*Nutrisco et extinguo*" ("I nourish and extinguish"). The Italian motto from which this legend was borrowed was, "*Nutrisco il buono e speingo il ro*" ("I nourish the good and extinguish the bad"). Fire purifies good metal, but consumes rubbish. (See **ante**.)

Salamander. Anything of a fiery-red colour. Falstaff calls Bardolph's nose "a burning lamp," "a salamander," and the drink that made such "a fiery meteor" he calls "fire."

"I have maintained that salamander of yours with fire any time this two-and-thirty years."
—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.*, iv. 3.

Salamander's Wool. Asbestos, a fibrous mineral, affirmed by the Tartars to be made "of the root of a tree." It is sometimes called "mountain flax," and is not combustible.

Salary. The salt rations. The Romans served out rations of salt and

other necessities to their soldiers and civil servants. The rations altogether were called by the general name of salt, and when money was substituted for the rations the stipend went by the same name. (Latin, *salarium*, from *sal*, salt.)

Salchichon. A huge Italian sausage. Thomas, Duke of Genoa, a boy of Harrow school, was so called, when he was thrust forward by General Prim as an "inflated candidate" for the Spanish throne.

Sale by the Candle. A species of auction. An inch of candle being lighted, he who made the bid as the candle gave its expiring wink was declared the buyer; sometimes a pin is stuck in a candle, and the last bidder before the pin falls out is the buyer.

Sa'lem is Jireh-Salem, or Jerusalem.

"Melchisedec, King of Salem . . . being by interpretation . . . King of peace."—*Hebrews* vii. 1, 2.

Salic Law. The law so called is one chapter of the Salian code regarding succession to salic lands, which was limited to heirs male to the exclusion of females, chiefly because certain military duties were connected with the holding of those lands. In the fourteenth century females were excluded from the throne of France by the application of the Salic law to the succession of the crown.

"Which Salique, as I said, 'twixt Elbe and Sala,
Is at this day in Germany called Meisen."
Shakespeare: Henry V., i. 2.

* Philippe VI. of France, in order to raise money, exacted a tax on salt, called *Gabelle*, which was most unpopular and most unjustly levied. Edward III. called this iniquitous tax "Philippe's Salic law." (Latin, *sal*, salt.)

Saliens (The). A college of twelve priests of Mars instituted by Numa. The tale is that a shield fell from heaven, and the nymph Egéria predicted that wherever that shield was preserved the people would be the dominant people of the earth. To prevent the shield from being surreptitiously taken away, Numa had eleven others made exactly like it, and appointed twelve priests for guardians. Every year these young patricians promenaded the city, singing and dancing, and they finished the day with a most sumptuous banquet, inasmuch that *saliarum cena* became proverbial for a most

sumptuous feast. The word "salienis" means dancing.

"Nunc eat hibendum . . .
... nunc Salarius
Ornare pulvinar Deorum
Tempus erat dapibus."
Horace: 1 Ode, xxxvii. 2-4.

Salient Angles, in fortification, are those angles in a rampart which point outwards towards the country; those which point inwards towards the place fortified are called "re-entering angles."

Salisbury Cathedral. Begun in 1220, and finished in 1258; noted for having the loftiest spire in the United Kingdom. It is 400 feet high, or thirty feet higher than the dome of St. Paul's.

Salisbury Craigs. Rocks near Edinburgh; so called from the Earl of Salisbury, who accompanied Edward III. on an expedition against the Scots.

Saltee. A seaport on the west coast of Morocco. The inhabitants were formerly notorious for their piracy.

Sallust of France. César Vichard, Abbé de St. Réal; so called by Voltaire. (1639-1692.)

Sally. Saddle. (Latin, *sella*; French, *selle*.)

"The horse . . . stopped his course by degrees, and went with his rider . . . into a pond to drink; and there sat his lordship upon the sally."—*Lives of the Norths*.

"Vaulting ambition . . . o'erleaps its self,
And falls on the other . . ."

Shakespeare: Macbeth, i. 7.

Sally Lunn. A tea-cake; so called from Sally Lunn, the pastrycook of Bath, who used to cry them about in a basket at the close of the eighteenth century. Dalmer, the baker, bought her recipe, and made a song about the buns.

Sallyport. The postern in fortifications. It is a small door or port whence troops may issue unseen to make sallies, etc. (Latin, *salio*, to leap.)

Sal'macia. A fountain of Caria, which rendered effeminate all those who bathed therein. It was in this fountain that Hermaphroditus changed his sex. (*Ovid: Metamorphoses*, iv. 285, and xvi. 319.)

"Thy moist limbs melted into Sal'macia."

Shakespeare: Hermaphroditus.

Sal'magundi. A mixture of minced veal, chicken, or turkey, anchovies or pickled herrings, and onions, all chopped together, and served with lemon-juice and oil; said to be so called from Sal'magondi, one of the ladies attached to the suite of Mary de Medicis, wife of Henri IV. of France. She either invented the dish or was so fond of it that it went by her name.

Salmon (Latin, *salmo*, to leap). The leaping fish.

Salmon, as food for servants. At one time apprentices and servants stipulated that they should not be obliged to feed on salmon more than five days in a week. Salmon was one penny a pound.

"A large boiled salmon would now-a-days have indicated most liberal housekeeping; but at that period salmon was caught in such plenty (1679) . . . that, instead of being accounted a delicacy, it was generally applied to feed the servants, who are said sometimes to have stipulated that they should not be required to eat food so lucious and surfeiting . . . above five times a week."—*Sir W. Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. vii.

Salmon'sus (3 syl.). A king of Elis, noted for his arrogance and impiety. He wished to be called a god, and to receive divine honour from his subjects. To imitate Jove's thunder he used to drive his chariot over a brazen bridge, and darted burning torches on every side to imitate lightning, for which impiety the king of gods and men hurled a thunder-bolt at him, and sent him to the infernal regions.

Sal'sabil. A fountain in Paradise. (*Al Koran*, xxvi.)

"Mahomet was taking his afternoon nap in his Paradise. A houri had rolled a cloud under his head, and he was snoring serenely near the fountain of Sal'sabil."—*Croquemitaine*, ji. 5

Salt. Flavour, smack. The salt of youth is that vigour and strong passion which then predominates. Shakespeare uses the term on several occasions for strong amorous passion. Thus Iago refers to it as "hot as monkeys, salt as wolves in pride" (*Othello*, iii. 3). The Duke calls Angelo's base passion his "salt imagination," because he supposed his victim to be Isabella, and not his betrothed wife whom the Duke forced him to marry. (*Measure for Measure*, v. 1.)

"Though we are justices, and doctors, and churchmen, Master Page, we have some salt of our youth in us."—*Merry Wives of Windsor*, ii. 3.

Spilling salt was held to be an unlucky omen by the Romans, and the superstition has descended to ourselves. In Leonardo da Vinci's famous picture of the Lord's Supper, Judas Iscariot is known by the salt-cellar knocked over accidentally by his arm. Salt was used in sacrifice by the Jews, as well as by the Greeks and Romans; and it is still used in baptism by the Roman Catholic clergy. It was an emblem of purity and the sanctifying influence of a holy life on others. Hence our Lord tells His disciples they are "the salt of the earth." Spilling the salt after it was placed on the head of the victim was a bad omen, hence the superstition.

A covenant of salt (Numbers xviii. 19). A covenant which could not be broken. As salt was a symbol of incorruption, it, of course, symbolised perpetuity.

"The Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom . . . to David . . . by a covenant of salt."—2 Chronicles xii. 5.

Cum grano salis. With great limitation; with its grain of salt, or truth. As salt is sparingly used in condiments, so is truth in the remark just made.

He won't earn salt for his porridge. He will never earn a penny.

Not worth one's salt. Not worth the expense of the food he eats.

To eat a man's salt. To partake of his hospitality. Among the Arabs to eat a man's salt was a sacred bond between the host and guest. No one who has eaten of another's salt should speak ill of him or do him an ill turn.

"One does not eat a man's salt . . . at these dinners. There is nothing sacred in . . . London hospitality."—*Traveller*.

To sit above the salt—in a place of distinction. Formerly the family *saler* (salt cellar) was of massive silver, and placed in the middle of the table. Persons of distinction sat *above* the "*saler*"—i.e. between it and the head of the table; dependents and inferior guests sat below.

"We took him up above the salt and made much of him."—*Kingsley: Westward Ho!* chap. xv.

True to his salt. Faithful to his employers. Here salt means salary or interests. (See above, *To eat a man's salt*.)

"M. Waddington owes his fortune and his consideration to his father's adopted country (France), and he is true to his salt."—*Newspaper paragraph*, March 4, 1893.

Salt. A sailor, especially an old sailor; e.g. an old salt.

Salt Bread or *Bitter Bread*. The bread of affliction or humiliation. Bread too salt is both disagreeable to the taste and indigestible.

"Learning how hard it is to get back when once exiled, and how salt is the bread of others."—*Mrs. Oliphant: Makers of Florence*, p. 83.

Salt-cellar (*A*). A table salt-stand. (French, *salière*; Latin, *salarium*.)

Salt Hill (Eton). The mound at Eton where the Eton scholars used to collect money from the visitors on Montem day. The mound is still called *Salt Hill*, and the money given was called *salt*. The word salt is similar to the Latin *salarium* (salary), the pay given to Roman soldiers and civil officers. (See MONTM, SALARY.)

"Cakes of salt are still used for money in Abyssinia and Tibet."

Salt Junk. (See JUNK.)

Salt Lake. It has been stated that three buckets of this water will yield one of solid salt. This cannot be true, as water will not hold in solution more than twenty-five per cent. of saline matter. The Mormons engaged in procuring it state that they obtain one bucket of salt for every five buckets of water. (*Quebec Morning Chronicle*.)

Salt Ring. An attempt to monopolise the sale of salt by a ring or company which bought up some of the largest of our salt-mines.

Salt River. *To row up Salt River*. A defeated political party is said to be rowed up Salt River, and those who attempt to uphold the party have the task of rowing up this ungracious stream. J. Inman says the allusion is to a small stream in Kentucky, the passage of which is rendered both difficult and dangerous by shallows, bars, and an extremely tortuous channel.

Salt an Invoice (*To*) is to put the extreme value upon each article, and even something more, to give it piquancy and raise its market value, according to the maxim, *sal sapit omnia*. The French have the same expression: as "*Vendre bien salé*" (to sell very dear); "*Il me l'a bien salé*" (He charged me an exorbitant price); and generally *saler* is to pigeon one.

Salt in Beer. In Scotland it was customary to throw a handful of salt on the top of the mash to keep the witches from it. Salt really has the effect of moderating the fermentation and fining the liquor.

Salt in a Coffin. It is still not uncommon to put salt into a coffin, and Moresin tells us the reason; Satan hates salt, because it is the symbol of incorruption and immortality. (*Papatus*, p. 154.)

Salt Losing its Savour. "If salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" If men fall from grace, how shall they be restored? The reference is to rock-salt, which loses its saltiness if exposed to the hot sun.

"Along one side of the Valley of Salt (that towards Gibul) there is a small precipice about two men's lengths, occasioned by taking away of the salt. I broke a piece off that was exposed to the sun, rain, and air; though it had the sparks and particles of salt, yet it had perfectly lost its savour. The inner part, however, retained its saltiness."—*Mounds*, quoted by Dr. Adam Clarke.

Salt on His Tail (*Lay*). Catch or apprehend him. The phrase is based on the direction given to small children to

lay salt on a bird's tail if they want to catch it.

"His intelligence is so good, that were you to come near him with soldiers or constables, . . . I shall answer for it you will never lay salt on his tail."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xi.

Saltarello, "*le fils de la Folie et de Pulcinello*." A supposititious Italian dancer, sent to amuse Bettina in the court of the Grand Duke Laurent. Bettina was a servant on a farm, in love with the shepherd Pippo. But when she was taken to court and made a countess, Pippo was forbidden to approach her. Bettina languished, and to amuse her a troop of Italian dancers was sent for, of which Saltarello was the leader. He soon made himself known to Bettina, and married her. Bettina was a "mascotte" (*q.v.*), but, as the children of mascottes are mascottes also, the prince became reconciled with the promise that he should be allowed to adopt her first child. (*La Mascotte*.)

"Hence a Saltarello is an assumed covert to bring about a forbidden marriage and hoodwink those who forbade it.

Saltpetre (French, *salpêtre*), *sel de pierre, parcequ'il forme des efflorescences salines sur les murs*. (*Bouillet: Dict. des Sciences*.)

Salute (2 syl.). According to tradition, on the triumphant return of Maximilian to Germany, after his second campaign, the town of Augsburg ordered 100 rounds of cannon to be discharged. The officer on service, fearing to have fallen short of the number, caused an extra round to be added. The town of Nuremberg ordered a like salute, and the custom became established.

Salute, in the British navy, between two ships of equal rank, is made by firing an equal number of guns. If the vessels are of unequal rank, the superior fires the fewer rounds.

Royal salute, in the British navy, consists (1) in firing twenty-one great guns, (2) in the officers lowering their sword-points, and (3) in dipping the colours.

Salutations.

Shaking hands. A relic of the ancient custom of adversaries, in treating of a truce, taking hold of the weapon-hand to ensure against treachery.

Lady's curtsy. A relic of the ancient custom of women going on the knee to men of rank and power, originally to beg mercy, afterwards to acknowledge superiority.

Taking off the hat. A relic of the

ancient custom of taking off the helmet when no danger is nigh. A man takes off his hat to show that he dares stand unarmed in your presence.

Discharging guns as a salute. To show that no fear exists, and therefore no guns will be required. This is like "burying the hatchet" (*q.v.*).

Presenting arms—*i.e.* offering to give them up, from the full persuasion of the peaceful and friendly disposition of the person so honoured.

Lowering swords. To express a willingness to put yourself unarmed in the power of the person saluted, from a full persuasion of his friendly feeling.

Salve (1 syl.) is the Latin *salvia* (sage), one of the most efficient of mediæval remedies.

"To other woundes, and to broken armes,
Some hadde salve, and some hadde charmes."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, line 2,715.

Salve. To flatter, to wheedle. The allusion is to salving a wound.

Salve (2 syl.). Latin "hail," "welcome." The word is often woven on door-mats.

Sam. **Uncle Sam**. The United States Government. Mr. Frost tells us that the inspectors of Elbert Anderson's store on the Hudson were Ebenezer Wilson and his uncle Samuel Wilson, the latter of whom superintended in person the workmen, and went by the name of "Uncle Sam." The stores were marked E.A.—U.S. (*Elbert Anderson, United States*), and one of the employers, being asked the meaning, said U.S. stood for "Uncle Sam." The joke took, and in the War of Independence the men carried it with them, and it became stereotyped.

To stand Sam. To be made to pay the reckoning. This is an Americanism, and arose from the letters U.S. on the knapsacks of the soldiers. The government of Uncle Sam has to pay, or "stand Sam" for all. (*See above*.)

Sam Weller. Servant of Mr. Pickwick, famous for his metaphors. He is meant to impersonate the wit, shrewdness, quaint humour, and best qualities of London low life. (*Charles Dickens: Pickwick Papers*.)

Samael. The prince of demons, who, in the guise of a serpent, tempted Eve; also called the angel of death. (*Jewish demonology*.)

Sam'anides (3 syl.). A dynasty of ten kings in Western Persia (902-1004), founded by Ismail al Sam'ani.

Samaria, according to 1 Kings xvi. 24, means the hill of Shemer. Omri "bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of [his] city . . . after the name of Shemer . . . Samaria." (B.C. 925.)

Samaritan. *A good Samaritan*. A philanthropist, one who attends upon the poor to aid them and give them relief. (Luke x. 30-37.)

Sambo. A pet name given to anyone of the negro race. The term is properly applied to the male offspring of a negro and mulatto, the female offspring being called Zamba. (Spanish, *zambo*, bow-legged; Latin, *scambus*.)

Samedi (French). Saturday. A contraction of *Saturii-dies*. In French, *m* and *n* are interchangeable, whence *Saturne* is changed to *Saturne*, and contracted into *Sâme*. M. Masson, in his French etymologies, says it is *Sabbati dies*, but this cannot be correct. **MARDI** is *Martis-dies*, **VENDREDI** is *Veneris dies*, **JEUDI** is *Jovis-dies*, etc. (The day of Saturn, Mars, Venus, Jove, etc.)

Samian. *The Samian poet*. Simonides the satirist, born at Samos.

Samian Letter (*The*). The letter Y, used by Pythagoras as an emblem of the straight narrow path of virtue, which is one, but, if once deviated from, the farther the lines are extended the wider becomes the breach.

"When reason doubtful, like the Samian letter,
Points him two ways, the narrower the better."
Dunciad, iv.

Samian Sage (*The*). Pythagoras born at Samos; sometimes called "the Samian." (Sixth century B.C.)

"'Tis enough
In this late age, adventurous to have touched
Light on the numbers of the Samian sage."
Thomson.

Samia'sa. A seraph, who fell in love with Aholibamah, a granddaughter of Cain, and when the flood came, carried her under his wing to some other planet. (*Byron: Heaven and Earth*.)

Samiel, the Black Huntsman of the Wolf's Glen. A satanic spirit, who gave to a marksman who entered into compact with him seven balls, six of which were to hit infallibly whatever was aimed at, but the seventh was to deceive. The person who made this compact was termed *Der Frei'schutz*. (*Weber: Der Frei'schutz, libretto by Kind*.)

Samiel Wind, or Simoom. A hot suffocating wind that blows occasionally

in Africa and Arabia. (Arabic, *samma*, suffocatingly hot.)

"Burning and headlong as the Samiel wind."
Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh, pt. I.

Sammael. The chief of evil spirits, who is for ever gnashing his teeth over the damned. Next to him is Ashmedai (Asmodeus). (*Cabalists*.)

Samoor. The south wind of Persia, which so softens the strings of lutes, that they can never be tuned while it lasts. (*Stephen: Persia*.)

"Like the wind of the south o'er a summer lute
blowing
Hushed all its music, and withered its frame."
Thomas Moore: The Fire Worshipper.

Samosa'tian Philosopher. Lucian of Samosata. (Properly *Samos'a-tan*.)

Sampford Ghost (*The*). A kind of exaggerated "Cock Lane ghost" (*q.v.*), which "haunted" Sampford Peverell for about three years in the first decade of the 19th century. The house selected was occupied by a man named Chave, and besides the usual knockings, the inmates were beaten; in one instance a powerful "unattached arm" flung a folio Greek Testament from a bed into the middle of a room. The Rev. Charles Caled Colton (credited as the author of these freaks) offered £100 to anyone who could explain the matter except on supernatural grounds. No one, however, claimed the reward. Colton died 1832.

Sampl. A Greek numeral. (*See* **EPITHEMON**.)

Sampler. A pattern, a piece of fancy-sewed or embroidered work done by girls for practice.

Sampson. *A dominie Sampson*. A humble pedantic scholar, awkward, irascible, and very old-fashioned. The character occurs in Sir Walter Scott's *Guy Mannering*.

Samson. Any man of unusual strength; so called from the Judge of Israel.

The British Samson. Thomas Topham, son of a London carpenter. He lifted three hogheads of water, weighing 1,836 pounds, in the presence of thousands of spectators assembled in Bath Street, Coldbath Fields, May 28th, 1741. Being plagued by a faithless woman, he put an end to his life in the flower of his age. (1710-1753.)

The Kentish Samson. Richard Joy, who died 1742, at the age of 67. His tombstone is, in St. Peter's churchyard, Isle of Thanet.

Samson Carrasco. (See *Don Quixote*, pt. ii. bk. i. chap. iv.)

San Benito (*The*). The vest of penitence. It was a coarse yellow tunic worn by persons condemned to death by the Inquisition on their way to the *auto da fé*; it was painted over with flames, demons, etc. In the case of those who expressed repentance for their errors, the flames were directed downwards. Penitents who had been taken before the Inquisition had to wear this badge for a stated period. Those worn by Jews, sorcerers, and renegades bore a St. Andrew's cross in red on back and front.

San Christobal. A mountain in Grana'da, seen by ships arriving from the African coast; so called because colossal images of St. Christopher were erected in places of danger, from the superstitious notion that whoever cast his eye on the gigantic saint would be free from peril for the whole day.

• **San Suen'a.** Zaragoza.

Sancebell. Same as "Sanctus-bell." (*S'e SACRING-BELL.*)

San'cha. Daughter of Garcias, King of Navarre, and wife of Fernan Gonsalez of Castilla. She twice saved the life of the count her husband; once on his road to Navarre, being waylaid by personal enemies and cast into a dungeon, she liberated him by bribing the gaoler. The next time was when Fernan was waylaid and held prisoner at Leon. On this occasion she effected his escape by changing clothes with him.

• The tale resembles that of the Countess of Nithsdale, who effected the escape of her husband from the Tower on February 23rd, 1715; and that of the Countess de Lavalette, who, in 1815, liberated the count her husband from prison by changing clothes with him.

Sancho Panza, the squire of Don Quixote, was governor of Barataria, according to Cervantes. He is described as a short, pot-bellied rustic, full of common sense, but without a grain of "spirituality." He rode upon an ass, *Dapple*, and was famous for his proverbs. Panza, in Spanish, means *paunch*.

A Sancho Panza. A justice of the peace. In allusion to Sancho, as judge in the isle of Barataria.

Sancho Panza's wife, called Teresa, pt. ii. i. 5; Maria, pt. ii. iv. 7; Juana, pt. i. 7; and Joan, pt. i. 21.

Sancho. The model painting of this squire is Leslie's *Sancho and the Duchess*.

Sancheon'atho. A forgery of the nine books of this "author" was printed at Bremen in 1837. The "original" was said to have been discovered in the convent of St. Maria de Merinhão by Colonel Pereira, a Portuguese; but it was soon discovered (1) that no such convent existed, (2) that there was no colonel in the Portuguese service of the name, and (3) that the paper of the MS. displayed the water-mark of an Osnabrück paper-mill. (See RICHARD OF CIRENCESTER.)

Sanctum Sanctorum. A private room into which no one uninvited enters. The reference is to the Holy of Holies in the Jewish Temple, a small chamber into which none but the high priest might enter, and that only on the Great Day of Atonement. A man's private house is his sanctuary; his own special private room in that house is the sanctuary of the sanctuary, or the *sanctum sanctorum*.

Sancy Diamond. So called from Nicholas de Harlay, Sieur de Sancy, who bought it for 70,000 francs (£2,800) of Don Antonio, Prince of Crato and King of Portugal *in partibus*. It belonged at one time to Charles the Bold of Burgundy, who wore it with other diamonds at the battle of Granson, in 1476; and after his defeat it was picked up by a Swiss soldier, who sold it for a gulden to a clergyman. The clergyman sold it sixteen years afterwards (1492) to a merchant of Lucerne for 5,000 ducats (£1,125). It was next purchased (1495) by Emanuel the Fortunate of Portugal, and remained in the house of Aviz till the kingdom was annexed to Spain (1580), when Don Antonio sold it to Sieur de Sancy, in whose family it remained more than a century. On one occasion the sieur, being desirous of aiding Henri I. in his struggle for the crown, pledged the diamond to the Jews at Metz. The servant entrusted with it, being attacked by robbers, swallowed the diamond, and was murdered, but Nicholas de Harlay subsequently recovered the diamond out of the dead body of his unfortunate messenger. We next find it in the possession of James II., who purchased it for the crown of England. James carried it with him in his flight to France in 1688, when it was sold to Louis XIV. for £25,000. Louis XV. wore it at his coronation, but during the Revolution it was again sold. Napoleon in his high and palmy days bought it, but it was sold in 1835 to

Prince Paul Demidoff for £80,000. The prince sold it in 1830 to M. Levrat, administrator of the Mining Society, who was to pay for it in four instalments; but his failing to fulfil his engagement became, in 1832, the subject of a lawsuit, which was given in favour of the prince. We next hear of it in Bombay; and in 1867 it was transmitted to England by the firm of Forbes & Co. It now belongs to the Czar.

Sand (*George*). The *nom de plume* of Madame Dudevant, a French authoress, assumed out of attachment to Jules Sand or Sandeau, a young student, in conjunction with whom she published her first novel, *Rose et Blanche*, under the name of "Jules Sand." (1804-1876.)

Sand. *A rope of sand.* Something nominally effective and strong, but in reality worthless and untrustworthy.

My sand of life is almost run. The allusion is to the hour-glass.

"Alas! dread lord, you see the case wherein I stand, and how little sand is left to run in my poor glass."—*Reynard the Fox*, iv.

Sand-blind. Virtually blind, but not wholly so; what the French call *ber-luc*; our *par-blind*. (Old English suffix *sum*, half; or Old High German *sand*, virtually.) It is only fit for a Launcelot Gobbo to derive it from *sand*, a sort of earth.

"This is my true-begotten father, who, being more than sand-blind, high-gravel blind, knows me not."—*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*, ii. 2.

Sand-man is about (*The*). (See DUSTMAN.)

Sands. *Footprints on the sands of Time* (*Longfellow: Psalm of Life*). This beautiful expression was probably suggested by a letter of the First Napoleon to his Minister of the Interior respecting the poor-laws:—"It is melancholy [he says] to see time passing away without being put to its full value. Surely in a matter of this kind we should endeavour to do something, that we may say that we have not lived in vain, that we may leave some impress of our lives on the sands of Time."

To number sands. To undertake an endless or impossible task.

"Alas! poor duke, the task he undertakes is numbering sands and drinking oceans dry."—*Shakespeare: Richard III.*, ii. 2.

Sandabar. An Arabian writer, celebrated for his *Parables*. He lived about a century before the Christian era.

Sandal. *A man without sandals.* A prodigal; so called by the ancient Jews, because the seller gave his sandals to the

buyer as a ratification of his bargain. (Ruth iv. 7.)

Sandals of Theramenes (4 syl.), which would fit any foot. Theramenes, one of the Athenian oligarchy, was nicknamed "the trimmer" (*cothurnus*, a sandal or boot which might be worn on either foot), because no dependence could be placed on him. He blew hot and cold with the same breath. The proverb is applied to a trimmer.

Sandal'phon. One of the three angels who receive the prayers of the Israelites, and weave crowns for them. (*Longfellow*.)

Sandalwood. A corruption of Santalwood, a plant of the genus *Santalum* and natural order *Santalaceæ*.

Sandbanks. Wynants, a Dutch artist, is famous for his homely pictures, where sandbanks form a most striking feature.

Sandemanians or *Glassites*. A religious party expelled from the Church of Scotland for maintaining that national churches, being "kingdoms of this world," are unlawful. Called Glassites from John Glass, the founder (1728), and called Sandemanians from Robert Sandeman, who published a series of letters on the subject in 1755.

Sand'en [*sandy-den*]. The great palace of King Lion, in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*.

Sandford and Merton. Thomas Day's tale so called.

Sandjar. One of the Soljuke Sultans of Persia; so called from the place of his birth. Generally considered the *Persian Alexander*. (1117-1158.)

Sandechaki or **Sandechaki-sheirif** [*the standard of green silk*]. The sacred banner of the Mussulmans. It is now enveloped in four coverings of green taffeta, enclosed in a case of green cloth. The standard is twelve feet high, and the golden ornament (a closed hand) which surmounts it holds a copy of the Koran written by the Calif Osman III. In times of peace this banner is guarded in the hall of the "noble vestment," as the dress worn by "the prophet" is styled. In the same hall are preserved the sacred teeth, the holy beard, the sacred stirrup, the sabre, and the bow of Mahomet.

Sandwich. A piece of meat between two slices of bread; so called from the Earl of Sandwich (the noted "Jemmy Twitcher"), who passed whole days in

gambling, bidding the waiter bring him for refreshment a piece of meat between two pieces of bread, which he ate without stopping from play. This contrivance was not first hit upon by the earl in the reign of George III., as the Romans were very fond of "sandwiches," called by them *offula*.

Sandwichman (*A*). A perambulating advertisement displayer, with an advertisement board before and behind.

"The Earl of Shaftesbury desired to say a word on behalf of a very respectable body of men, ordinarily called 'sandwiches.'" — *The Times*, March 10th, 1867.

Sang Bleu. Of high aristocratic descent. The words are French, and mean *blue blood*, but the notion is Spanish. The old families of Spain who trace their pedigree beyond the time of the Moorish conquest say that their venous blood is blue, but that of common people is black.

Sang Froid (French, "cool blood"), meaning indifference; without temper of irritation.

Sangaree'. A West Indian drink, consisting of Madeira wine, syrup, water, and nutmeg.

Sanglamoore (3 syl.). Braggadocio's sword. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*.)

Sanglier (*Sir*). Meant for Shan O'Neil, leader of the Irish insurgents in 1567. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, v.)

• *Sanglier des Ardennes*. Guillaume de la Marek, driven from Liège, for the murder of the Bishop of Liège, and beheaded by the Archduke Maximilian. (1446-1485.)

Sangra'do (*Dr.*), in the romance of *Gil Blas*, prescribes warm water and leeching for every ailment. The character is a satire on Helvetius. (Book ii. 2.)

"If the Sangra'dos were ignorant, there was at any rate more to spare in the veins than there is now." — *Daily Telegraph*.

Sangreal. The vessel from which our Saviour drank at the Last Supper, and which (as it is said) was afterwards filled by Joseph of Arimathea with the blood that flowed from His wounds. This blood was reported to have the power of prolonging life and preserving chastity. The quest of this cup forms the most fertile source of adventures to the knights of the Round Table. The story of the Sangreal or Sangraal was first written in verse by Chrestien de Troyes (end of the tenth century), thence Latinised (thirteenth century), and finally turned into French prose by

Gautier Map, by "order of Lord Henry" (Henry III.). It commences with the genealogy of our Saviour, and details the whole Gospel history; but the prose romance begins with Joseph of Arimathea. Its quest is continued in *Percival*, a romance of the fifteenth century, which gives the adventures of a young Welshman, raw and inexperienced, but admitted to knighthood. At his death the sangreal, the sacred lance, and the silver trencher were carried up to heaven in the presence of attendants, and have never since been seen on earth.

Tennyson has a poem entitled *The Holy Grail*.

Sanguine [*murrey*]. One of the nine colours used by foreign heralds in escutcheons. It is expressed by lines of vert and purple crossed, that is, diagonals from right to left crossing diagonals from left to right. (*See TENNE*.)

Tenné and Sanguine are not used by English heralds. (*See HERALDS*.)

Sanguinary James (*A*). A sheep's head not singed. A jemmy is a sheep's head; so called from James I., who introduced into England the national Scotch dish of "singed sheep's head and trotters." No real Scotch dinner is complete without a haggis, a sheep's head and trotters, and a hotch-potch (in summer), or cocky leekie (in winter).

A cocky leekie is a fowl boiled or stewed with leeks or kale—i.e. salt beef and curly greens.

Gimmer (a sheep) cannot be the origin of Jemmy, as the G is *always* soft.

Sanhedrim. The Jewish Sanhedrim probably took its form from the seventy elders appointed to assist Moses in the government. After the captivity it seems to have been a permanent consistory court. The president was called "Hannasi" (the prince), and the vice-president "Abba" (father). The seventy sat in a semicircle, thirty-five on each side of the president; the "father" being on his right hand, and the "hacan," or sub-deputy, on his left. All questions of the "Law" were dogmatically settled by the Sanhedrim, and those who refused obedience were excommunicated. (Greek, *synedrion*, a sitting together.)

Sanhedrim, in Dryden's satire of *Abraham and Achitophel*, stands for the British Parliament.

"The Sanhedrim long time as chief he ruled,
Their reason guided, and their passion cooled."

Sanjaksherif. The flag of the prophet. (Turkish, *sanjak*, a standard.)

Sans Culottes (French, *without trousers*). A name given by the aristocratic section during the French Revolution to the popular party, the favourite leader of which was Henriot. (1793.)

Sans Culottides. The five complementary days added to the twelve months of the Revolutionary Calendar. Each month being made to consist of thirty days, the riff-raff days which would not conform to the law were named in honour of the *sans culottes*, and made idle days or holidays.

Sans-culottism. Red republicanism.

Sans Peur et Sans Reproche. Pierre du Terrail, Chevalier de Bayard, was called *Le chevalier sans peur et sans reproche*. (1476-1524.)

Sans Souci (French). Free and easy, void of care. There is a place so called near Potsdam, where Frederick II. (the Great) built a royal palace.

Enfians Sans Souci. The Tradesmen's company of actors, as opposed to the Lawyers', called "Bisochians" (*q.v.*). This company was organised in France in the reign of Charles VIII., for the performance of short comedies, in which public characters and the manners of the day were turned into ridicule. The manager of the "Care-for-Nothings" (*sans souci*) was called "The Prince of Fools." One of their dramatic pieces, entitled *Master Pierre Pathelin*, was an immense favourite with the Parisians.

Sansara. The ten essential rites of Hindus of the first three castes: (1) at the conception of a child; (2) at the quickening; (3) at birth; (4) at naming; (5) carrying the child out to see the moon; (6) giving him food to eat; (7) the ceremony of tonsure; (8) investiture with the string; (9) the close of his studies; (10) the ceremony of "marriage," when he is qualified to perform the sacrifices ordained.

Sansfoy [*Infidelity*]. A Saracen "who cared for neither God nor man," encountered by St. George and slain. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book i. 2.)

Sansloy [*Without the peace of God*]. Brother of Sansfoy (*Infidelity*) and Sansloy (*Without the law of God*). He is a paynim knight, who fights with St. George in the palace grounds of Pride, and would have been slain if Duessa had not rescued him. He is carried in the cart of Night to the infernal regions,

where he is healed of his wounds by Esculapius. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book i. 4, 6.)

Sansloy [*Irreligion*], brother of Sansfoy (*q.v.*). Having torn off the disguise of Archimago and wounded the lion, he carries off Una into the wilderness. Her shrieks arouse the fauns and satyrs, who come to her rescue, and Sansloy flees. Una is Truth, and, being without Holiness (the Red-Cross Knight), is deceived by Hypocrisy. As soon as Truth joins Hypocrisy, instead of Holiness, Irreligion breaks in and carries her away. The reference is to the reign of Queen Mary, when the Reformation was carried captive, and the lion was wounded by the "False-law of God." (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book i. 2.)

In book ii. Sansloy appears again as the cavalier of Perissa or Prodigality.

Sansonetto (in *Orlando Furioso*). A Christian regent of Mecca, viceroy of Charlemagne.

Santa Casa (Italian, the holy house). The reputed house in which the Virgin Mary lived at Nazareth, miraculously translated to Fiume, in Dalmatin, in 1291, thence to Recanati in 1294, and finally to Macerata, in Italy, to a piece of land belonging to the Lady Loretto.

Santa Claus or **Santa Klaus**. A corrupt contraction of Sankt Nikolaus (*Sank't ni kolaus—i.e.* St. Nicholas), the patron saint of children. The vigil of his feast is still held in some places, but for the most part his name is now associated with Christmas-tide. The old custom used to be for someone, on December 5th, to assume the costume of a bishop and distribute small gifts to "good children." The present custom is to put toys and other little presents into a stocking or pillow-case late on Christmas Eve, when the children are asleep, and when they wake on Christmas morn each child finds in the stocking or bag hung at the bedside the gift sent by Santa Claus. St. Nicholas' day is December 6. The Dutch *Kris Kringel*.

Saphron. The girdle worn by Grecian women, whether married or not. The bridegroom loosed the bride's girdle, whence "to loose the girdle" came to mean to deflower a woman, and a prostitute was called "a woman whose girdle is unloosed" (*ἡ ἀνδρισμένη*).

Sapphics. A Greek and Latin metro, so named from Sappho, the inventor. Horace always writes this

metre in four-line stanzas, the last being an Adonic. There must be a *cæsura* at the fifth foot of each of the first three lines, which runs thus:—

The Adonic is—

The first and third stanzas of the famous *Ode* of Horace (i. 22) may be translated thus, preserving the metre:—

He of sound life, who ne'er with sinners
wondeth,
Needs no Maurish bow, such as malice bendeth,
Nor with poisoned darts life from harm de-
fendeth,

Fuscus believeth me.
Once I, unarmed, was in a forest roaming,
Singing love lays, when in the secret gloaming
Rushed a huge wolf, which, though in fury
foaming,
Did not aggrrieve me. *E. C. P.*

Sappho of Toulouse. Clérucce Isaure (2 syl.), a wealthy lady of Toulouse, who instituted in 1490 the "*Jeux Floraux*," and left funds to defray their annual expenses. She composed a beautiful *Ode to Spring*. (1463-1513.)

Saracen Wheat (French, *Blé-saracén*). Buck-wheat; so called because it was brought into Spain by the Moors or Saracens. (See *BUCKWHEAT*.)

Saracens. Ducange derives this word from *Sarah* (Abraham's wife); Hottinger from the Arabic *saraca* (to steal); Forster from *sahra* (a desert); but probably it is the Arabic *sharakiyyun* or *sharkeyn* (the eastern people), as opposed to *Magharibé* (the western people *viz.* of Morocco). Any unbaptised person was called a Saracen in mediæval romance. (Greek, *Sarakēnos*.)

"So the Arabs, or Saracens, as they are called . . . gave men the choice of three things."—*E. A. Freeman: General Sketch*, chaps. vi. p. 117.

Saragor'a. *The Maid of Saragoza*. Augustina, who was only twenty-two when, her lover being shot, she mounted the battery in his place. The French, after besieging the town for two months, had to retreat, August 15th, 1808.

Sarasa'at. Wife of Brahma, and goddess of fine arts. (*Hindû mythology*.)

Sar'asim. A flapping or plucking off of the skin; a cutting taunt. (Greek, *sarkazo*, to flay, etc.)

Sarac'net (2 syl.). A corruption of *Saracenet*, from its Saracenic or Oriental origin.

Saracenet Childings. Loving rebukes, as those of a mother to a young child—"You little rogue," etc.

"The child reddened . . . and hesitated, while the mother, with many a 'fo . . . and such saracenet childings as tender mothers give to spoiled children . . ."—*Mr W. Scott: The Monastery*, ii.

Sarcoph'agus. A stone, according to Pliny, which consumed the flesh, and was therefore chosen by the ancients for coffins. It is called sometimes *lapis Assius*, because it was found at Assos of Lycia. (Greek, *sarr*, flesh; *phagein*, to eat or consume.)

Sardanapa'lus. King of Nineveh and Assyria, noted for his luxury and voluptuousness. His effeminacy induced Arba'ces, the Mede, to conspire against him. Myrra, an Ionian slave, and his favourite concubine, roused him from his lethargy, and induced him to appear at the head of his armies. He won three successive battles, but being then defeated, was induced by Myrra to place himself on a funeral pile, which she herself set fire to, and then jumping into the flames, perished with her beloved master. (Died B.C. 817.) (*Byron: Sardanupahus*.)

A Sardanapalus. Any luxurious, extravagant, self-willed tyrant. (See *above*.)

Sardanapalus of China. Cheo-tsin, who shut himself and his queen in his palace, and set fire to the building, that he might not fall into the hands of Woo-wong, who founded the dynasty of Tchow (B.C. 1154-1122). It was Cheo-tsin who invented the chopsticks.

Sardin'ian Laugh. Laughing on the wrong side of one's mouth. *The Edinburgh Review* says: "The ancient Sardinians used to get rid of their old relations by throwing them into deep pits, and the sufferers were expected to feel delighted at this attention to their well-being." (July, 1849.)

Sardon'ic Smile, Grin, or Laugh-ter. A smile of contempt: so used by Homer.

"The Sardonio or Sardinian laugh. A laugh caused, it was supposed, by a plant growing in sardinia, of which they who ate died laughing."—*Trench: Words*, lecture iv. p. 176.

The *Herba Sardon'ia* (so called from Sardis, in Asia Minor) is so acrid that it produces a convulsive movement of the nerves of the face, resembling a painful grin. Byron says of the Corsair, *There was a laughing devil in his sneer*.

"'Tis envy's safest, surest rule
To hide her rage in ridicule;
The vulgar eye the best bezel;
When all her snakes are decked with smiles,
Sardonic smiles by rancour raised."

Swift: Phaulcon and Lark.

Sar'donyx. An orange-brown cornelian. Pliny says it is called *sard* from Sardis, in Asia Minor, where it is found, and *onyx*, the nail, because its colour resembles that of the skin under the nail (xxxvii. 6).

Sarnia. Guernsey. Adjective, *Sarnian*.

"Sometimes . . . mistakes occur in our little bits of Sarnian intelligence."—*Mrs. Edwards: A Gilted Girl*, chap. iii.

Sarpe'don. A favourite of the gods, who assisted Priam when Troy was besieged by the allied Greeks. When Achilles refused to fight, Sarpe'don made great havoc in battle, but was slain by Patroc'los. (*Homer: Iliad*.)

Sars'en Stones. The "Druidical" sandstones of Wiltshire and Berkshire are so called. The early Christian Saxons used the word Saresyn as a synonym of pagan or heathen, and as these stones were popularly associated with Druid worship, they were called Saresyn or heathen stones. Robert Ricart says of Duke Rollo, "He was a Saresyn come out of Deumark into France." Another derivation is the Phœnician *sarsen* (a rock), applied to any huge mass of stone that has been drawn from the quarry in its rude state.

"These boulders are no more connected with the Druids than Stonehenge is (g.v.)."

Sartor Resartus. (*The Tailor Patched*.) By Thomas Carlyle.

Diogenes Teufelsdrückh is Carlyle himself, and *Etepsfuhl* is his native village of Ecclefechan.

The Rose Goddess, according to Froude, is Margaret Gordon, but Strachey is *Blumine*, i.e. Kitty Kirkpatrick, daughter of Colonel Achilles Kirkpatrick, and *Rose Garden* is Strachey's garden at Shooter's Hill. The duenna is Mrs. Strachey.

The Zahdarns are Mr. and Mrs. Buller, and *Toughut* is Charles Buller.

Philistine is the Rev. Edward Irving.

Sash Window is a window that moves up and down in a groove. (French, *chassis*, a sash or groove.)

Sassan'ides (4 syl.). The first Persian dynasty of the historic period; so named because Ard'shir, the founder, was son of Sassan, a lineal descendant of Xerxes.

Sassenaoh (ch = k). A Keltic word for a Saxon, or for the English language.

Satan, in Hebrew, means *enemy*.

"To whom the Arch-enemy
(And hence in heaven called Satan)."
Milton: Paradise Lost, bk. i. 81, 82.

Satan's Journey to Earth (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, iii. 418 to the end). He starts from Hell, and wanders a long time about the confines of the Universe,

where he sees Chaos and Limbo. The Universe is a vast extended plain, fortified by part of the ethereal quintessence out of which the stars were created. There is a gap in the fortification, through which angels pass when they visit our earth. Being weary, Satan rests awhile at this gap, and contemplates the vast Universe. He then transforms himself into an angel of light and visits Uriel, whom he finds in the Sun. He asks Uriel the way to Paradise, and Uriel points out to him our earth. Then plunging through the starry vault, the waters above the firmament, and the firmament itself, he alights safely on Mount Niphates, in Armenia.

Satan'ic. *The Satanic School.* So Southey called Lord Byron and his imitators, who set at defiance the generally received notions of religion. Of English writers, Byron, Shelley, Moore, and Bulwer are the most prominent; of French writers Rousseau, Victor Hugo, Paul de Kock, and George Sand.

Sat'ire (2 syl.). Scaliger's derivation of this word from *satyr* is untenable. It is from *satura* (full of variety), *sat'ura lanx*, a hotchpotch or olla podrida. As *max'imus*, *opti'mus*, etc., became *maxi'mus*, *opti'mus*, so "satura" became *sat'ira*. (See Dryden's Dedication prefixed to his *Satires*.)

Father of satire. Archil'ochos of Paros (B.C. seventh century).

Father of French satire. Mathurin Regnier (1573-1613).

Father of Roman satire. Lucilius (B.C. 148-103).

"Lucilius was the man who, bravely bold,
To Roman vices did the mirror hold;
Protected humble goodness from reproach,
Blowed worth on foot, and rascals in a coach."
Dryden: Art of Poetry, c. ii.

Saturday. (See BLACK SATURDAY.)

Saturn or *Kronos* [Time] devoured all his children except Jupiter, Neptune, and Pluto. Jupiter means *air*, Neptune *water*, and Pluto *the grave*. These Time cannot consume.

Saturn is a very evil planet to be born under. "The children of the sayd Saturne shall be great jangeleres and chyders . . . and they will never forgyve tyll they be revenged of theyr quarell." (*Compost of Ptholomeus*.)

Saturn, with the ancient alchemists, designated lead.

Saturn's Tree, in alchemy, is a deposit of crystallised lead, massed together in the form of a "tree." It is

produced by a shaving of zinc in a solution of the acetate of lead. In alchemy Saturn = lead. (See DIANA'S TREE.)

Saturnalia. A time of licensed disorder and misrule. With the Romans it was the festival of Saturn, and was celebrated the 17th, 18th, and 19th of December. During its continuance no public business could be transacted, the law courts were closed, the schools kept holiday, no war could be commenced, and no malefactor punished. Under the empire the festival was extended to seven days.

Saturnian Days. Days of dulness, when everything is venal.

"Then rose the seed of Chaos and of Night
To blot out order and extinguish light,
Of dull and venal a new world to mould,
And bring Saturnian days of lead and gold."
Daniel, iv.

¶ They are *lead* to indicate dulness, and *gold* to indicate venality.

Saturnian Verses. Old-fashioned. A rude composition employed in satire among the ancient Romans. Also a peculiar metre, consisting of three iambs and a syllable over, joined to three trochees, according to the following nursery metre:—

"The queen was in the par-lour . . .
The maids were in the garden . . ."

"The Fescennine and Saturnian were the same, for as they were called Saturnian from their ancientness, when Saturn reigned in Italy, they were called Fescennine from Fescennia (sic), where they were first practised."—*Dryden: Dedication of Juvenal.*

Saturnine (3 syl.). A grave, phlegmatic disposition, dull and heavy. Astrologers affirm that such is the disposition of those who are born under the influence of the leaden planet Saturn.

Satyr. The most famous representation of these goat-men is that of Praxiteles, a sculptor of Athens in the fourth century B.C.

Satyrane (3 syl.). A blunt but noble knight who delivered Una from the fauns and satyrs. The meaning is this: Truth, being driven from the towns and cities, took refuge in caves and dens, where for a time it lay concealed. At length Sir Satyrane (Luther) rescues Una from bondage; but no sooner is this the case than she falls in with Archimago, to show how very difficult it was at the Reformation to separate Truth from Error. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. i.)

Sauce means "salted food," for giving a relish to meat, as pickled roots, herbs, and so on. (Latin, *salsus*.)

The sauce was better than the fish. The accessories were better than the main part. This may be said of a book in which the plates and getting up are better than the matter it contains.

To serve the same sauce. To retaliate; to give as good as you take; to serve in the same manner.

"After him another came unto her, and served her with the same sauce; then a third . . ."—*The Man in the Moon*, etc. (1600).

Sauce (To). To intermix.

"Then she fell to sauce her desires with threatenings."—*Sidney.*

"Fully sauced with discretion."—*Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida*, i. 2.

Sauce to the Goose is Sauce to the Gander. (See GANDER.)

Saucer Eyes. Big, round, glaring eyes.

"Yet when a child (bless me!) I thought
That thou a pair of horns had'st got,
With eyes like saucers staring."
Peter Pinchard: Ode to the Deek.

Saucer Oath. When a Chinese is put in the witness-box, he says: "If I do not speak the truth may my soul be cracked and broken like this saucer." So saying, he dashes the saucer on the ground. The Roman Catholic imprecation, known as "Bell, Book, and Candle" (q.v.), and the Jewish marriage custom of breaking a wine-glass, are of a similar character.

Saucy. Rakish, irresistible; or rather that care-for-nobody, jaunty, daring behaviour which has won for many of our regiments the term as a compliment. It is also applied metaphorically to some inanimate things, as "saucy waves," which dare attack the very moon; the "saucy world," which dares defy the very gods; the "saucy mountains," "winds," "wit," and so on.

"But still the little petrel was saucy as the waves."
Eliza Cook: The Young Mariners, stanza 7.

Saul, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, is meant for Oliver Cromwell. As Saul persecuted David and drove him from Jerusalem, so Cromwell persecuted Charles II. and drove him from England.

"They who, when Saul was dead, without a blow Made foolish Ishbosheth (Richard Cromwell) the crown forego."
Part i. lines 57, 58.

Saul among the prophets? The Jews said of our Lord, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" (John vii. 15.) Similarly at the conversion of Saul, afterwards called Paul, the Jews said in substance, "Is it possible that Saul can be a convert?" (Acts ix. 21.) The proverb applies to a person

who unexpectedly bears tribute to a party or doctrine that he has hitherto vigorously assailed. (1 Sam. x. 12.)

Sant Lairds o' Dunscore (*The*). Lords or gentlefolk who have only a name but no money. The tale is that the "puir wee lairds of Dunscore" clubbed together to buy a stone of salt, which was doled out to the subscribers in small spoonfuls, that no one should get more than his due quota.

Savage (2 syl.). One who lives in a wood (Greek, *hulê*, a forest; Latin, *silva*; Spanish, *salvaje*; Italian, *selvaggio*; French, *sauvage*).

Save. To save appearances. To do something to obviate or prevent exposure or embarrassment.

Save the Mark. In archery when an archer shot well it was customary to cry out "God save the mark!"—i.e. prevent anyone coming after to hit the same mark and displace my arrow. Ironically it is said to a novice whose arrow is nowhere.

God save the mark! (1 Henry IV., i. 3). Hotspur, apologising to the king for not sending the prisoners according to command, says the messenger was a "popinjay," who made him mad with his unmanly ways, and who talked "like a waiting gentlewoman of guins, drums, and wounds (God save the mark!)"—meaning that he himself had been in the brunt of battle, and it would be sad indeed if "his mark" was displaced by this court butterfly. It was an ejaculation of derision and contempt.

* So (in *Othello*, i. 1) Iago says he was "his Moorship's ancient; bless the mark!" expressive of derision and contempt.

• In like manner (in *The Merchant of Venice*, ii. 2), Launcelot Gobbo says his master (Shylock) is a kind of devil, "God bless the mark!"

* So (in *The Ring and the Book*); Brown- ing says:

"Deny myself [to] pleasure you.
The sacred and superior. Save the mark!"

The *Observer* (Oct. 26, 1894) speaks of "the comic operas (save the mark!) that have lately been before us." An ejaculation of derision and contempt.

And Mr. Chamberlain (in his speech, September 5th, 1894) says:

"The policy of this government, which calls itself (God save the mark!) an English government..."

* Sometimes it refers simply to the perverted natural order of things, as

"travelling by night and resting (save the mark!) by day." (*U. S. Magazine*, October, 1894.)

* And sometimes it is an ejaculated prayer to avert the ill omen of an observation, as (in *Romeo and Juliet*) where the nurse says:

"I saw the wound, I saw it with mine eyes (God save the mark!) upon his manly breast."

Savoir Faire (French). Ready wit; skill in getting out of a scrape; hence "*Fivre de son savoir-faire*," to live by one's wits; "*Avoir du savoir-faire*," to be up to snuff, to know a thing or two.

"He had great confidence in his *savoir-faire*."—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Mannering*, chap. xxxiv.

Savoy (*The*). A precinct of the Strand, London, noted for the palace of Savoy, originally the seat of Peter, Earl of Savoy, who came to England to visit his niece Eleanor, wife of Henry III. At the death of the earl the house became the property of the queen, who gave it to her second son, Edmund (Earl of Lancaster), and from this period it was attached to the Duchy of Lancaster. When the Black Prince brought Jean le Bon, King of France, captive to London (1356), he lodged him in the Savoy Palace, where he remained till 1359, when he was removed to Somerton Castle, in Lincolnshire. In 1360 he was lodged in the Tower; but, two months afterwards, was allowed to return to France on certain conditions. These conditions being violated by the royal hostages, Jean voluntarily returned to London, and had his old quarters again assigned to him, and died in 1364. The rebels under Wat Tyler burnt down the old palace in 1781; but it was rebuilt in 1505 by Henry VII., and converted into a hospital for the poor, under the name of St. John's Hospital. Charles II. used it for wounded soldiers and sailors. St. Mary-le-Savoy or the Chapel of St. John still stands in the precinct, and has recently been restored.

N.B. Here, in 1552, was established the first flint-glass manufactory.

Saw. In Christian art an attribute of St. Simon and St. James the Less, in allusion to the tradition of their being sawn to death in martyrdom.

Sawdust Parlance (*In*). A Circus parlance. Of course, the allusion is to the custom of sifting sawdust over the arena to prevent the horses from slipping.

Sawny or Sandy. ^A Scotchman; a contraction of "Alexander."

Saxifrage. So called because its tender rootlets will penetrate the hardest rock, and break it up.

Saxon Castles.

Alnwick Castle, given to Ivo de Vesey by the Conqueror.

Bamborough Castle (Northumberland), the palace of the kings of Northumberland, and built by King Ida, who began to reign 559; now converted into charity schools and signal-stations.

Carisbrook Castle, enlarged by Fitz-Osborne, five centuries later.

Conisborough Castle (York).

Goodrich Castle (Herefordshire).

Kenilworth Castle, built by Kenelm, King of Mercia. Kenil-worth means Kenhelm's dwelling.

Richmond Castle (York), belonging to the Saxon earl Edwin, given by the Conqueror to his nephew Alan, Earl of Bretagne; a ruin for three centuries. The keep remains.

Rochester Castle, given to Odo, natural brother of the Conqueror.

Saxon Characteristics (architectural).

(1) The quoining consists of a long stone set at the corner, and a short one lying on it and bonding into the wall.

(2) The use of large heavy blocks of stone in some parts, while the rest is built of Roman bricks.

(3) An arch with straight sides to the upper part instead of curves.

(4) The absence of buttresses.

(5) The use in windows of rude balusters.

(6) A rude round staircase west of the tower, for the purpose of access to the upper floors.

(7) Rude carvings in imitation of Roman work. (*Riekman*.)

Saxon Duke (in *Hudibras*). John Frederick, Duke of Saxony, a very corpulent man. When taken prisoner, Charles V. said, "I have gone hunting many a time, but never saw I such a swine before."

Saxon English. The "Lord's Prayer" is almost all of it Anglo-Saxon. The words *trespasses*, *trespass*, and *temptation* are of Latin origin. The substitution of "debts" and "debtors" (as "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors") is objectionable. Perhaps "Forgive us our wrongdoings, as we forgive them who do wrong to us"

would be less objectionable. The latter clause, "lead us not into temptation," is far more difficult to convert into Anglo-Saxon. The best suggestion I can think of is "lead us not in the ways of sinners," but the real meaning is "put us not to the test." We have the word *assay* (*Assay us not*), which would be an excellent translation, but the word is not a familiar one.

Saxon Relics.

The church of Earl's Barton (Northamptonshire). The tower and west doorway.

The church of St. Michael's (St. Albans), erected by the Abbot of St. Albans in 918.

The tower of Bosham church (Sussex).

The east side of the dark and principal cloisters of Westminster Abbey, from the college dormitory on the south to the chapter-house on the north. Edward the Confessor's chapel in Westminster Abbey, now used as the Pix office.

The church of Darenth (Kent) contains some windows of manifest Saxon architecture.

With many others, some of which are rather doubtful.

Saxon Shore. The coast of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Kent, Sussex, and Hampshire, where were castles and garrisons, under the charge of a count or military officer, called *Comes Littoris Saxonici per Britanniam*.

Fort Branodunum (Brancaester) was on the Norfolk coast.

Gariannonum (Burg) was on the Suffolk coast.

Othona (Litchester) was on the Essex coast.

Reguibium (Reculver), Rutupie (Rich-

borough), Dubris (Dover), P. Lemania

(Lynton), were on the Kentish coast.

Anderida (Hastings or Pevensey), Portus

Adurni (Worthing), were on the Sussex coast.

Say. *To take the say.* To taste meat or wine before it is presented, in order to prove that it is not poisoned. The phrase was common in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

"Nor deem it meet that you to him convey
The proffered bowl, unless you taste the say."
Rose: Orlando Furioso, xxi. 41.

Sbirri (Italian). A police-force which existed in the pope's dominions. They were domiciled in private houses.

"He points them out to his sbirri and armed ruffians."—*The Daily Telegraph*.

Scævola [*left-handed*]. So Caius Mucius was called, because, when he entered the camp of Porsenna as a spy, and was taken before the king, he deliberately held his hand over a lamp

till it was burnt off, to show the Etruscan that he would not shrink from torture.

Scaffold, Scaffolding. A temporary gallery for workmen. In its secondary sense it means the postulates and rough scheme of a system or sustained story. (French, *échafaud*, *échafaudage*.) (See CINTER.)

Scagliola. Imitation marble, like the pillars of the Pantheon, London. The word is from the Italian *scaglia* (the dust and chips of marble); it is so called because the substance (which is gypsum and Flanders glue) is studded with chips and dust of marble.

Scales. The Koran says, at the judgment day everyone will be weighed in the scales of the archangel Gabriel. His good deeds will be put in the scale called "Light," and his evil ones in the scale called "Darkness;" after which they will have to cross the bridge Al Serât, not wider than the edge of a scimitar. The faithful will pass over in safety, but the rest will fall into the dreary realms of Jehennam.

Scallop Shell. Emblem of St. James of Compostella, adopted, says Erasmus, because the shore of the adjacent sea abounds in them. Pilgrims used them for cup, spoon, and dish; hence the punning crest of the Disington family is a scallop shell. On returning home, the pilgrim placed his scallop shell in his hat to command admiration, and adopted it in his coat-armour. (Danish, *schelp*, a shell; French, *escalope*.)

"I will give thee a palmer's staff of ivory and a scallop-shell of beaten gold."—*The Old Wives' Tale*. (1595.)

Scalloped [*scallop*]. Having an edge like that of a scallop shell.

Scamozzi's Rule. The jointed two-foot rule used by builders, and invented by Vincent Scamozzi, the famous Italian architect. (1510-1609.)

Scamp [*qui erit ex campo*]. A deserter from the field; one who *decamps* without paying his debts. *S* privative and *camp*. (See SNOW.)

Scandal means properly a pitfall or snare laid for an enemy; hence a stumbling-block, and morally an aspersion. (Greek, *skándalon*.)

"We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a [scandal]."—1 Cor. i. 23.

The Hill of Scandal. So Milton calls the Mount of Olives, because King Solomon built thereon "an high place for

Chemosh, the abomination of Moab; and for Moloch, the abomination of the children of Ammon" (1 Kings xi. 7).

Scandal-broth. Tea. The reference is to the gossip held by some of the womenkind, over their "cups which cheer but not inebriate." Also called "Chatter-broth."

"I proposed to my venerated visitor . . . to summon my . . . housekeeper . . . with the (requisite); but he rejected my proposal with disdain. . . 'No scandal-broth,' he exclaimed. 'No undecorated woman's chatter for me.'"—Sir W. Scott: *Peveril of the Peak* (Prefatory letter).

Scandalum Magnatum [*scandal of the magnates*]. Words in derogation of peers, judges, and other great officers of the realm. What St. Paul calls "speaking evil of dignities."

Scanderbeg. A name given by the Turks to George Castriota, the patriot chief of Epirus. The word is a corruption of *Iskander-beg*, Prince Alexander (1414-1467).

Scanderbeg's Sword must have Scanderbeg's Arm—i.e. None but Ulysses can draw Ulysses' bow. Scanderbeg is a corruption of Iskander-beg (Alexander the Great), not the Macedonian, but George Castriota, Prince of Albania, so called by the Turks. Mahomet wanted to see his scimitar, but when presented no one could draw it; whereupon the Turkish emperor sent it back as an imposition; but Iskander-beg replied, he had only sent his majesty the sword without sending the arm that drew it. (See ROBIN HOOD.)

Scandinavia. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland. Pliny speaks of Scandia as an island.

Scant-of-grace (*A*). A madcap; a wild, disorderly, graceless fellow.

"You, a gentleman of birth and breeding. . . associate yourself with a sort of scant-of-grace, as men call me."—Sir W. Scott: *Kentworth*, li.

Scantling, a small quantity, is the French *échantillon*, a specimen or pattern.

"A scantling of wit."—Dryden.

Scapegoat. The Biajús or aborigines of Borneo observe a custom bearing a considerable resemblance to that of the scapegoat. They annually launch a small bark laden with all the sins and misfortunes of the nation, which, says Dr. Leyden, "they imagine will fall on the unhappy crew that first meets with it."

The scapegoat of the family. One made to bear the blame of the rest of the family; one always chidden and

found fault with, *let* who may be in the wrong. The allusion is to a Jewish custom: Two goats being brought to the altar of the tabernacle on the Day of Atonement, the high priest cast lots; one was for the Lord, and the other for Azazel. The goat on which the first lot fell was sacrificed, the other was the scapegoat; and the high priest having, by confession, transferred his own sins and the sins of the people to it, the goat was taken to the wilderness and suffered to escape.

Scaph'ism. Locking up a criminal in the trunk of a tree, bored through so as just to admit the body. Five holes were made—one for the head, and the others for the hands and legs. These parts were anointed with honey to invite the wasps. In this situation the criminal would linger in the burning sun for several days. (Greek, *skaphe*, anything scooped out.)

Scapin. A "barber of Seville;" a knavish valet who makes his master his tool. (*Molière: Les Fourberies de Scapin.*)

Scaramouch. A braggart and fool, very valiant in words, but a poltroon. According to Dyche, the Italian posture-master, Tiberio Fiorelli, was surnamed Scaramouch Fiorelli. He came to England in 1673, and astonished John Bull with feats of agility.

"Stout Scaramoucha with rush-lance rode in,
And ran a tilt with centaur Arlequin."
Dryden: The Silent Woman (Epilogue).

Scaramouch Dress (A). in *Molière's* time, was black from top to toe; hence he says, "Night has put on her 'scaramouch dress.'"

Scarborough Warning. No warning at all; blow first, then warning. In Scarborough robbers used to be dealt with in a very summary manner by a sort of Halifax gibbet-law, lynch-law, or an *à la lantierne*. Another origin is given of this phrase: It is said that Thomas Stafford, in the reign of Queen Mary, seized the castle of Scarborough, not only without warning, but even before the townsfolk knew he was afoot (1557). (*See GONK UP.*)

"This term *Scarborough warning* grew, some say,
By lasty lantierne for rank robbery there.
Who that was met, but suspect in that way,
Straight he was trust up, whatever he were."
J. Heywood.

Scarlet. *Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow* (Isa. i. 18). The allusion is to the scarlet fillet tied round the head of the scapegoat.

Though your sins be as scarlet as the fillet on the head of the goat to which the high priest has transferred the sins of the whole nation, yet shall they be forgiven and wiped out.

Scarlet (Will). One of the companions of Robin Hood.

Scarlet Coat. Worn by fox-hunters. (*See RED COAT.*)

Scarlet Woman. Some controversial Protestants apply the words to the Church of Rome, and some Romanists, with equal "good taste," apply them to London. The Book of Revelation says, "It is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth," and terms the city "Babylon" (chap. xvii.).

Scavenger's Daughter. An instrument of torture invented by Sir William Skevington, lieutenant of the Tower in the reign of Henry VIII. As Skevington was the father of the instrument, the instrument was his daughter.

Sceatta. Anglo-Saxon for "money," or a little silver coin. A *scrat* was an Anglo-Saxon coin.

Scene Painters. The most celebrated are—

Inigo Jones, who introduced the first appropriate decorations for masques.

D'Avenant, who produced perspective scenes in 1656, for *The Siege of Rhodes*.

Betterton was the first to improve the scenic effects in "Dorset Gardens;" his artist was Streeter.

John Rich may be called the great reformer of stage scenery in "Covent Garden."

Richards, secretary of the Royal Academy; especially successful in *The Maid of the Mill*. His son was one of the most celebrated of our scene-painters.

Philip James de Loutherbourg was the greatest scene-artist up to Garrick's time. He produced the scenes for *The Winter's Tale*, at the request of that great actor.

John Kemble engaged William Capon, a pupil of Novosielski, to furnish him with scenery for Shakespeare's historic plays.

Patrick Nasmyth, in the North, produced several unrivalled scenes.

Stanfield is well known for his scene of *Arctis and Galatea*.

William Beverley is the greatest scene-painter of modern times.

Frank Hayman, Thomas Dail, John

Laguerre, William Hogarth, Robert Dighton, Charles Dibdin, David Roberts, Grieve, and Phillips have all aided in improving scene-painting.

Scene Plot. (See PLOT.)

Scent. *We are not yet on the right scent.* We have not yet got the right clue. The allusion is to dogs following game by their scent.

Sceptic (Greek) means one who thinks for himself, and does not receive on another's testimony. Pyrrho founded the philosophic sect called "Sceptics," and Epictetus combated their dogmas. In theology we apply the word to those who will not accept Revelation.

Sceptre. That of Agamemnon is the most noted. Homer says it was made by Vulcan, who gave it to the son of Saturn. It then passed successively to Jupiter, to Mercury, to Pelops, to Atreus (2 syl), to Thyestes (3 syl), and then to Agamemnon. It was found at Phocis, whither it had been taken by Electra. It was looked on with great reverence, and several miracles are attributed to it. It was preserved for many years after the time of Homer, but ultimately disappeared.

Scheherazade [*She-he'-ra-zay'-de*]. Daughter of the Grand Vizier of the Indies. The Sultan Schahriah, having discovered the infidelity of his sultana, resolved to marry a fresh wife every night and have her strangled at day-break. Scheherazade entreated to become his wife, and so amused him with tales for a thousand and one nights that he revoked his cruel decree, bestowed his affection on his amiable and talented wife, and called her "the liberator of the sex." (*Arabian Nights*.)

Sche'trum. An army drawn up in a circle instead of in a square.

Scheme is something entertained. Scheme is a Greek word meaning what is had or held (*sche'o*); and entertain is the Latin *teneo*, to have or hold, also.

Schiedam. Hollands gin, so called from Schiedam, a town where it is principally manufactured.

Shittes. (See SHIRTES.)

Schlem'ihl (*Peter*). The name of a man who sold his shadow to the devil, in Chamisso's tale so called. It is a synonym for any person who makes a desperate and silly bargain.

Scholastic. Anselm of Laon, *Doctor Scholasticus*. (1050-1117.)

Epiphanius *the Scholastic*. An Italian scholar. (Sixth century.)

Scholastic Divinity. Divinity subjected to the test of reason and argument, or at least "darkened by the counsel of words." The Athanasian creed is a favourable specimen of this attempt to reduce the mysteries of religion to "right reason;" and the attempts to reconcile the Mosaic cosmogony with modern geology smack of the same school.

Schools.

The six old schools: Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Charterhouse, Westminster, and Rugby.

* Some add St. Paul's, Merchant Taylors', and Shrewsbury.

The six modern schools: Marlborough, Wellington, Clifton, Cheltenham, Repton, and Haileybury.

* Charterhouse has been removed to the hills of Surrey.

St. Paul's has migrated to the West End.

Schoolmaster Abroad (*The*). Lord Brougham said, in a speech (Jan. 29, 1828) on the general diffusion of education, and of intelligence arising therefrom, "Let the soldier be abroad, if he will; he can do nothing in this age. There is another personage abroad . . . the schoolmaster is abroad; and I trust to him, armed with his primer, against the soldier in full military array."

Schoolmen. Certain theologians of the Middle Ages; so called because they lectured in the cloisters or cathedral schools founded by Charlemagne and his immediate successors. They followed the fathers, from whom they differed in reducing every subject to a system, and may be grouped under three periods—

First Period. PLATONISTS (from ninth to twelfth century).

- (1) Pierre Abelard (1079-1142).
- (2) Flacius Albinus Alcuin (735-804);
- (3) John Scotus Erigena.
- (4) Anselm. *Doctor Scholasticus*. (1050-1117.)
- (5) Berengarius of Tours (1000-1088).
- (6) Gerbert of Aurillac, afterwards Pope Sylvester II. (930-1003).
- (7) John of Salisbury (1110-1180).
- (8) Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury. (1005-1089.)
- (9) Pierre Lombard. *Master of the Sentences*, sometimes called the founder of school divinity. (1100-1164.)
- (10) John Roscelinus (eleventh century).

Second Period, or Golden Age of Scholasticism. ARISTOTELIANS (thirteenth and fourteenth centuries).

(1) Alain de Lille. *Universal Doctor*. (1114-1203.)

(2) Albertus Magnus, of Padua. (1193-1280.)

(3) Thomas Aquinas. *The Angelic Doctor*. (1224-1274.)

(4) Augustine Triumphans, Archbishop of Aix. *The Eloquent Doctor*.

(5) John Fidanza Bonaventure. *The Seraphic Doctor*. (1221-1274.)

(6) Alexander of Hales. *Irrefragable Doctor*. (Died 1245.)

(7) John Duns Scotus. *The Subtle Doctor*. (1265-1308.)

Third Period. NOMINALISM REVIVED. (To the seventeenth century.)

(1) Thomas de Bradwardine. *The Profound Doctor*. (1290-1348.)

(2) John Buridan (1295-1360).

(3) William Durandus de Pourçain. *The Most Resolving or Resolute Doctor*. (Died 1332.)

(4) Giles, Archbishop of Bourges. *The Doctor with Good Foundation*.

(5) Gregory of Rimini. *The Authentic Doctor*. (Died 1357.)

(6) Robert Holkot. An English divine.

(7) Raymond Lully. *The Illuminated Doctor*. (1234-1315.)

(8) Francis Mairon, of Digne, in Provence.

(9) William Occam. *The Singular or Invincible Doctor*. (Died 1347.)

(10) François Suarez, the last of the schoolmen. (1548-1617.)

Schoolmistress (*The*), by Shenstone, is designed for a "portrait of Sarah Lloyd," the dame who first taught the poet himself. She lived in a thatched house before which grew a birch tree.

Scian. (See CEAN.)

Science. *The Gay Science* or "Gay Saber." The poetry of the Troubadours, and in its extended meaning poetry generally.

Science Persecuted.

(1) Anaxagoras of Clazomenæ held opinions in natural science so far in advance of his age that he was accused of impiety, thrown into prison, and condemned to death. Pericles, with great difficulty, got his sentence commuted to fine and banishment.

(2) Virgilius, Bishop of Salzburg, denounced as a heretic by St. Boniface for asserting the existence of antipodes. (Died 784.)

(3) Galileo was imprisoned by the Inquisition for maintaining that the earth moved. In order to get his liberty he "abjured the heresy," but as he went his way whispered half-audibly, "*E pur si muove*" ("but nevertheless it does move"). (1564-1642.)

(4) Gebert, who introduced algebra into Christendom, was accused of dealing in the black arts, and shunned as a magician.

(5) Friar Bacon was excommunicated and imprisoned for diabolical knowledge, chiefly on account of his chemical researches. (1214-1294.)

(6) Dr. Faust, the German philosopher, suffered in a similar way in the sixteenth century.

(7) John Dee. (See DEE.)

(8) Robert Grosseteste. (See GROSSED.)

(9) Averroes, the Arabian philosopher, who flourished in the twelfth century, was denounced as a heretic and degraded solely on account of his great eminence in natural philosophy and medicine. (He died 1226.)

(10) Andrew Crosse, electrician, who asserted that he had seen certain animals of the genus *Acarus*, which had been developed by him out of inorganic elements. Crosse was accused of impiety, and was shunned as a "profane man," who wanted to arrogate to himself the creative power of God. (1784-1855.)

Scien'ter Nes'cions et Sapient'o Indoctus was how Gregory the Great described St. Benedict.

Scio's Blind Old Bard. HOMER. Scio is the modern name of Chios, in the Ægean Sea.

"Suyras, Chios, Colophon, Salamis, Rhodes, Argos, Athens."
You're just right to call Homer your son you must sciole between ye."

Scipio dismissed the Iberian Maid (*Paradise Regained*, ii.). Referring to the tale that the conqueror of Spain not only refused to see a beautiful princess who had fallen into his power after the capture of New Carthage, but that he restored her to her parents, and actually gave her great presents that she might marry the man to whom she had been betrothed. (See CONTINENCE.)

The Lusian Scipio. NUNIO.

"The Lusian Scipio well may speak his fame,
But nobler Nunio shines a greater name;
On earth's green bosom, or on ocean grey,
A greater never shall the sun survey."

Camoens: Lusiad, bk. viii.

Scissors to Grind. Work to do; purpose to serve.

"That the Emperor of Austria [in the Servian and Bulgarian war, 1885] has his own scissors to grind *scies* without saying: but for the present it is Russia who keeps the ball rolling."—*Newspaper paragraph*, November, 1885.

Slavonic. The language spoken by the Russians, Servians, Poles, Bohemians, etc.; anything belonging to the Slavi.

Scobelium. A very fruitful land, but the inhabitants "exceeded the cannibals for cruelty, the Persians for pride, the Egyptians for luxury, the Cretans for lying, the Germans for drunkenness, and all nations together for a generality of vices." In vengeance the gods changed all the people into beasts: drunkards into swine, the lecherous into goats, the proud into peacocks, scolds into magpies, gamblers into asses, musicians into song-birds, the envious into dogs, ill women into milch-cows, jesters into monkeys, dancers into squirrels, and misers into moles. Four of the Champions of Christendom restored them to their normal forms by quenching the fire of the Golden Cave." (*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, iii. 10.)

Skoon (pron. *Scoon*). Edward I. removed to London, and placed in Westminster Abbey, the great stone upon which the kings of Scotland were wont to be crowned. 'This stone is still preserved, and forms the support of Edward the Confessor's chair, which the British monarchs occupy at their coronation. It is said to have been brought from Ireland by Fergus, son of Eric, who led the Dalriads to the shores of Argyllshire. (See **TANIST-STONE**.)

* *Ni fallat fatum, Scoti, quocunque locatum
Invenit lapidem, regnare tenentur ibidem.*
—*Lardner*, i. p. 67.

'Unless the fates are faithless found
And prophets' voice be vain,
Where'er is placed this stone, e'en there
The Scottish race shall reign.

Score. A reckoning; to make a reckoning; so called from the custom of marking off "runs" or "lengths," in games by the scored feet. (See **NURR**, **SPELL**, **TALLY**.)

Scornful Dogs will eat dirty Puddings. In emergency men will do many things they would scorn to do in easy circumstances. Darius and Alexander will drink dirty water and think it nectar when distressed with thirst. Kings and queens, to make good their escape in times of danger, will put on the most menial disguise. And hungry

men will not be over particular as to the food they eat.

"'All nonsense' and pride," said the laird.
'Scornful dogs will eat dirty puddings.'—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xi.

Scorpion. It is said that scorpions have an oil which is a remedy against their stings. The toad also is said to have an antidote to its "venom."

"'Tis true, a scorpion's oil is sold
To cure the wounds the venom made,
And weapons dressed with salves restore
And heal the hurts they gave before."

—*Bulwer: Hudibras*, iii. 2.

Scorpions. Whips armed with metal or knotted cords.

"My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."—1 Kings xii. 11.

Scot. The same as Scythian in etymology; the root of both is *Sct*. The Greeks had no *c*, and would change *t* into *th*, making the root *skth*, and by adding a phonetic vowel we get *Sknth-ai* (Scythians), and *Skoth-ai* (Scoths). The Welsh disliked *s* at the beginning of a word, and would change it to *ys*; they would also changed *c* or *k* to *g*, and *th* to *d*; whence the Welsh root would be *Ysgd*, and *Skuth* or *Skoth* would become *ysgod*. Once more, the Saxons would cut off the Welsh *y*, and change the *g* back again to *c*, and the *d* to *t*, converting the *Ysgod* to *Scot*.

N.B. Before the third century Scotland was called Caledonia or Alban.

Scot-free. Tax-free, without payment. (See *below*.)

Scot and Lot. A levy on all subjects according to their ability to pay. Scot means tribute or tax, and lot means allotment or portion allotted. To pay scot and lot, therefore, is to pay the ordinary tributes and also the personal tax allotted to you.

Scots Greys. The 2nd Dragoons, the colour of whose horses is grey. (Heavy-armed.)

Scots wha hae. Words by Robert Burns, to the music of an old Scotch tune called *Hey Tuttie Tuttie*. The *Land o' the Leal* is to the same tune.

Scotch. The people or language of Scotland.

Highland Scotch. Scottish Gaelic.

Lowland Scotch. The English dialect spoken in the lowlands of Scotland.

* *Broad Scotch.* The official language of Scotland in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Sometimes used in novels and in verse.

Scotch Breakfast (A). A substantial breakfast of sundry sorts of good

things to eat and drink. The Scotch are famous for their breakfast-tables and tea-fights. No people in the world are more hospitable.

Scotch Mist. A thick fog with drizzling rain, common in Scotland.

"A Scotch fog will wet an Englishman through."
—Common saying.

Scotch Pint (A). A Scotch pint = 2 English quarts.

Scotch Pound (A) was originally of the same value as an English pound, but after 1355 it gradually depreciated, until in 1600 it was but one-twelfth of the value of an English pound, that is about 1s. 8d.

Scotch Shilling = a penny sterling. The Scotch pound in 1600 was worth 20d., and as it was divided into twenty shillings, it follows that a Scotch shilling was worth one penny English.

Scotia. Now applied poetically to Scotland, but at one time Ireland was so called. Hence Claudius says—

"When Scots came thundering from the Irish shores,
And ocean trembled, struck with hostile cars."

Scotists. Followers of Duns Scotus, who maintained the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in opposition to Thomas Aquinas.

"Scotists and Thomists now in peace remain."
Pope: *Rosay on Criticism*.

Scotland. St. Andrew is the patron saint of this country, and tradition says that the remains of the apostle were brought by Regulus, a Greek monk, to the eastern coast of Fife in 368. (*See RULE, St.*)

Scotland a fief of England. Edward I. founded his claim to the lordship of Scotland on these four grounds:—(1) the ancient chroniclers, who state that Scotch kings had occasionally paid homage to the English sovereigns from time immemorial. Extracts are given from St. Alban, Marianus Scotus, Ralph of Diceto, Roger of Hoveden, and William of Malmesbury. (2) From charters of Scotch kings: as those of Edgar, son of Malcolm, William, and his son Alexander II. (3) From papal rescripts: as those of Honorius III., Gregory IX., and Clement IV. (4) By an extract from *The Life and Miracles of St. John of Beverley*. The tenor of this extract is quite suited to this *Dictionary of Fable*: In the reign of Adelstan the Scots invaded England and committed great devastation. Adelstan went to drive them back, and, on reaching the Tyne,

found that the Scotch had retreated. At midnight St. John of Beverley appeared to him, and bade him cross the river at daybreak, for he "should discomfit the foe." Adelstan obeyed the vision, and reduced the whole kingdom to subjection. On reaching Dunbar on his return march, he prayed that some sign might be vouchsafed to him to satisfy all ages that "God, by the intercession of St. John, had given him the kingdom of Scotland." Then struck he with his sword the basaltic rocks near the coast, and the blade sank into the solid flint "as if it had been butter," cleaving it asunder for "an ell or more," and the cleft remains even to the present hour. Without doubt there is a fissure in the basalt, and how could it have come there except in the way recorded above? And how could a sword cut three feet deep into a hard rock without miraculous aid? And what could such a miracle have been vouchsafed for, except to show that Adelstan was rightful lord of Scotland? And if Adelstan was lord, of course Edward should be so likewise. Q. E. D. (*Rymer: Fœdera*, vol. i. pt. ii. p. 771.)

Scotland Yard (London). So called from a palace built there for the reception of the kings of Scotland when they visited England. Pennant tells us it was originally given by King Edgar to Kenneth of Scotland when he came to London to pay homage.

Scotland Yard. The headquarters of the Metropolitan Police, whence all public orders to the force proceed.

"Mr. Walpole has only to speak the word in Scotland Yard, and the parks will be cleared." — *Pall Mall Gazette*.

Scott. *The Walter Scott of Belgium.* Hendrick Conscience. (Born 1812.)

The Southern Scott. Lord Byron calls Ariosto the Sir Walter Scott of Italy. (*Childe Harold*, iv. 40.)

Scotus* (Duns). Died 1309. His epitaph at Cologne is—

"Scotia me genuit, Anglia me suscepit,
Gallia me docuit, Colonia me tenet."

Scourge of Christians. Nouredin-Mahmûd of Damascus. (1116-1174.)

Scourge of God. (1) Attila, king of the Huns. A. P. Stanley says the term was first applied to Attila in the Hungarian Chronicles. In Isidore's Chronicle the Huns are called *Virga Dei*. (*, 434-453.)

(2) Gen'seric, king of the Vandals, who went about like a destroying angel "against all those who had, in his opinion, incurred the wrath of God."

(Probably the word *Godegesal* (*Goth-gesal*, God-given) was purposely twisted into *God-geil* (God's scourge) by those who hated him, because he was an Arian. *God-gesal* (or *Deodatus*) was the common title of the contemporary kings, like our *Dei Gratia*. ("429-477.)

Scourge of Princes. Pietro Aro-tino was so called for his satires. (1492-1556.)

Scouring. *I 'scaped a scouring*—a disease. Scouring is a sort of flux in horses and cattle. (Latin, *Malum præterrehî*; French, *L'échapper belle*.)

Scowerers. A set of rakes in the eighteenth century, who, with the Nic-kers and Mohocks, committed great an-noyances in London and other large towns.

"Who has not heard the Scowerers' midnight fame?"

Who has not trembled at the Mohocks' name?
Was there a watchman took his hourly rounds,
Safe from their blows and new-invented wounds?"
Gay: *Trivia*, iii.

Scrape. *I've got into a sad scrape*—a great difficulty. We use rub, squeeze, pinch, and scrape to express the same idea. Thus Shakespeare says, "Ay, there's the rub" (difficulty); "I have got into tribulation" (a squeeze, from the Latin *tribulo*, to squeeze); "I am come to a pinch" (a difficulty). Some think the word a corrupt contraction of *escapade*, but Robert Chambers thinks it is borrowed from a term in golf. A rabbit's burrow in Scotland, he says, is called a "scrape," and if the ball gets into such a hole it can hardly be played. The rules of the game allow something to the player who "gets into a scrape." (*Book of Days*.)

Scrape an Acquaintance (*To*). The *Gentleman's Magazine* says that Hadrian went one day to the public baths, and saw an old soldier, well known to him, scraping himself with a posherul for want of a flesh-brush. The emperor sent him a sum of money. Next day Hadrian found the bath crowded with soldiers scraping themselves with posheruls, and said, "Scrape on, gentlemen, but you'll not scrape acquaintance with me." (*N. S.*, xxxix. 230.)

Scratch. *Old Scratch*. *Scrat*, the house-demon of the North. (Icelandic, *scratti*, an émp.) (*See Druce, Nick*, etc.)

Scratch (*A*). One who in a race starts from the scratch, other runners in the same race being a yard or so in advance. The scratch runner generally is one who has already won a similar race.

Coming up to the scratch—up to the mark; about to do what we want him to do. In prize-fighting a line is scratched on the ground, and the toe of the fighter must come up to the scratch.

Scratch Cradle. A game played with a piece of string stretched across the two hands. The art is so to cross the thread as to produce a resemblance to something, and for another so to transfer it to his own hands as to change the former figure into some other resemblance. A corruption of "cratch cradle" (the manger cradle), because the first figure represents a cradle, supposed to be the cradle of the infant Jesus.

Scratch Crew (*A*), in a boat-race, means a random crew; not a regular crew.

Scratch Eleven (*A*), or "scratch team," in cricket, means eleven men picked up anyhow; not a regular team.

Scratch Race (*A*). A race of horses, men, boys, etc., without restrictions as to age, weight, previous winnings, etc.

Scratched. A horse is said to be scratched when its name is scratched out of the list of runners. "Tomboy was scratched for the Derby at ten a.m. on Wednesday," and no bet on that horse made subsequently would be valid.

Screw (*A*), meaning a small quantity, is in allusion to the habit of putting a small quantity of small articles into a "screw of paper."

An old screw. One who keeps his money tight, and does it out in screws or small quantities.

To put on the screw. To press for payment, as a screw presses by gradually-increasing pressure.

Raised your screw. Raised your wages.

"Has Tom got his screw raised?" said Milton.
—*Truth: Queer Story*, 18th February, 1866.

Screw Loose (*A*). "Something amiss. The allusion is to joinery kept together by screws.

Screw Plot (*The*). 1708, when Queen Anne went to St. Paul's to offer thanksgivings for the victory of Oudenarde. The tale is that the plotters took out certain screw-bolts from the beams of the cathedral, that the roof might fall on the queen and her suite and kill them.

"Some of your Machiavelian crew
From heavy roof of Paul
Most traitorously stole every screw,
To make that fabric fall;
And so to catch Her Majesty,
And all her friends beguile."
Plot soon Plot (about 1710).

Screwed. Intoxicated. A playful synonym of *tight*, which again is a playful synonym of *blown out*.

Screwed on Right. *His head was screwed on right.* He was clear-headed and right-thinking.

"His heart was in the right place . . . and his head was screwed on right, too."—*Balderswood: Robbery under Arms*, xv.

Screwed on the wrong way. Crotchety, ungainly, not right.

Scribe (1 syl.), in the New Testament, means a doctor of the law. Thus, in Matthew xxii. 35, we read, "Then one of them, which was a *lawyer*, asked Him, Which is the great commandment of the law?" Mark (xii. 28) says, "One of the *scribes* came and asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all?"

In the Old Testament the word is used more widely. Thus Seraiah is called the scribe (secretary) of David (2 Sam. viii. 17); in the Book of Chronicles "Jael the scribe" was an officer in the king's army, who reviewed the troops and called over the muster-roll. Jonathan, Baruch, Gemariah, etc., who were princes, were called scribes. Ezra, however, called "a ready scribe in the law of Moses," accords with the New Testament usage of the word.

Scriblerus (*Martinius*). A merciless satire on the false taste in literature current in the time of Pope. Cornelius Scriblerus, the father of Martin, was a pedant, who entertained all sorts of absurdities about the education of his son. Martin grew up a man of capacity; but though he had read everything, his judgment was vile and taste atrocious.

Scrimmage. A tussle; a slight battle. From the obsolete *scrimer*, a fencer; French, *escrimeur*; same root as *escarmouch*, our *skirmish*.

"Prince Oufur at this skirmage, for all his pride,
Fled full fast and sought no guide."

As. Ludlow, xxi, f. 10.

Scriptorēs Decem. A collection of ten ancient chronicles on English history, edited by Roger Twysden and John Selden. The ten chronicles are Simeon of Durham, John of Hexham, Richard of Hexham, Ailred of Rievall, Ralph de Diceto (Archdeacon of London), John Brompton of Jorval, Gervase of Canterbury, Thomas Stubbs, William Thorn of Cantorbury, and Henry Knighton of Leicester.

Scriptorēs Quinque. A collection of five chronicles on the early history of England, edited by Thomas Gale.

Scriptorēs Tres [*the three writers*]. Meaning Richard of Cirencester, Gildas Badonicus, and Nennius of Bangor. Julius Bertram, professor of English at Copenhagen, professed to have discovered the first of these treatises in 1747, in the royal library of that city. Its subject is *De Situ Britannia*, and in 1757 he published it along with the two other treatises, calling the whole *The Three Writers on the Ancient History of the British Nations*. Bertram's forgery was completely exposed by J. E. Mayor, in his preface to *Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale*. (See SANCHONTATHO.)

Scriptorium. An apartment in every abbey where writers transcribed service-books for the choir and books for the library. (*Warton*.)

Scriptures. (See SEVEN BIBLES.)

Sou'damore (*Sir*). The lover of Am'oret, whom he finally marries. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, book iii. iv.)

Scudding under Bare Poles. In seaman's language to *scud* means to drive before a gale with no sails, or only just enough to keep the vessel ahead of the sea; "scudding under bare poles" is being driven by the wind so violently that no sail at all is set. Figuratively it means to cut and run so precipitately as to leave no trace behind.

Scullabogue Massacre. In the Irish rebellion of 1798 Scullabogue House, Wexford, was seized by the rebels and used for a prison. Some thirty or forty prisoners confined in it were brought out and shot in cold blood, when the news of a repulse of the rebels at New Ross arrived (5th June, '98). The barn at the back of the house was filled with prisoners and set on fire, and Taylor, in his history, written at the time and almost on the spot, puts the number of victims at 184, and he gives the names of several of them.

Sculls. (See DIAMOND . . .)

Sculpture. *Fathers of French sculpture.*

Jean Goujon (1510-1572).

Germain Pilon (1515-1590).

Scutch. The scrapings of hides; also refuse of flax. (English, *scotch*, to cut; Saxon, *scradan*.) We have the word in the expression, "You have scotched the snake, not killed it."

"About half a mile from the southern outfall are two manufactories, where the refuse from the London tanneries, known as scutch, is operated upon."—*The Times*.

Scuttle. To scuttle a ship is to bore a hole in it in order to make it sink. Rather strangely, this word is from the same root as our word *shot* or *bolt* (Saxon *scytel*, a lock, bolt, or bar). It was first applied to a hole in a roof with a door or lid, then to a hatchway in the deck of a ship with a lid, then to a hole in the bottom of a ship plugged up; then comes the verb to pull out the plug, and leave the hole for the admission of water.

Scuttle (of coals, etc.) is the Anglo-Saxon, *scutel*, a basket.

"The Bergen [Norway] fishwomen . . . in every direction are coming . . . with their scuttles swinging on their arms. In Bergen fish is never carried in any other way."—H. H. Jackson: *Glimpses of Three Continents*, pt. iii. p. 223.

Scuttle Out (To). To sneak off quickly, to skodaddle, to cut and run. Anglo-Saxon *sceotan*, to flee precipitately; *scitel*, an arrow; *scoute*, a darting fish, like the trout; *scol*, an arrow, etc.

Scylla, daughter of Nisus, promised to deliver Megara into the hands of Minos. To redeem this promise she had to cut off a golden hair on her father's head, which she effected while he was asleep. Minos, her lover, despised her for this treachery, and Scylla threw herself from a rock into the sea. At death she was changed into a lark, and Nisus into a hawk. Scylla turned into a rock by Circe "has no connection" with the daughter of Nisus.

"Think of Scylla's fate.
Changed to a bird, and sent to fly in air,
She dearly pays for Nisus' injured hair."
Pope: *Rape of the Lock*, iii.

Scylla. Glaucus, a fisherman, was in love with Scylla; but Circe, out of jealousy, changed her into a hideous monster, and set dogs and wolves to bark round her incessantly. On this Scylla threw herself into the sea and became a rock. It is said that the rock Scylla somewhat resembles a woman at a distance, and the noise of the waves dashing against it is not unlike the barking of dogs and wolves.

"Glaucus, lost to joy,
Curst in his love by vengeful Circe's hate,
Attending wept his Scylla's hapless fate."
Camden: *Lusitania*, bk. vi.

Avoiding Scylla, he fell into Charybdis. Trying to avoid one error, he fell into another; or, trying to avoid one danger, he fell into another equally fatal. Scylla and Charybdis are two rocks between Italy and Sicily. In one was a cave where "Scylla dwelt," and on the other Charybdis dwelt under a fig-tree. Ships which tried to avoid one were often wrecked on the other rock. It was Circe

who changed Scylla into a frightful sea-monster, and Jupiter who changed Charybdis into a whirlpool.

"When I shun Scylla your father, I fall into Charybdis your mother."—*Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice*, iii. 5.

Between Scylla and Charybdis. Between two difficulties or fatal works.

To fall from Scylla into Charybdis—out of the frying-pan into the fire.

Scythian or Tartarian Lamb (The). *Agnus Scythicus*, a kind of fern, called the borometz, or polypodium of Cayenne. It is said to resemble a lamb, and even in some cases to be mistaken for one.

Scythian Defiance. When Darius approached Scythia, an ambassador was sent to his tent with a bird, a frog, a mouse, and five arrows, then left without uttering a word. Darius, wondering what was meant, was told by Gobrias it meant this: Either fly away like a bird, and hide your head in a hole like a mouse, or swim across the river, or in five days you will be laid prostrate by the Scythian arrows.

Sea. Any large collection of water, more or less enclosed; hence the expression "molten sea," meaning the great brazen vessel which stood in Solomon's temple (2 Chronicles iv. 5, and 1 Kings vii. 26). We have also the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the White Sea, the Red Sea, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, etc.; and even the Nile, the Euphrates, and the Tigris are sometimes called seas by the prophets. The world of water is the ocean. (Anglo-Saxon, *sæ*.)

The Old Man of the sea (Arabian Nights). A creature encountered by Sinbad the Sailor in his fifth voyage. This terrible Old Man contrived to get on the back of Sinbad, and would neither dismount again nor could he be shaken off. At last Sinbad gave him some wine to drink, which so intoxicated him that he relaxed his grip, and Sinbad made his escape.

At sea. Quite at sea. Wide of the mark; quite wrong; like a person in the open ocean without compass or chart.

Sea-blue Bird of March (The). The wheatear, not the kingfisher.

Sea Deities.

Amphitrite (4 syl.). Wife of Poseidon (3 syl.), queen goddess of the sea.

N.B. Neptune had no wife.
Doto, a sea-nymph, mentioned by Virgil.

Galathea, a daughter of Nereus.

Glaucois, a fisherman of Bœotia, afterwards a marine deity.

Ino, who threw herself from a rock into the sea, and was made a sea-goddess.

Neptune (2 syl.), king of the ocean.

The Nereids (3 syl.) or Nereïdes (4 syl.), fifty in number.

Nereus (2 syl.) and his wife Doris. Their palace was at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea. His hair was seaweeds.

Océanos and his wife Tethys. Océanos was not god of the sea, but of the ocean, supposed to form a boundary round the world.

Oceanides (5 syl.). Daughters of Océanos.

Palæmon, the Greek Portumnus.

Portumnus, the protector of harbours.

Poseidon (3 syl.), the Greek Neptune.

Proteus (2 syl.), who assumed every variety of shape.

Sirens (*The*). Sea nymphs who charmed by song.

Tethys, wife of Océanos, and daughter of Uranus and Terra.

Thetis, a daughter of Nereus and mother of Achilles.

Triton, son of Poseidon (3 syl.).

¶ The Naiads or Naiades (3 syl.) were river nymphs.

Sea-girt Isle. England. So called because, as Shakespeare has it, it is "hedged in with the main, that water-walled bulwark" (*King John*, ii. 1).

"This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands."

Shakespeare: *King Richard II.*, ii. 1.

Sea-green Incorruptible (*The*). So Carlyle called Robespierre in his *French Revolution*.

"The song is a short one, and may perhaps serve to qualify our judgment of the 'sea-green incorruptible.'"—*Notes and Queries*, September 10th, 1891, p. 226.

Sea Legs. *He has got his sea legs.* Is able to walk on deck when the ship is rolling; able to bear the motion of the ship without sea-sickness.

Sea Serpent. Pontoppidan, in his *Natural History of Norway*, speaks of sea serpents 600 feet long. The great sea serpent was said to have been seen off the coast of Norway in 1819, 1822, 1837. Hans Egede affirms that it was seen on the coast of Greenland in 1734. In 1815, 1817, 1819, 1833, and in 1869, it made its appearance near Boston. In 1841 it was "seen" by the crew of Her Majesty's frigate *Dædalus*, in the South Atlantic Ocean. In 1875 it was seen

by the crew of the barque *Pauline*. Girth, nine feet.

Seaboard. That part of a country which borders on the sea; the coast-line. It should be *seabord*. (French, *bord*, the edge.)

Seal. The sire is called a bull, its females are cows, the offspring are called pups; the breeding-place is called a rookery, a group of young seals is called a pod. The male seal till it is full grown is called a bachelor. A colony of seals is called a herd. A *sealer* is a seal-hunter, seal-hunting is called *sealing*, and the seal trade *sealery*.

Seamy Side (*The*). The "wrong" or worst side; as, the "seamy side of Australia," "the seamy side of life." Thus, in velvet, in Brussels carpets, in tapestry, etc., the "wrong" side shows the seams or threads of the pattern exhibited on the right side.

"You see the seamy side of human nature in its most seamy attire."—*Review of R. Buchanan's play Alone in London*, November, 1885.

"My present purpose is to call attention to the seamy side of the Australian colonies. There is, as we know, such a thing as cotton-lacked satin; but the colonists take care to show us only the face of the goods."—*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1891, p. 321.

Seasons (*The*). In art. The four seasons have often been sculptured or painted by artists:

POUSSIN drew his symbolic characters from the Old Testament. Thus, Adam and Eve in Paradise represent Spring; Ruth in the cornfields represents Summer; Joshua and Caleb bringing grapes from the Land of Promise represent Autumn; and the Deluge represents Winter.

The Ancient Greeks characterised Spring by Mercury, Summer by Apollo, Autumn by Bacchus, and Winter by Hercules.

M. Girondet painted for the King of Spain four pictures, with allegoric character, from the Herculeanum.

Seba'ra'im (4 syl.). Rabbis who lived after the Talmud was finished, and gave their judgment on traditional difficulties (*Al derek sebaruth*, "by way of opinion"). (*Burtoft*.)

Sebastian (*St.*). Patron saint of archers, because he was bound to a tree and shot at with arrows. As the arrows stuck in his body, thick as pins in a pin-cushion, he was also made patron saint of pin-makers. And as he was a centurion, he is patron saint of soldiers.

The English St. Sebastian. St. Edmund, the martyr-king of East Anglia.

He gave himself up to his enemies under the hope of saving his people by this sacrifice. The Danes first scourged him with rods, and then, binding him to a tree, shot arrows at him, and finally cut off his head. A legend tells how a wolf guarded the head till it was duly interred. The monastery and cathedral of St. Edmundsbury were erected on the place of his martyrdom.

Sebastianistes. Persons who believe that Dom Sebastian, who fell in the battle of Alcazarquebir in 1578, will return to earth, when Brazil will become the chief kingdom of the earth.

* A similar tradition is attached to several other names.

Second. (*See Two.*)

Second-hand. Not new or original; what has already been the property of another; as, "second-hand books," "second-hand clothes," etc.

Second Sight. The power of seeing things invisible to others; the power of foreseeing future events by means of shadows thrown before them. Many Highlanders claim this power, which the ancient Gaels called shadow-sight (*taischitarangh*).

"Nor less availed his optic sight,
And Scottish gift of second sight."

Trunbull.

Second Wind (*The*), in running. All animals soon after the start get out of breath, but as the body becomes heated, breathing becomes more easy, and endures till fatigue produces exhaustion; this is called the *second wind*.

* That mysterious physical readjustment, known in animals as 'second breath,' came to the rescue of his fainting frame."—*The Barton Experiment*, chap. x.

Second of Time (*A*). The sixtieth part of an hour was called by the Romans *scrupulum*, and the sixtieth part of a minute was *scrupulum secundum*.

Secondary Colours. (*See under COLOURS.*)

Secret de Polichinelle (*Le*). No secret at all. A secret known to all the world; old news. We have also "Hawker's News," "Piper's News." The secrets of Polichinelle are "stago whispers" told to all the audience.

"Entre nous, c'est qu'on a pûlle
Le secret de polichinelle."

La Mascotte, ii. 12.

Secular Clergy (*The*). The parish clergy who live in the world, in contradistinction to monks, who live in monasteries, etc., out of the world. (Latin, *seculares*.)

Secular Games. Those held by the Romans only once in a century. While the kings reigned they were held in the Campus Martius, in honour of Pluto and Proserpine, and were instituted in obedience to the Sibylline verses, with the promise that "the empire should remain in safety so long as this admonition was observed."

"Datis, que precamur

Tempore sacro

Quo Sibyllini monuere versura."

Horace: Carmen Seculare, A. U. C. 737.

Sedan Chairs. So called from *sedes* (Latin, "a seat"). Their introduction into England is by Hume (vol. iv. 505) erroneously attributed to the Duke of Buckingham, who, it is said, gave great offence by employing men as beasts of burden. Sir S. Duncombe used one in 1634, when Buckingham was a boy, and we find it spoken of as far back as 1581. It was introduced into France (in 1617) by the Marquis de Montbrun, and called *chaise à porteurs*.

* It is generally said that these chairs were first made at Sedan, on the Mense; but this is not at all probable, as, without doubt, the invention was introduced into France from England.

Sodrat. The lotus-tree which stands on the right-hand side of the invisible throne of Allah. Its branches extend wider than the distance between heaven and earth. Its leaves resemble the ears of an elephant. Each seed of its fruit encloses a houri; and two rivers issue from its roots. Numberless birds sing among its branches, and numberless angels rest beneath its shade.

Seedy. Weary, worn out, out of sorts. run to seed. A hat or coat is termed seedy when it has become shabby. A man is seedy after a debauch, when he looks and feels out of sorts.

Seel. To close the eyelids of a hawk by running a thread through them; to hoodwink. (French, *ciller*, *cil*, the eyelash.)

"She that so young could give out such a seeming,
To seal her father's eyes up, close as oak."

Shakespeare: Othello, iii. 3.

Seemurgh. The wonderful bird that could speak all the languages of the world, and whose knowledge embraced past, present, and future events. (*Persean mythology*.)

Seian Horse (*The*). A possession which invariably brought ill luck with it. Hence the Latin proverb "*Ille homo habet equum Seianum*." Cneius Seianus had an Argive horse, of the breed of

Diomed, of a bay colour and surpassing beauty, but it was fatal to its possessor. Seius was put to death by Mark Antony. Its next owner, Cornelius Dolabella, who bought it for 100,000 sesterces, was killed in Syria during the civil wars. Caius Cassius, who next took possession of it, perished after the battle of Philippi by the very sword which stabbed Caesar. Antony had the horse next, and after the battle of Actium slew himself.

Like the gold of Tolosa and Hermione's necklace, the Seian or Sejan horse was a fatal possession.

Seidlitz Water. Natural mineral water from a spring in the village of Seidlitz, in Bohemia. (See SELTZER.)

Sekis (pron. *Seeks*). A religious sect in Hindustan, founded in 1500. They profess the purest Deism, and are distinguished from the Hindus by worshipping one invisible god. The word means *lion*, and was applied to them on account of their heroic resistance to the Moslem. Ultimately they subdued Lahore, and established a military commonwealth in the Punjab, etc.

"In 1849 the Punjab was annexed to the British empire.

Selah, in the Psalms. Mattheson, the musical critic, says the word is equivalent to *da capo*, and is a direction to the choir to repeat the psalm down to the part thus indicated.

Sela'ma or Sele'meh. The headland of the Persian Gulf, commonly called Cape Musselmod. The Indians throw coconuts, fruits, and flowers into the sea when they pass this cape, to secure a propitious voyage. (*Morier*.)

"Breezes from the Indian sea
Blow round Sela'ma's sainted cape."

Muore: Five Worshippers.

Selenē. The moon-goddess; sometimes, but improperly, called Diana, as Diana is always called the chaste huntress; but Selenē had fifty daughters by Endymion, and several by Zeus, one of whom was called "The Dew" (*Erse*). Diana is represented with bow and arrow running after the stag; but Selene is represented in a chariot drawn by two white horses; she has wings on her shoulders and a sceptre in her hand.

Selen'idae. The dynasty of Seleucus. Seleucus succeeded to a part of Alexander's vast empire. The monarchy consisted of Syria, a part of Asia Minor, and all the eastern provinces.

Selim. Son of Abdallah and cousin of Zuleika (3 syl.). When Giaffir (2 syl.) murdered Abdallah, he took Selim and brought him up as his own son. The young man fell in love with Zuleika, who thought he was her brother; but when she discovered he was Abdallah's son, she promised to be his bride, and eloped with him. As soon as Giaffir discovered this he went after the fugitives, and shot Selim. Zuleika killed herself, and the old pacha was left childless. The character of Selim is bold, enterprising, and truthful. (*Byron: Bride of Abydos*.)

Selim (son of Akbar). The name of Jehanguir, before his accession to the throne. He married Nourmahal (the Light of the Harem). (See NOURMAHAL.)

Seljuks. A Perso-Turkish dynasty which gave eleven kings and lasted 138 years (1056-1194). It was founded by Togrul Beg, a descendant of Seljuk, chief of a small tribe which gained possession of Bokhara.

Sell. A saddle. "Vaulting ambition . . . o'erleaps its sell" (*Macbeth*, i. 7). (Latin, *sella*; French, *selle*.) Window sill is the Anglo-Saxon *syl* (a basement).

"He left his lofty steed with golden sell"
Spenser: Faerie Queene, ii. 2. 1

Sell, sold. Made a captive, as a purchased slave. St. Paul says he was "sold under sin" (Rom. vii. 14). (Anglo-Saxon, *sell-an*, to give.)

A sell. A "do," a deception, a "take-in." Street vendors who take in the unwary with catchpennies, chuckle like hens when they have laid an egg, "Sold again, and got the money!"

Selling Race (*A*), in which horses to be sold are run. These horses must have the sale price ticketed. The winner is generally sold by auction, and the owner gets both the selling price and the stakes. If at the auction a price is obtained above the ticketed price it is divided between the second-best horse and the race-fund. (See HANDICAP, SWEETSTAKES, PLATE, WEIGHT-FOR-AGE RACE.)

The owner of any of the horses may claim any horse in a selling race at the price ticketed.

Selling the Pass. This is a phrase, very general in all Ireland, applied to those who turn queen's or king's evidence, or who impeach their comrades for money. The tradition is that a regiment of soldiers was sent by Crotha, "lord of Atha," to hold a pass against the invading army of Trathal, "King of Cael." The pass was betrayed for

money. The Fir-bolgs being subdued, Trathal assumed the title of "King of Ireland."

Seltzer Water. A corruption of *Sellers Water*; so called from the Lower Selters, near Limburg (Nassau).

Semir'ania of the North. Margaret of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. (1353-1412.)

Catherine II. of Russia (1729-1796).

Senanus (*St.*) fled to the island of Scattery, and resolved that no female form should ever step upon it. An angel led St. Canara to the island, but the recluse refused to admit her. Tom Moore has a poem on this legend, *St. Senanus and the Lady*. (*Irish Melodies*, No. 1. (See KEVIN.)

Sen'eca. The (*Christian Sen'eca*, Bishop Hall of Norwich. (1574-1656.)

Senior Op'time (3 syl.) A Cambridge University expression meaning one of the second-class in the mathematical tripos. The first class consists of Wranglers.

∴ In the University of Cambridge every branch is divided into three classes, and the three classes are called a tripos. In the mathematical tripos, those of the first class are called *wranglers*, those of the second class are *senior optimes* (3 syl.), and those of the third class *junior optimes*. Law, classical, and other triposes have no distinctive names, but are called Class I., II., or III. of the respective tripos.

Sennacherib, whose army was destroyed by the Angel of Death, is by the Orientals called King Moussal. (*D'Herbelot, notes to the Koran.*)

Se'night. A week; seven nights. *Fort'night*, fourteen nights. These words are relics of the ancient Celtic custom of beginning the day at sunset, a custom observed by the ancient Greeks, Babylonians, Persians, Syrians, and Jews, and by the modern representatives of these people. In Gen. i. we always find the evening precedes the morning; as, "The evening and the morning were the first day," etc.

Sentences (3 syl.). The four books of Sentences, by Pierre Lombard, the foundation of scholastic theology of the middle period. (See SCHOOLMEN.)

Master of the Sentences. Pierre Lombard, schoolman. (Died 1164.)

Sentinel. Archd. Smith says, "It is one set to watch the *sentina* (Lat.) or hold of a ship," but the Fr. *sentier*, a path or "beat," is far more probable. (French, *sentinelle*; Italian, *sentinella*; the French *sentier* is from the Latin *sentia*.)

Sepoy. The Indian soldier is so called, says Bishop Heber, from *sip*, a bow, their principal weapon in older times. (*Sipahi*, a soldier.)

Sep't. A clan (Latin, *septum*, a fold), all the cattle, or all the voters, in a given enclosure.

September Massacres. An indiscriminate slaughter of Loyalists confined at the time in the Abbaye and other French prisons. Danton gave order for this onslaught after the capture of Verdun by the allied Prussian army. It lasted the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of September, 1792. As many as 8,000 persons fell in this massacre, among whom was the Princess de Lamballe.

Septuagesima Sunday. In round numbers, seventy days before Easter. The third Sunday before Lent. Really only sixty-eight days before Easter.

Septuagint. A Greek version of the Old Testament, so called because it was made, in round numbers, by seventy Jews; more correctly speaking, by seventy-two. Dr. Campbell disapproves of this derivation, and says it was so called because it was sanctioned and authorised by the Jewish Sanhedrim or great council, which consisted of seventy members besides the high priest. This derivation falls in better with the modern notion that the version was made at different times by different translators between B.C. 270 and 130. (Latin, *septuaginta*, seventy.)

∴ The Septuagint contains the Apocrypha. According to legend, the Septuagint was made at Alexandria by seventy-two Jews in seventy-two days.

Seraglio. The palace of the Turkish sultan, situated in the Golden Horn, and enclosed by walls seven miles and a half in circuit. The chief entrance is the *Sublime Gate*; and the chief of the large edifices is the *Harem*, or "sacred spot," which contains numerous houses, one for each of the sultan's wives, and others for his concubines. The black eunuchs form the inner guard, and the white eunuchs the second guard. The Seraglio may be visited by strangers; not so the Harem.

Seraphim. An order of angels distinguished for fervent zeal and religious ardour. The word means "to burn." (See Isaiah vi. 2.)

"Thousand celestial ardours (seraphs) where he stood
Velled with his gorgeous wings, up springing
light,
Flew through the midst of heaven."

Milton: *Paradise Lost*, v. 240.

Sera'pis. The Ptolemaic form of the Egyptian *Osi'ris*. The word is a corruption of *osor'apis* (dead apis, or rather "osirified apis"), a deity which had so many things in common with *Osi'ris* that it is not at all easy to distinguish them.

Serapis. Symbol of the Nile and of fertility.

Serat (Ad). The ordeal bridge over which everyone will have to pass at the resurrection. It is not wider than the edge of a scimitar, and is thrown across the gulf of hell. The faithful, says the Koran, will pass over in safety, but sinners will fall headlong into the dreary realm beneath.

Serbonian Bog or Serbo'nia. A mess from which there is no way of extricating oneself. The Serbonian bog was between Egypt and Palestine. Strabo calls it a lake, and says it was 200 stadia long, and 60 broad; Pliny makes it 150 miles in length. Hume says that whole armies have been lost therein. Typhon lay at the bottom of this bog, which was therefore called *Typhon's Breathing Hole*. It received its name from Sebaket-Bardoil, a king of Jerusalem, who died there on his return from an expedition into Egypt.

"Now, sir, I must say I know of no Serbonian bog deeper than a £5 rating would prove to be."—*H. Disraeli* (*Chaucer of the Ezch.*), *Times*, March 16, 1867.

"A gulf profound as that Serbonian bog,
Betwixt Damietta and Mount Cassius old,
Where armies whole have sunk."

Milton: Paradise Lost, ii. 502.

Sere'mes (4 syl.). Brother-in-law of King Sardanapa'lus, to whom he entrusts his signet-ring to put down a rebellion headed by Arbaces the Mede and Bel'esia, the Chaldean soothsayer. He is slain in a battle with the insurgents. (*Byron: Sardanapalus*.)

Sere'na'de (3 syl.). Music performed in the *serene*—i.e. in the open air at eventide. (Latin, *seren'um*, whence the French *serenade* and Italian *serenata*.)

"Or serenata which the starved lover sings
To his proud fair."

Milton: Paradise Lost, iii. 760.

Sere'ne (2 syl.). A title given to certain German princes. Those princes who used to hold under the empire were entitled *Serene* or *Most Serene Highnesses*.

It's all serene. All right (Spanish, *sereno*, "all right"—the sentinel's counterguard). *Serene*, the night-watch.

"Let us clearly understand each other." "All serene," responded Foster."—*Watson: The Web of the Spider*, chap. viii.

Serif and Sanserif. The former is a letter in typography with the "wings" or finishing-strokes (as T); the latter is without the finishing-strokes (as T).

Serjeants-at-Law. French, *frères-serjens*, a corruption of *fratres-servientes* of the Templars.

Sermon Lane (Doctors Commons, London). A corruption of *Sheremoniers Lane* (the lane of the money-shearers or clippers, whose office it was to cut and round the metal to be stamped into money). The Mint was in the street now called Old Change. (*Maitland: London*, ii. 880.)

Serpent. An attribute of St. Cecilia, St. Euphe'mia, and many other saints, either because they trampled on Satan, or because they miraculously cleared some country of such reptiles. (*See DAGON*.)

Serpent, in Christian art, figures in Paradise as the tempter.

The brazen serpent gave newness of life to those who were bitten by the fiery dragons and raised their eyes to this symbol. (*Numb. xxi. 8*.)

It is generally placed under the feet of the Virgin, in allusion to the promise made to Eve after the fall. (*Gen. iii. 15*.)

Satan is called the great serpent because under the form of a serpent he tempted Eve. (*Rev. xii. 9*.)

"It is rather strange that, in Hindu mythology, hell is called Narac (the region of serpents). (*Sir W. Jones*.)

Serpent metamorphoses. Cadmos and his wife Harmonia were by Zeus converted into serpents and removed to Elysium. Escula'pius, god of Epidaur'os, assumed the form of a serpent when he appeared at Rome during a pestilence. Therefore is it that the goddess of Health bears in her hand a serpent. •

"O wave, Hygeia, o'er Britannia's throne
Thy serpent-wand, and mark it for thine own."
Churchin: Economy of Vegetation, iv.

Jupiter Ammon appeared to Olym'pia in the form of a serpent, and became the father of Alexander the Great.

"When glides a silver serpent, treacherous guest!
And fair Olympia folds him to her breast."
Darwin: Economy of Vegetation, i. 2.

Jupiter Capitoli'nus, in a similar form, became the father of Scipio Africanus.

The serpent is emblematical—

(1) Of wisdom. "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (*Matt. x. 16*).

(2) Of subtily. "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field" (*Gen. iii. 1*).

It is said that the ceras'tes hides in sand that it may bite the horse's foot and get the rider thrown. In allusion to this belief, Jacob says, "Dan shall be . . . an adder in the path, that biteth the horse's heels, so that his rider shall fall backward" (Gen. xlix. 17).

It is said that serpents, when attacked, swallow their young, and eject them again on reaching a place of safety.

Thomas Lodge says that people called Sauveurs have St. Catherine's wheel in the palate of their mouths, and therefore can heal the sting of serpents.

The Bible also tells us that it stops up its ears that it may not be charmed by the charmer. (Ps. lviii. 4.)

The serpent is symbolical—

(1) Of deity, because, says Plutarch, "it feeds upon its own body; even so all things spring from God, and will be resolved into deity again." (*De Iside et Osiride*, i. 2, p. 5; and *Philo Byblius*.)

(2) Of eternity, as a corollary of the former. It is represented as forming a circle and holding its tail in its mouth.

(3) Of renovation. It is said that the serpent, when it is old, has the power of growing young again "like the eagle," by casting its slough, which is done by squeezing itself between two rocks.

(4) Of guardian spirits. It was thus employed by the ancient Greeks and Romans, and not unfrequently the figure of a serpent was depicted on their altars.

In the temple of Athena at Athens, a serpent was kept in a cage, and called "the Guardian Spirit of the Temple." This serpent was supposed to be animated by the soul of Erichonius.

To cherish a serpent in your bosom. To show kindness to one who proves ungrateful. The Greeks say that a husbandman found a serpent's egg, which he put into his bosom. The egg was hatched by the warmth, and the young serpent stung its benefactor.

"Therefore think him as a serpent's egg
Which, hatched, would (as his kind) grow dan-
gerous." *Shakespeare: Julius Caesar*, ii. 1.

Their ears have been serpent-licked. They have the gift of foreseeing events, the power of seeing into futurity. This is a Greek superstition. It is said that Cassandra and Helenus were gifted with the power of prophecy, because serpents licked their ears while sleeping in the temple of Apollo.

The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head (Gen. iii. 15). The serpent bruised the heel of man; but Christ, the "seed of the woman," bruised the serpent's head.

Serpent's food. Fennel is said to be the favourite food of serpents, with the juice of which it restores its sight when dim.

Serpents. Brazilian wood is a panacea against the bite of serpents. The Countess of Salisbury, in the reign of James I., had a bedstead made of this wood, and on it is the legend of "*Honi soit qui mal y pense*."

Serpentine Verbes. Such as end with the same word as they begin with. The following are examples:—

"Crescit amor nummi, quantum ipsa pecunia crescit."

(Greater grows the love of pelf, as pelf itself grows greater.)

"Ambo florentes statim, Arcades ambo."
(Both in the spring of life, Arcadians both.)

Serrapur'da. High screens of rep cloth, stiffened with cane, used to enclose a considerable space round the royal tent of the Persian army.

Servant (Faithful). (See ADAM.)

Serve. I'll serve him out—give him a quid pro quo. This is the French *dés-serve*, to do an ill turn to one.

To serve a rope. To roll something upon it to prevent it from being fretted. The "service" or material employed is spun yarn, small lines, sennit, ropes, old leather, or canvas.

Servus Servorum (Latin). The slave of slaves, the drudge of a servant. The style adopted by the Roman pontiffs ever since the time of Gregory the Great is *Servus Servorum Dei*.

"Alexander episcopus, servus servorum Dei, Karissimo filio Willelmo salutem."—*Bymer: Fœdera*, i. p. 1.

Sesame (3 syl.). Oily grain of the natural order *Pedaliaceæ*, originally from India. In Egypt they eat sesame cakes, and the Jews frequently add the seed to their bread. The cakes made of sesame oil, mixed with honey and preserved citron, are considered an Oriental luxury; sesame is "excellent" also for puddings. (See OPEN SESAME.)

"Among the numerous objects . . . was a black horse. . . . On one side of its manger there was clear barley and sesame, and the other was filled with rose-water."—*Arabian Nights (Third Cumber)*.

Se'sha. King of the serpent race, on which Vishnu reclines on the primeval waters. It has a thousand heads, on one of which the world rests. The coiled-up se'sha is the emblem of eternity. (*Hindu mythology*.)

Set Off (A). A commercial expression. The credits are set off against the debits, and the balance struck.

Set off to advantage. A term used by jewellers, who set off precious stones by appropriate "settings."

Set Scene. In theatrical parlance, a scene built up by the stage carpenters, or a furnished interior, as a drawing-room, as distinguished from an ordinary or shifting scene.

Set-to (A). A boxing match, a pugilistic fight, a scolding. In pugilism the combatants are by their seconds "set to the scratch" or line marked on the ground.

Set'ebos. A deity of the Patagonians, introduced by Shakespeare into his *Tempest*.

"His art is of such power,
It would control my dan's god, Setebos,
And make a vassal of him." *Tempest*, l. 2.

Seth'ites (2 syl.). A sect of the second century, who maintained that the Messiah was Seth, son of Adam.

Setting a Hen. Giving her a certain number of eggs to hatch. The whole number for incubation is called a *setting*.

Setting a Saw. Bending the teeth alternately to the right or left in order to make it work more easily.

Setting of a Jewel. The frame of gold or silver surrounding a jewel in a ring, brooch, etc.

"This precious stone set in the silver sea."
Shakespeare: Richard III., l. 1.

Setting of Plaster or Paint. Its hardening.

Setting of Sun, Moon, and Stars. Their sinking below the horizon.

Setting the Thames on Fire. (See THAMES.)

Settle your Haah (Tb). "To cook his goose;" or "make mince-meat of him." Our slang is full of similar phrases.

"About ears as goes mad in their castles,
And females who settle their haah."
Sims: Dogmat Ballads (Polly).

Seven (Greek, *hepta*; Latin, *septem*; German, *sieben*; Anglo-Saxon, *seofan*; etc.). A holy number. There are seven days in creation, seven spirits before the throne of God, seven days in the week, seven graces, seven divisions in the Lord's Prayer, seven ages in the life of man, and the just fall "seven times a day." There are seven phases of the moon, every seventh year was sabbatical, and seven times seven years was the jubilee. The three great Jewish feasts lasted seven days, and between the first and second of these feasts were seven

weeks. Levitical purifications lasted seven days. We have seven churches of Asia, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven trumpets, seven spirits before the throne of God, seven horns, the Lamb has seven eyes, ten times seven Israelites go to Egypt, the exile lasts the same number of years, and there were ten times seven elders. Pharaoh in his dream saw seven kine and seven ears of corn, etc.

It is frequently used indefinitely to signify a long time, or a great many; thus in the *Interlude of the Four Elements*, the dance of Apetyte is called the best "that I have seen this seven yere." Shakespeare talks of a man being "a vile thief this seven year."

Seven Bibles (*The*) or *Sacred Books*.

(1) *The Bible of Christians*. (Canon completed A.D. 494; Old Testament as we have it, B.C. 130.)

(2) *The Eddas of the Scandinavians*.

(3) *The Five Kings of the Chinese*. "King" here means web-of-cloth on which they were originally written.

(4) *The Koran of the Mohammedans*. (Seventh century, A.D.)

(5) *The Tri Pitkes of the Buddhists*. (Sixth century B.C.)

(6) *The Three Vedas of the Hindûs*. (Twelfth century B.C.)

(7) *Zendavesta of the Persians*. (Twelfth century B.C.)

Seven Bodies in Alchemy. Sun is gold, moon silver, Mars iron, Mercury quicksilver, Saturn lead, Jupiter tin, and Venus copper.

"The bodies seven, eek, in hem heer anon;
Sol gold is, and Luna silver we threpe,
Mars yren, Mercurie quicksilver we clepe;
Saturnus leed, and Jupiter is tyn;
And Venus copper, by my fader kyn."
Chaucer: Prok of the Chanounes Yemmes Tale.

Seven Champions of Christendom is by Richard Johnson, who lived in the reigns of Elizabeth and James I.

(1) St. George of England was seven years imprisoned by the Almi'dor, the black King of Morocco.

(2) St. Denys of France lived seven years in the form of a hart.

(3) St. James of Spain was seven years dumb out of love to a fair Jewess.

(4) St. Anthony of Italy, with the other champions, was enchanted into a deep sleep in the Black Castle, and was released by St. George's three sons, who quenched the seven lamps by water from the enchanted fountain.

(5) St. Andrew of Scotland, who delivered six ladies who had lived seven years under the form of white swans.

(6) St. Patrick of Ireland was immured in a cell where he scratched his grave with his own nails.

(7) St. David of Wales slept seven years in the enchanted garden of Ormandine, but was redeemed by St. George.

Seven Churches of Asia.

(1) Ephesos, founded by St. Paul, 57, in a ruinous state in the time of Justinian.

(2) Smyrna, still an important seaport. Polycarp was its first bishop.

(3) Pergamos, renowned for its library.

(4) Thyat'ra, now called Ak-hissar (the *White Castle*).

(5) Sardis, now a small village called Sart.

(6) Philadelph'ia, now called Allah Shehr (*City of God*), a miserable town.

(7) Laodice'a, now a deserted place called Eski-hissar (the *Old Castle*).

It is strange that all these churches, planted by the apostles themselves, are now Mahometan. Read what Gamaliel said, Acts v. 38, 39.

Seven Deadly Sins (The). Pride, Wrath, Envy, Lust, Gluttony, Avarice, and Sloth.

Seven Dials (London). A column with seven dials formerly stood in St. Giles, facing the seven streets which radiated therefrom.

"Where famed St. Giles's ancient limits spread
An in-rail'd column rears its lofty head,
More to seven streets seven dials count the day,
And from each other catch the circling ray."
Gay: Trivia, li.

Seven Joys of the Virgin. (See MARY.)

Seven Sages of Greece.

(1) Solon of Athens, whose motto was, "Know thyself."

(2) Chilo of Sparta—"Consider the end."

(3) Thalēs of Mile'tos—"Who hateth suretyship is sure."

(4) Bias of Priē'nē—"Most men are bad."

(5) Cleobu'los of Lindos—"The golden mean," or "Avoid extremes."

(6) Pittacos of Mitylē'nē—"Seize Time by the forelock."

(7) Periander of Corinth—"Nothing is impossible to industry."

First, Solon, who made the Athenian laws;
While Chilo, in Sparta, was famed for his saws;
In Mile'tos did Thalēs astronomy teach;
Bias used in Priē'nē his morals to preach;
Cleobu'los of Lindos, was handsome and wise;
Mitylē'nē 'gainst thralldom saw Pittacos rise;
Periander is said to have gained through his court
The title thur' Myson, the Chelanian, ought.
E. O. B.

Seven Senses. Scared out of my seven senses. According to very ancient teaching, the soul of man, or his "inward holy body," is compounded of the seven properties which are under the influence of the seven planets. Fire animates, earth gives the sense of feeling, water gives speech, air gives taste, mist gives sight, flowers give hearing, the south wind gives smelling. Hence the seven senses are animation, feeling, speech, taste, sight, hearing, and smelling. (See COMMON SENSE.) (See Ecclesiastes xvii. 5.)

Seven Sisters. Seven culverins so called, cast by one Borthwick.

"And these were Borthwick's 'Sisters Seven,'
And culverins which France had given;
Ill-omened gift! The guns remain
The conqueror's spoil on Flodden plain."
Sir Walter Scott: Marmion, lv.

Seven Sleepers. Seven noble youths of Ephesos, who fled in the Decian persecution to a cave in Mount Celion. After 230 years they awoke, but soon died, and their bodies were taken to Marseilles in a large stone coffin, still shown in Victor's church. Their names are Constantine, Dionysius, John, Maxim'ian, Malchus, Martin'ian, and Serapion. This fable took its rise from a misapprehension of the words, "They fell asleep in the Lord"—i.e. died. (Gregory of Tours: *De Gloria Martyrum*, i. 9.) (See Koran, xviii.; *Golden Legend*, etc.)

Seven Sorrows of the Virgin. (See MARY.)

Seven Spirits stand before the Throne of God: Michael, Gabriel, La'rael, Raphael, Zachariel, Anael, and Cr'phel. (*Gustavini*.)

Seven Spirits of God (The). (1) the Spirit of Wisdom, (2) the Spirit of Understanding, (3) the Spirit of Counsel, (4) the Spirit of Power, (5) the Spirit of Knowledge, (6) the Spirit of Righteousness, and (7) the Spirit of Divine Awfulness.

Seven Virtues (The). Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance. The first three are called "the holy virtues." (See SEVEN DEADLY SINS.)

Seven Weeks' War (The). From June 8th to July 26th, 1866, between Prussia and Austria, for German supremacy. Italy was allied to Prussia. Hostilities broke out between Austria and Italy July 26th, but the Bavarians were defeated the following day (July 26th).

The Treaty of Prague was signed August 23rd, 1866, and that of Vienna October 3rd. By these treaties, Austria was wholly excluded from Germany, and Prussia was placed at the head of the German States.

Seven Wise Masters. Lucien, son of Dolopithus, received improper advances from his stepmother, and, being repelled, she accused him to the king of offering her violence. By consulting the stars the prince found out that his life was in danger, but that the crisis would be passed without injury if he remained silent for seven days. The wise masters now take up the matter; each one in turn tells the king a tale to illustrate the evils of inconsiderate punishments, and as the tale ends the king resolves to relent; but the queen at night persuades him to carry out his sentence. The seven days being passed, the prince also tells a tale which embodies the whole truth, whereupon the king sentences the queen to lose her life. This collection of tales, called *Sandabar's Parables*, is very ancient, and has been translated from the Arabic into almost all the languages of the civilised world. John Rolland, of Dalkeith, turned it into Scotch metre.

Seven Wonders of the World.

(i) Of Antiquity.

The Pyramids first, which in Egypt were laid;
Then Babylon's Gardens for Am'ytis made;
Third, Mausolus's Tomb of affection and guilt;
Fourth, the Temple of Dian, in Ephesus built;
Fifth, Colossus of Rhodes, cast in brass, to the sun;
Sixth, Jupiter's Statue, by Phidias done;
The Pharos of Egypt, last wonder of old,
Or the Palace of Cyrus, cemented with gold.

E. C. B.

(ii) Of the Middle Ages.

- (1) The Coliseum of Rome.
- (2) The Catacombs of Alexandria.
- (3) The Great Wall of China.
- (4) Stonehenge.
- (5) The Leaning Tower of Pisa.
- (6) The Porcelain Tower of Nankin.
- (7) The Mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople.

Seven Years' Lease. Leases run by seven years and its multiples, from the ancient notion of what was termed "climacteric years," in which life was supposed to be in special peril. (*Levinus Lemnius*.) (See CLIMACTERIC YEARS.)

Seven Years' War (The). The third period of the War of the "Austrian Succession," between Maria Theresa of Austria and Friedrich II. of Prussia. It began 1756, and terminated in 1763. At the close, Silesia was handed over to Prussia.

Seven Years' War between Sweden and Denmark (1563-1570). Erik XIV. of Sweden was poisoned, and his successor put an end to the war.

Severai = separate; that which is severed or separate; each, as "all and several."

Azarish was a leper, and "dwelt in a several house" (2 Kings xv. 5).

Severn. (See SABBINA.)

Severus (St.). Patron saint of fullers, being himself of the same craft.

The Wall of Severus. A stone rampart, built in 208 by the Emperor Severus, between the Tyne and the Solway. It is to the north of Hadrian's wall, which was constructed in 120.

Sèvres Ware. Porcelain of fine quality, made at the French government works at Sèvres. Chiefly of a delicate kind, for ornament rather than use.

Sew the Button on. Jot down at once what you wish to remember, otherwise it may be lost or forgotten.

Sex. (See GENDER WORDS.)

Sexagesima Sunday. The second Sunday before Lent; so called because in round numbers it is sixty days before Easter.

Sextile (2 syl.). The aspect of two planets when distant from each other sixty degrees or two signs. This position is marked thus *. As there are twelve signs, two signs are a *sixth*.

"In sextile, square, and trine, and opposite
Of noxious efficacy."

Milton: *Paradise Lost*, l. 659.

Sexton. A corruption of sacristan, an official who has charge of the *sacra*, or things attached to a specific church, such as vestments, cushions, books, boxes, tools, vessels, and so on.

Seyd [*Seed*]. Pacha of the Morea, assassinated by Gulnare, his favourite concubine. (*Byron: The Corsair*.)

Sforza. The founder of the illustrious house which was so conspicuous in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, was the son of a day-labourer. His name was Giacomuzzo Attendolo, changed to Sforza from the following incident:—Being desirous of going to the wars, he consulted his hatchet thus: he flung it against a tree, saying, "If it sticks fast, I will go." It did stick fast, and he enlisted. It was because he threw it with such amazing force that he was called Sforza, the Italian for force.

Sforza (in *Jerusalem Delivered*) of Lombardy. He, with his two brothers, Achilles and Palamedes, were in the squadron of adventurers in the allied Christian army.

Shack. A scamp. To shack or shackle is to tie a log to a horse, and send it out to feed on the stubble after harvest. A shack is either a beast so shackled, the right of sending a beast to the stubble, or the stubble itself. Applied to men, a shack is a jade, a stubble-feeder, one bearing the same ratio to a well-to-do man as a jade sent to graze on a common bears to a well-stalled horse. (Anglo-Saxon, *seacut*; Arabic, *shakal*, to tie the feet of a beast.)

Shaddock. A large kind of orange, so called from Captain Shaddock, who first transplanted one in the West Indies. It is a native of China and Japan.

Shades. Wine vaults. The Brighton Old Bank, in 1819, was turned by Mr. Savage into a smoking-room and gin-shop. There was an entrance to it by the Pavilion Shades, and Savage took down the word *bank*, and inserted instead the word *shades*. This term was not inappropriate, as the room was in reality shaded by the opposite house, occupied by Mrs. Fitzherbert.

Shadoff or Shadoof. A contrivance in Egypt for watering lands for the summer crops. It consists of a long rod weighted at one end, so as to raise the bucket attached by a rope to the other end.

Shadow. A ghost. Macbeth says to the ghost of Banquo—

"Hence, horrible shadow! unreal mockery, hence!" *Shakespeare: Macbeth*, III. 4.

He would quarrel with his own shadow. He is so irritable that he would lose his temper on the merest trifle. (*See SCHLEMMIL*.)

Gone to the bad for the shadow of an ass. Demosthenes says a young Athenian, once hired an ass to Megara. The heat was so great and the road so exposed, that he alighted at midday to take shelter from the sun under the shadow of the poor beast. Scarcely was he seated when the owner passed by, and laid claim to the shadow, saying he let the ass to the traveller, but not the ass's shadow. After fighting for a time, they agreed to settle the matter in the law courts, and the suit lasted so long that both were ruined. "If you must quarrel, let it be for something better than the shadow of an ass."

May your shadow never be less. When students have made certain progress in the black arts, they are compelled to run through a subterranean hall with the devil after them. If they run so fast that the devil can only catch their shadow, or part of it, they become first-rate magicians, but lose either all or part of their shadow. Therefore, the expression referred to above means, May you escape wholly and entirely from the clutches of the foul fiend.

A servant earnestly desireth the shadow (Job vii. 2)—the time of leaving off work. The people of the East measure time by the length of their shadow, and if you ask a man what o'clock it is, he will go into the sun, stand erect, and fixing his eye where his shadow terminates, will measure its length with his feet; having done so, he will tell you the hour correctly. A workman earnestly desires his shadow, which indicates the time of leaving off work.

Shadow (To). To follow about like a shadow. This is done by some person or persons appointed to watch the movements and keep *au fait* with the doings of suspicious characters.

"He [Jesus] was shadowed by spies, who were stirring up the crowd against Him."—*Longman's Magazine*, 1861, p. 238.

Shady. On the shady side of forty—the wrong side, meaning more than forty. As evening approaches the shadows lengthen, and as man advances towards the evening of life he approaches the shady side thereof. As the beauty of the day is gone when the sun declines, the word *shady* means inferior, bad, etc.; as, a shady character, one that will not bear the light; a shady transaction, etc.

Shafalus. So Bottom the weaver and Francis Flute the bellows-mender, call Cephalus, the husband of Procris.

"Pyramus: Not Shafalus to Procris was so true. Thisbe: As Shafalus to Procris, I to you." *Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream*, v. 1.

Sha'ites (2 syl.). One of the four sects of the Sunnites or orthodox Moslems; so called from Al-Shafei, a descendant of Mahomet. (*See* **SUNNITES**.)

Shaft. *I will make either a shaft or bolt of it.* I will apply it to one use or another. The bolt was the crossbow arrow, the shaft was the arrow of the long-bow.

Shatton (Sir *Piercie*). In this character Sir Walter Scott has made familiar to us the euphuisms of Queen Elizabeth's age. The fashionable cavalier or pedantic fop, who assumes the high-faloot style

rendered fashionable by Lyly, was grandson of old Overstitch the tailor. (Sir Walter Scott: *Monastery*.)

Shah. Have you seen the Shah? A query implying a hoax, popular with street arabs when the Shah of Persia visited England. (1873.)

Shah-pour, the Great (Sapor II.). Surnamed *Zu-lestaf* (shoulder-breaker), because he dislocated the shoulders of all the Arabs taken in war. The Romans called him *Posthumus*, because he was born after the death of his father Hormus II. He was crowned in the womb by the Magi placing the royal insignia on the body of his mother.

Shahrada. A prince, the son of a king. (*Anglo-Indian*.)

Shakedown. Come and take a shake-down at my house—a bed. The allusion is to the time when men slept upon litter or clean straw. (See below, **SHAKES**.)

Shakers. Certain agamists founded in North America by Ann Lee, called "Mother Ann," daughter of a poor blacksmith born in Todd Lane (Todd Street), Manchester. She married a smith named Stanley, and had four children, who died in infancy, after which she joined the sect of Jane Wardlaw, a tailoress, but was thrown into prison as a brawler. While there she said that Jesus Christ stood before her, and became one with her in form and spirit. When she came out and told her story six or seven persons joined her, and called her "the Lamb's bride." Soon after this she went to America and settled at Water Vliet, in New York. Other settlements were established in Hancock and Mount Lebanon.

"The Shakers never marry, form no earthly ties, believe in no future resurrection."—*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, vii. 12.

Shakes. No great shakes. Nothing extraordinary; no such mighty bargain. The reference is to shingle for the roof of shanties, or to stubble left after harvest for the poor.

"The cabin itself is quite like that of the modern settlers, but the shingles, called shakes, make the wood roof unique."—*Harper's Weekly*, July 18th, 1891, p. 234.

I'll do it in a brace of shakes—instantly, as soon as you can shake twice the dice-box.

Shakespeare, usually called "Gentle Will."

His wife was Anne Hathaway, of Shottery, about eight years older than himself.

He had one son, named Hamnet, who died in his twelfth year, and two daughters.

Ben Jonson said of him—"And though thou hadst small Latin and less Greek . . ."

Milton calls him "Sweetest Shakespeare, fancy's child," and says he will go to the well-trod stage to hear him "warble his native wood-notes wild." (*L'Allegro*, 133.)

Akenside says he is "Alike the master of our smiles and tears." (*Ode i.*)

Dryden says of him—"He was a man who of all modern and perhaps ancient poets, had the largest and most comprehensive soul."

Young says—"He wrote the play the Almighty made." (*Epistle to Lord Lansdowne*.)

Mallett says—"Great above rule. . . Nature was his own." (*Verbal Criticism*.)

Collins says he "joined Tuscan fancy to Athenian force." (*Epistle to Sir Thomas Hanmer*.)

Pope says—
"Shakespeare (whom son and every play-house
bill
Style "the divine," "the matchless," what you
will)
For gain, not glory, winged his roving flight,
And grew immortal in his own despite."
Imitations of Horace, Ep. 1.

The dedication of *Shakespeare's Sonnets* has provoked much controversy. It is as follows:—

TO THE ONLIE BEGETTER OF
THESE INSUING SONNETS
MR. W. H. ALL HAPPINESSE
AND THAT ETERNITIE
PROMISED

BY
OUR EVER-LIVING POET
WISHTH

—that is, Mr. William Herbert [afterwards Lord Pembroke] wisheth to [the Earl of Southampton] the only begetter or instigator of these sonnets, that happiness and eternal life which [Shakespeare] the ever-living poet speaks of. The rider is—

THE WELL-WISHING
ADVENTURER IN
SETTING
FORTH.

T. T.

That is, Thomas Thorpe is the adventurer who speculates in their publication. (See *Athenaeum*, Jan. 25, 1862.)

Shakespeare. There are six accredited signatures of this poet, five of which are attached to business documents, and one is entered in a book called *Floria*, a translation of Montaigne, published in

1603. A passage in act ii. s. 2 of *The Tempest* is traced directly to this translation, proving that the *Florio* was possessed by Shakespeare before he wrote play.

The Shakespeare of divines. Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667).

The Shakespeare of eloquence. So Barnave happily characterised the Comte de Mirabeau (1749-1791).

The Spanish Shakespeare. Calderon (1601-1687).

Shaking Hands. Horace, strolling along the Via Sacra, shook hands with an acquaintance. *Arripitque manu, "Quid agis dulcissimè rerum?"*

Aeneas, in the temple of Dido, sees his lost companions enter, and "*avidè conjungere dextras ardebant*." (*Æn.*, i. 514.)

Nestor shook hands with Ulysses on his return to the Grecian camp with the stolen horses of Rhesus.

And in the Old Testament, when Jehu asked Jehonadab if his "heart was right" with him, he said, "If it be, give me thine hand," and Jehonadab gave him his hand.

Shaky. Not steady; not in good health; not strictly upright; not well prepared for examination; doubtfully solvent. The allusion is to a table or chair out of order and shaky.

Shallow. A weak-minded country justice, intended as a caricature of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote. He is described as one who had been a madcap in his youth, and still dotes on his wild tricks; he is withal a liar, a blockhead, and a rogue. (*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, and *2 Henry IV.*)

Shalott (*Lady of*). A poem by Tennyson, the tale of which is similar to that of Elaine the "fair maid of Astolat" (*q.v.*). Part I. describes the island of Shalott, and tells us that the lady passed her life so secluded there that only the farm-labourers knew her. Part II. tells us that the lady passed her time in weaving a magic web, and that a curse would light on her if she looked down the river towards Camelot. Part III. describes how Sir Lancelot, in all his bravery, rode to Camelot, and the lady looked at him as he rode along. Part IV. says that the lady entered a boat, having first written her name on the prow, and floated down the river to Camelot, but died on the way. When the boat reached Camelot, Sir Lancelot, with all the inmates of the palace, came to look at it. They read the name on

the prow, and Sir Lancelot exclaimed, "She has a lovely face, and may God have mercy on the lady of Shalott!"

Shambles means *benches* (Anglo-Saxon, *scamel*; Latin, *scamnum*, and the diminutive *scamellum*, a little bench). The benches or banks on which meat is exposed for sale. (*See BANK.*)

"Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question."—1 Cor. x. 25.

Sham'rock, the symbol of Ireland, because it was selected by St. Patrick to prove to the Irish the doctrine of the Trinity. (Irish and Gaelic, *scam-vog*.)

Shamrock. According to the elder Pliny, no serpent will touch this plant.

Shan Van Voght. This excellent song (composed 1798) may be called the Irish *Marseillaise*. The title of it is a corruption of *An t-sean bean bocht* (the poor old woman—i.e. Ireland). (*Halliday-Spurling: Irish Minstrelsy*, p. 13.) The last verse is—

"Will Ireland then be free?
Said the Shan Van Voght? (repeat)
Yes, Ireland shall be free
From the centre to the sea,
Hurrah for liberty!
Said the Shan Van Voght."

Shande'an Exactness. Sir Walter Scott says, "The author proceeds with the most unfeeling prolixity to give a minute detail of civil and common law, of the feudal institutions, of the architecture of churches and castles, of sculpture and painting, of minstrels; players, and parish clerks. . . Tristram can hardly be said to be fairly born, though his life has already attained the size of half a volume." (*See below.*)

"With a Shande'an exactness . . . Lady Anne begins her memoirs of herself nine months before her nativity, for the sake of introducing a beautiful quotation from the Psalms."—*Biog. Borealis*, p. 260.

Shandy. Captain Shandy is called *Uncle Toby*. He was wounded at the siege of Namur, and, had retired from the service. He is benevolent and generous, simple as a child, brave as a lion, and gallant as a courtier. His modesty with Widow Wadman and his military tastes are admirable. He is said to be drawn for Sterne's father. (*Tristram Shandy.*)

Mrs. Elizabeth Shandy, mother of Tristram. The *beau-ideal* of nonentity. Sir Walter Scott describes her as a "good lady of the pocco-curante school." (*Sterne: Tristram Shandy.*)

Tristram Shandy. The hero of Sterne's novel so called.

Walter Shandy, Tristram's father. He is a metaphysical Don Quixote in his

way, full of superstitious and idle conceits. He believes in long noses and propitious names, but his son's nose is crushed, and his name is Tris-tram instead of Trismegistus. (*Sterne: Tristram Shandy.*)

Shandygaff is a mixture of beer and ginger-beer. (*See SMILER.*)

Shanks' Nag. To ride *Shanks' nag* is to go on foot, the shanks being the legs. A similar phrase is "Going by the marrow-bone stage" or by Walker's 'bus. (Anglo-Saxon, *seanca*, shanks.)

Shannon. Dipped in the Shannon. One who has been dipped in the Shannon loses all bashfulness. At least, *sic aiunt*.

Shanty. A log-hut. (Irish, *sean*, old; *tig*, house.)

Shanty Songs. Songs sung by sailors at work, to ensure united action. They are in sets, each of which has a different cadence adapted to the work in hand. Thus, in sheeting topsails, weighing anchor, etc., one of the most popular of the shanty songs runs thus:—

"I'm bound away, this very day,
I'm bound for the Rio Grandé.
Ho, you, Rio!

Then fare you well, my bonny blue bell,
I'm bound for the Rio Grandé."

(French, *chanter*, to sing; a sing-song.)

Shark. A swindler, a pilferer; one who snaps up things like a shark, which eats almost anything, and seems to care little whether its food is alive or dead, fish, flesh, or human bodies.

"These thieves do rob us with our own good will,
And have Dame Nature's warrant for it still;
Sometimes these sharks do work each other's wrack,
The ravening belly often robs the backe."
Taylor's Works, ii. 117.

The shark flies the feather. This is a sailor's proverb founded on observation. Though a shark is so voracious that it will swallow without distinction everything that drops from a ship into the sea, such as cordage, cloth, pitch, wood, and even knives, yet it will never touch a pilot-fish (*q.v.*) or a fowl, either alive or dead. It avoids sea-gulls, sea-mews, petrels, and every feathered thing. (*St. Pierre: Studies*, i.)

Sharp (*Becky*). The impersonation of intellect without virtue in Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*. (*See SEDLEY.*)

"Becky Sharp, with a baronet for a brother-in-law and an earl's daughter for a friend, felt the hollowness of human grandeur, and thought she was happier with the Bohemian artists in Soho."
—*The Express*.

Sharp. *Sharp's the word.* Look out, keep your eyes open and your wits about you. When a shopman suspects a

customer, he will ask aloud of a brother-shopman if "Mr. Sharp is come in;" and if his suspicion is confirmed, will receive for answer, "No, but he is expected back immediately." (*Hotten.*)

Sharp-beak. The Crow's wife in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*.

Sharp-set. Hungry. A term in falconry. (*See HAWK.*)

"If anle were so sharpe-set as to eat fried flies, buttered bees, stued snails, either on Fridays or Sundays, he could not be therefore indicted of laute treason."—*Stanhurst: Ireland*, p. 19 (1580).

Shave. To shave a customer. Hotten says, when a master-draper sees anyone capable of being imposed upon enter his shop, he strokes his chin, to signify to his assistant that the customer may be shaved.

I shaved through; he was within a shave of a pluck. I just got through [my examination]; he was nearly rejected as not up to the mark. The allusion is to carpentry.

Shaveling. A lad; a young man. In the year 1348 the clergy died so fast of the Black Death that youths were admitted to holy orders by being shaven. "William Bateman, Bishop of Norwich, dispensed with sixty shavelings to hold rectories and other livings, that divine service might not cease in the parishes over which they were appointed." (*Blomfield: History of Norfolk*, vol. iii.)

Shaving. Bondmen were commanded by the ancient Gauls to shave, in token of servitude.

In the Turkish seraglio the slaves are obliged to shave their chins, in token of their servitude.

She Stoops to Conquer. This comedy owes its existence to an incident which actually occurred to its author. When Goldsmith was sixteen years of age, a wag residing at Aurlagh directed him, when passing through that village, to Squire Fetherstone's house as the village inn. The mistake was not discovered for some time, and then no one enjoyed it more heartily than Oliver himself.

Shear Steel. Steel which has been sheared. When the bars have been converted into steel, they are *sheared into short pieces*, and forged again from a pile built up with layers crossed, so as to produce a web-like texture in the metal by the crossing of the fibres. Great toughness results from this mode of manipulation, and the steel thus produced is used for shears and other

instruments where a hard sharp edge is required.

Sheb-seze. The great fire festival of the Persians, when they used to set fire to large bunches of dry combustibles, fastened round wild beasts and birds, which, being then let loose, the air and earth appeared one great illumination. The terrified creatures naturally fled to the woods for shelter, and it is easy to conceive the conflagration they produced. (*Richardson: Dissertation.*)

She'ba (*Queen of*). The Assyrians say her name was Macqueda, but Arabs call her Belkis.

Shebeen. A small Irish store for the sale of whisky and something else, as bacon, eggs, general provisions, and groceries.

"Drinking your health wid Shamus
O'Shea at Katty's shebeen."
Tennyson: To-morrow, stanza 2.

Sheep. *Ram* or *tup*, the sire; *ewe*, the dam; *lamb*, the new-born sheep till it is weaned, when it is called a *hogget*; the *tup-lamb* being a "tup-hogget," and the *ewe-lamb* a "ewe-hogget;" if the *tup* is castrated it is called a *wether-hogget*.

After the removal of the *first* fleece, the *tup-hogget* becomes a *shearling*, the *ewe-hogget* a *grimmer*, and the *wether-hogget* a *dinmont* (hence the name "Dandy Dinmont").

After the removal of the *second* fleece, the *shearling* becomes a *two-shear tup*, the *grimmer* a *ewe*, and the *dinmont* a *wether*.

After the removal of the *third* fleece, the *ewe* is called a *twinter-ewe*; and when it ceases to breed, a *draft-ewe*.

The Black Sheep (*Kârâ-koin-loo*). A tribe which established a principality in Armenia, that lasted 108 years (1360-1468); so called from the device of their standard.

The White Sheep (*Ak-koin-loo*). A tribe which established a principality in Armenia, etc., on the ruin of the Black Sheep (1468-1508); so called from the device of their standard.

To cast a sheep's eye at one is to look askance, like a sheep, at a person to whom you feel lovingly inclined.

"But be, the beast, was casting gleepe's eyes at her."—*Colman: Broad Grins.*

Sheet Anchor. *That is my sheet anchor*—my chief stay, my chief dependence. The sheet anchor is the largest and heaviest of all. The word is a corruption of *Shote-anchor*, the anchor shot or thrown out in stress of weather. Many

ships carry more than one sheet-anchor outside the ship's waist.

"The surgeon no longer bleeds. If you ask him 'why this neglect of what was once considered the sheet anchor of practice in certain diseases?' he will . . ."—*The Times.*

Sheik (*Arabic, elder*). A title of respect equal to the Italian *signore*, the French *seigneur*, Spanish *senor*, etc. There are seven sheiks in the East, all said to be direct descendants of Mahomet, and they all reside at Mecca.

Sheki'nah (*shachan, to reside*). The glory of the Divine Presence in the shape of a cloud of fire, which rested on the mercy-seat between the Cherubim.

Shekinah or *Shechinah* is not a biblical word. It was first mentioned in the Jerusalem Targum. The *Shechinah* was not supposed to dwell in the Second Temple. Its responses were given either by the *Urim* and *Thummim* of the high priest, by prophets, or orally. (*See Dent. iii. 24; and Luke xvi. 2.*)

Sheldonian Theatre. The "Senate House" of Oxford; so called from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, who built it. (1598-1669.)

Shelf. *Laid on the shelf*, or *shelved*. A government officer no longer actively employed; an actor no longer assigned a part; a young lady past the ordinary age of marriage; a pawn at the broker's; a question started and set aside. All mean laid up and put away.

Shell (*A*) is a hollow iron ball, with a fuze-hole in it to receive a fuze, which is a plug of wood containing gunpowder. It is constructed to burn slowly, and, on firing, the piece ignites, and continues to burn during its flight till it falls on the object at which it is directed, when it bursts, scattering its fragments in all directions.

Shell Jacket (*A*). An undress military jacket.

Shell of an Egg. After an egg in the shell has been eaten, many persons break or crush the empty shell. Sir Thomas Brown says this was done originally "to prevent house-spirits from using the shell for their mischievous pranks." (*Book v., chap. xxiii.*)

Shells on churches, tombstones, and used by pilgrims:

(1) If dedicated to James the Greater, the scallop-shell is his recognised emblem. (*See JAMES.*) If not, the allusion is to the vocation of the apostles generally, who were fishermen, and Christ said He would make them "fishers of men."

(2) On tombstones, the allusion is to

the earthly body left behind, which is the mere *shell* of the immortal soul.

(3) Carried by pilgrims, the allusion may possibly be to James the Greater, the patron saint of pilgrims, but more likely it originally arose as a convenient drinking-cup, and hence the pilgrims of Japan carry scallop shells.

Shemitic. Pertaining to Shem, descendant of Shem, derived from Shem.

The *Shemitic languages* are Chaldean, Syriac, Arabic, Hebrew, Samaritan, Ethiopic, and old Phœnician. The great characteristic of this family of languages is that the roots of words consist of three consonants.

Shemitic nations or *Shemites* (2 syl.). (See above.)

Shepherd. *The shepherd.* Moses who fed the flocks of Jethro, his father-in-law.

"Sing, heavenly muse, that on the secret top
Of Oreb or of Sinai didst inspire
That shepherd, who first taught the chosen seed
In the beginning how the heavens and earth
Rose out of chaos."

Milton: *Paradise Lost*, bk. l. 8.

N.B. Oreb, or Horeb and Sinai, are two heights of one mountain.

Shepherd Kings or *Hyksoi*. Some 2,000 years B.C. a tribe of Arabian shepherds established themselves in Lower Egypt, and were governed by their own chiefs. Man'etho says "they reigned 511 years;" Eratosthenes says 470 years; Africanus, 284 years; Eusebius, 103 years. Some say they extended over five dynasties, some over three, some limit their sway to one; some give the name of only one monarch, some of four, and others of six. Bunsen places them B.C. 1639; Lepsius, B.C. 1842; others, 1900 or 2000. If there ever were such kings, they were driven into Syria by the rulers of Upper Egypt. (*Hyk*, ruler; *shas*, shepherd.)

Shepherd Lord (*The*). Henry, the tenth Lord Clifford, sent by his mother to be brought up by a shepherd, in order to save him from the fury of the Yorkists. At the accession of Henry VII. he was restored to all his rights and seigniories. (Died 1523.)

* The story is told by Wordsworth in *The Song for the Feast of Brougham Castle*.

Shepherd of Banbury (*The*). The ostensible author of a Weather Guide. He styles himself John Claridge, Shepherd; but the real author is said to have been Dr. John Campbell. (First published in 1744.)

Shepherd of Salisbury Plain (*The*). Said to be David Saunders, noted for his homely wisdom and practical piety. Mrs. Hannah More wrote the religious tract so entitled, and makes the hero a Christian Arcadian.

Shepherd of the Ocean (*The*). So Sir Walter Raleigh is called by Spenser, in his poem entitled *Colin Clout's Come Home Again*. (1552-1618.)

Shepherd's Sundial (*The*). The scarlet pimpernel, which opens at a little past seven in the morning, and closes at a little past two. When rain is at hand, or the weather is unfavourable, it does not open at all.

Shepherded. Watched and followed as suspicious of mischief, as a shepherd watches a wolf.

"Russian vessels of war are everywhere being carefully 'shepherded' by British ships, and it is easy to see that such a state of extreme tension cannot be continued much longer without an actual outbreak."—*Newspaper leader*, April 27th, 1883.

Sheppard (*Jack*). Son of a carpenter in Smithfield, noted for his two escapes from Newgate in 1724. He was hanged at Tyburn the same year. (1701-1724.)

Shepster Time. The time of sheep-shearing.

Sheriffmuir. *There was mair lost at the Shirramuir.* Don't grieve for your losses, for worse have befallen others before now. The battle of Sheriffmuir, in 1715, between the Jacobites and Hanoverians was very bloody; both sides sustained heavy losses, and both sides claimed the victory.

She'va, in the satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, by Dryden and Tate, is designed for Sir Roger Lestrangle. (Part ii.)

Shewbread. Food for show only, and not intended to be eaten except by certain privileged persons. The term is Jewish, and refers to the twelve loaves which the priest "showed" or exhibited to Jehovah, by placing them week by week on the sanctuary table. At the end of the week, the priest who had been in office was allowed to take them home for his own eating; but no one else was allowed to partake of them.

Shewri-while. A spirit-woman that haunts Mypydd Llanhilleth mountain, in Monmouthshire, to mislead those who attempt to cross it.

Shiahs. (See SHITES.)

Shibboleth. The password of a secret society; the secret by which those of a party know each other. The

Ephraimites quarrelled with Jephthah, and Jephthah gathered together the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. There were many fugitives, and when they tried to pass the Jordan the guard told them to say Shibboleth, which the Ephraimites pronounced Sibboleth, and by this test it was ascertained whether the person wishing to cross the river was a friend or foe. (Judges xii. 1-16.)

"Their foes a deadly shibboleth devise."
Dryden: *Hind and Panther*, pt. lii.

Shield.

The Gold and Silver Shield. Two knights coming from different directions stopped in sight of a trophy shield, one side of which was gold and the other silver. Like the disputants about the colour of the chameleon, the knights disputed about the metal of the shield, and from words they proceeded to blows. Luckily a third knight came up at this juncture, to whom the point of dispute was referred, and the disputants were informed that the shield was silver on one side and gold on the other. This story is from Beaumont's *Moralities*. It was reprinted in a collection of *Useful and Entertaining Passages in Prose*, 1826.

The other side of the shield. The other side of the question. The reference is to the "Gold and Silver Shield." (See above.)

That depends on which side of the shield you look at. That depends on the standpoint of the speaker. (See above.)

Shield-of-Arms. Same as *Coat of Arms*; so called because persons in the Middle Ages bore their heraldic devices on their shields.

Shield of Expectation (The). The naked shield given to a young warrior in his virgin campaign. As he achieved glory, his deeds were recorded or symbolised on his shield.

Shields. The most famous in story are the *Shield of Achilles* described by Homer, of *Hercules*, described by Hesiod, and of *Æneas* described by Virgil.

Other famous bucklers described in classic story are the following:—That of

Agamemnon, a sargol.

Aphæce (son of Poseidon or Neptune), a crayfish, symbol of prudence.

Cadmus and his descendants, a dragon, to indicate their descent from the dragon's teeth.

Eleficles (4 syl.), one of the seven heroes against Thebes, a man scaling a wall.

Hector, a lion.

Idomeneus (4 syl.), a cock.

Menedæos, a serpent at his heart; alluding to the eloquent of his wife with Paris.

Parthenopæos, one of the seven heroes, a sphinx holding a man in its claws.
Ulysses, a dolphin. Whence he is sometimes called *Dolphinosemos*.

¶ Servius says that the *Greeks* in the siege of Troy had, as a rule, Neptune on their bucklers, and the *Trojans* Minerva.

It was a common custom, after a great victory, for the victorious general to hang his buckler on the walls of some temple.

The clang of shields. When a chief doomed a man to death, he struck his shield with the blunt end of his spear, by way of notice to the royal bard to begin the death-song. (See *ÆGIS*.)

"Carlar rises in his arms,

The clang of shields is heard."

Osian: *Temora*, i.

Shi-ites (2 syl.). Those Mahometans who do not consider the Sunna, or oral law, of any authority, but look upon it as apocryphal. They wear red turbans, and are sometimes called "Red Heads." The Persians are Shiites. (Arabic, *shi'ah*, a sect.) (See *SUNNITES*.)

Shillelagh (pronounce *she-lay-lah*). An oaken sapling or cudgel (Irish).

Shilling. Said to be derived from *St. Kilian*, whose image was stamped on the "shillings" of Würzburg. Of course this etymology is of no value. (Anglo-Saxon, *scylling* or *scilling*, a shilling.)

¶ According to Skeat, from the verb *scylan* (to divide). The coin was originally made with a deeply-indented cross, and could easily be divided into halves or quarters.

Shilly Shally. A corruption of "Will I, shall I," or "Shall I, shall I."

"There's no delay, they ne'er stand shall I, shall I."

Hermogenes with Dal'His doth dally."

Taylor's Works, iii. 3 (1630).

Shim'el (2 syl.), in Dryden's satire of *Abalom* and *Achitophel*, is designed for Slingsby Bethel, the lord mayor.

"Shimel, whose youth did early promises bring,
Of zeal to God and hatred to his king;
Did wisely from expensive sins refrain,
And never broke the Sabbath but for gain."

Part I, lines 546-551.

Shi'nar. The land of the Chaldees.

Shindy. A row, a disturbance. To kick up a shindy, to make a row. (Gipsy, *chinda*, a quarrel.)

Shin'gebis, in North American Indian mythology, is a diver who dared the North Wind to single combat. The Indian Boreas rated him for staying in his dominions after he had routed away the flowers, and driven off the sea-gulls and herons. Shin'gebis laughed at him,

and the North Wind went at night and tried to blow down his hut and put out his fire. As he could not do this, he defied the diver to come forth and wrestle with him. Shingebis obeyed the summons, and sent the blusterer howling to his home. (*Longfellow: Hiawatha.*) (See KABIBONOKKA.)

Ship (the device of Paris). Sauval says. "*L'île de la cité est faite comme un grand navire enfoncé dans la vase, et échoué au fil de l'eau vers le milieu de la Seine.*" This form of a ship struck the heraldic scribes, who, in the latter half of the Middle Ages, emblazoned it in the shield of the city. (See VENGEUR.)

When my ship comes home. When my fortune is made. The allusion is to the argosies returning from foreign parts laden with rich freights.

Ship Letters. These are to indicate when a ship is fully laden, and this depends on its destination.

F.W. (Fresh Water line), i.e. it may be laden till this mark touches the water when loading in a fresh-water dock or river.

I.S. (Indian Summer line). It was to be loaded to this point in the Indian seas in summer time.

S. The summer draught in the Mediterranean.

W. The winter draught in the Mediterranean.

• W.N.A. (Winter North Atlantic line).

Ship-shape. As methodically arranged as things in a ship; in good order. When a vessel is sent out temporarily rigged, it is termed "jury-rigged" (i.e. *jour-y*, meaning *pro tem.*, for the day or time being). Her rigging is completed while at sea, and when the jury-rigging has been duly changed for ship-rigging, the vessel is in "ship-shape," i.e. due or regular order.

Ship of the Desert. The camel.

"Three thousand camels his rank pastures fed,
Arabia's wandering ships, for traffic bred."

G. Sandys: *Paraphrase from Job* (1610).

Ships. There are three ships often confounded, viz. the *Great Harry*, the *Regent*, and the *Henry Grâce de Dieu*.

The *GREAT HARRY* was built in the third year of Henry VII. (1488). It was a two-decker with three masts, and was accidentally burnt at Woolwich in 1553.

The *REGENT* was burnt in 1512 in an engagement with the French.

The *HENRY GRACE DE DIEU* was built at Brith in 1515. It had three decks and four masts. It was named

Edward, after the death of Henry VIII. in 1547. There is no record of its destruction.

"Though we are not acquainted with all the particular ships that formed the navy of Henry VIII., we know that among them were two very large ones, viz. the *Regent*, and the *Henry Grâce de Dieu*. The former being burnt in 1512, in an engagement with the French, occasioned Henry to build the latter."—*Willis: Naval Architecture*, xi. 158.

Ships of the Line. Men-of-war large enough to have a place in a line of battle. They must not have less than two decks or two complete tiers of guns.

Shipton. (See MOTHER.)

Shire and County. When the Saxon kings created an earl, they gave him a shire or division of land to govern. At the Norman conquest the word count superseded the title of earl, and the earldom was called a county. Even to the present hour we call the wife of an earl a countess. (Anglo-Saxon, *scire*, from *sciran*, to divide.)

He comes from the shires; has a seat in the shires, etc.—in those English counties which terminate in "shire": a belt running from Devonshire and Hampshire in a north-east direction. In a general way it means the midland counties.

"Anglesey in Wales, and twelve counties of England, do not terminate in "shire."

Shire Horses originally meant horses bred in the midland and eastern shires of England, but now mean any draught-horses of a certain character which can show a registered pedigree. The sire and dam, with a minute description of the horse itself, its age, marks, and so on, must be shown in order to prove the claim of a "shire horse." Shire horses are noted for their great size, muscular power, and beauty of form; stallions to serve cart mares.

Clydesdale horses are Scotch draught-horses, not equal to shire horses in size, but of great endurance.

A hackney is not a thoroughbred, but nearly so, and makes the best roadster, hunter, and carriage-horse. Its action is showy, and its pace good. A first-class roadster will trot a mile in two and a half minutes. American trotters sometimes exceed this record. The best hackneys are produced from thorough sires mated with half-bred mares.

Shirt. (See NESSUS.)

Shirt for ensign. When Sultan Saladin died, he commanded that no ceremony should be used but this: A priest was

to carry his shirt on a lance, and say: "Saladin, the conqueror of the East, carries nothing with him of all his wealth and greatness, save a shirt for his shroud and ensign." (*Knolles: Turkish History.*)

Close sits my shirt, but closer my skin— i.e. My property is dear to me, but dearer my life; my belongings sit close to my heart, but "*Ego proximus mihi.*"

Shittim Wood. The acacia.

"The scented acacia of Palestine furnished the shittim wood so much esteemed by the ancient Jews."—*Bible Flowers*, p. 142.

Shivering Mountain. Mam Tor, a hill on the Peak of Derbyshire; so called from the waste of its mass by "shivering"—that is, breaking away in "shivers" or small pieces. This shivering has been going on for ages, as the hill consists of alternate layers of shale and gritstone. The former, being soft, is easily reduced to powder, and, as it crumbles away, small "shivers" of the gritstone break away from want of support.

Shoddy properly means the flue and fluff thrown off from cloth in the process of weaving. This flue, being mixed with new wool, is woven into a cloth called shoddy—i.e. cloth made of the flue "shod" or thrown off. Shoddy is also made of old garments torn up and re-spun. The term is used for any loose, sleazy cloth, and metaphorically for literature of an inferior character compiled from other works. (*Shed*, provincial pret. "shod"; *shoot*, obsolete pret. *shotten*.)

Shoddy characters. Persons of tarnished reputation, like cloth made of shoddy or refuse wool.

Shoe. (See *CHOPINE*.)

Shor. It was at one time thought unlucky to put on the left shoe before the right, or to put either shoe on the wrong foot. It is said that Augustus Cæsar was nearly assassinated by a mutiny one day when he put on his left shoe first.

"Auguste, cet empereur qui gouverna avec tant de sagesse, et dont le règne fut si florissant, restoit immobile et consterné lorsqu'il lui arrivoit par mégarde de mettre le soulier droit au pied gauche, et le soulier gauche au pied droit."—*St. Foix*.

A shoe too large trips one up. A Latin proverb, "*Calceus major subvertit.*" An empire too large falls to pieces; a business too large comes to grief; an ambition too large fails altogether.

Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy (Josh.

v. 15). Loosing the shoe is a mark of respect in the East, among Moslems and Hindus, to the present hour. The Mussulman leaves his slippers at the door of the mosque. The Mahometan moonshee comes barefooted into the presence of his superiors. The governor of a town, in making a visit of ceremony to a European visitor, leaves his slippers at the tent entrance, as a mark of respect. There are two reasons for this custom: (1) It is a mark of humility, the shoe being a sign of dignity, and the shoeless foot a mark of servitude. (2) Leather, being held to be an unclean thing, would contaminate the sacred floor and offend the insulted idol. (See *SANDAL*.)

Plucking off the shoe among the Jews, smoking a pipe together among the Indians, breaking a straw together among the Teutons, and shaking hands among the English, are all ceremonies to confirm a bargain, now done by "earnest money."

Put on the right shoe first. One of the auditions of Pythagoras was this: "When stretching forth your feet to have your sandals put on, first extend your right foot, but when about to step into a bath, let your left foot enter first." Iamblichus says the hidden meaning is that worthy actions should be done heartily, but base ones should be avoided. (*Protreptics*, symbol xii.)

Throwing the wedding-shoe. It has long been a custom in England, Scotland, and elsewhere, to throw an old shoe, or several shoes, at the bride and bridegroom when they quit the bride's home, after the wedding breakfast, or when they go to church to get married. Some think this represents an assault and refers to the ancient notion that the bridegroom carried off the bride with force and violence. Others look upon it as a relic of the ancient law of exchange, implying that the parents of the bride give up henceforth all right of dominion to their daughter. This was a Jewish custom. Thus, in Deut. xxv. 5-10 we read that the widow refused by the surviving brother, asserted her independence by "loosing his shoe;" and in the story of Ruth we are told "that it was the custom" in exchange to deliver a shoe in token of renunciation. When Boaz, therefore, became possessed of his lot, the kinsman's kinsman indicated his assent by giving Boaz his shoe. When the Emperor Wladimir proposed marriage to the daughter of Reginald, she rejected him, saying, "I will not take off my shoe to the son of a slave."

Luther being at a wedding, told the bridegroom that he had placed the husband's shoe on the head of the bed, "*après qu'il prit ainsi la domination et le gouvernement.*" (*Michel: Life of Luther.*)

In *Anglo-Saxon marriages* the father delivered the bride's shoe to the bridegroom, who touched her with it on the head to show his authority.

In *Turkey* the bridegroom, after marriage, is chased by the guests, who either administer blows by way of adieux, or pelt him with slippers. (*Thirty Years in the Harem*, p. 330.)

Another man's shoes. "To stand in another man's shoes." To occupy the place or lay claim to the honours of another. Among the ancient Northmen, when a man adopted a son, the person adopted put on the shoes of the adopter. (*Biograv. Graphic Illustrator*; 1834.)

In the tale of *Raynard the Fox* (fourteenth century), Master Raynard, having turned the tables on Sir Bruin the Bear, asked the queen to let him have the shoes of the disgraced minister; so Bruin's shoes were torn off and put upon Raynard, the new favourite.

Another pair of shoes. Another matter.

"But how a world that notes his [the Prince of Wales'] daily doings—the everlasting round of weary fashion, the health-returnings, speeches, inter-tewings—can grudge him some relief, without conjunction, them a quite another pair of shoes."—*Punch*, 17th June, 1861.

Dead men's shoes. Waiting or looking for dead men's shoes. Counting on some advantage to which you will succeed when the present possessor is dead.

"A man without sandals" was a proverbial expression among the Jews for a prodigal, from the custom of giving one's sandals in confirmation of a bargain. (*See Deut. xxv. 9, Ruth iv. 7.*)

Over shoes, over boots. In for a penny, in for a pound.

"Where true courage roots,
The proverb says, 'once over shoes, or boots.'"
—*Taylor's Works*, ii. 115 (1690).

To die in one's shoes. To die on the scaffold.

"And there's Mr. Fuse, and Lieutenant Tregooze, and there's Sir Carnaby Jenks, of the Blues, All come to see a man die in his shoes."
—*Barham*.

To shake in one's shoes. To be in a state of nervous terror.

To step into another man's shoes. To take the office or position previously held by another.

"That will do, sir, he thundered, 'that will do. It is very evident now what would happen if you stepped into my shoes.'"
—*Good Words*, 1867.

Waiting for my shoes. Hoping for my

death. Amongst the ancient Jews the transfer of an inheritance was made by the new party pulling off the shoe of the possessor. (*See Ruth iv. 7.*)

Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear (*Matt. iii. 11*). This means, "I am not worthy to be his humblest slave." It was the business of a slave recently purchased to loose and carry his master's sandals. (*Jahn: Archaeologica Biblica.*)

Shoe-loosed. A man without shoes; an unnatural kinsman, a selfish prodigal (*Hebrew*). If a man refused to marry his brother's widow, the woman pulled off his shoe in the presence of the elders, spat in his face, and called him "shoe-loosed." (*Deut. xxv. 9.*)

Shoe Pinches. No one knows where the shoe pinches like the wearer. This was said by a Roman sage who was blamed for divorcing his wife, with whom he seemed to live happily.

"For, God it wot, he sat ful still and song,
When that his scho ful bitterly him wrong."
—*Chaucer: Canterbury Tales*, 6054.

Shoe a Goose (To). To engage in a silly and fruitless task.

Shoe the Anchor (To). To cover the flukes of an anchor with a broad triangular piece of plank, in order that the anchor may have a stronger hold in soft ground. The French have the same phrase: *ensoler l'ancre*.

Shoe the Cobbler (To). To give a quick peculiar movement with the front foot in sliding.

Shoe the Horse (To). (*French, Trier la mule.*) Means to cheat one's employer out of a small sum of money. The expression is derived from the ancient practice of groomers, who charged their masters for "shoeing," but pocketed the money themselves.

Shoe the Wild Colt (To). To exact a fine called "footing" from a new-comer, who is called the "colt." *Colt* is a common synonym for a greenhorn, or a youth not broken in. Thus Shakespeare says—"Ay, that's a colt indeed, for he doth nothing but talk of his horse." (*Merchant of Venice*, i. 2.)

Shoes. Scarpa's shoes for curing club feet, &c. Devised by Antonio Scarpa, an Italian anatomist.

Shoemakers. The patron saints of shoemakers are St. Crispin and his brother Crispian, who supported themselves by making shoes while they preached to the people of Gaul and Britain. In compliment to these saints the trade

of shoemaking is called "the gentle craft."

Shoot the Moon (To). To remove house furniture by night to avoid distraint.

Shoot the Sun (To). To take a nautical observation.

"Unless a man understood how to handle his vessel, it would be very little use his being able to 'shoot the sun,' as sailors call it."—*Notes and Queries*, November 19th, 1892, p. 403.

Shooting-iron (A). A gun.

"Catch old Stripes [a tiger] coming near my bullock. If he thought a 'shooting-iron' anywhere about."—*Cornhill*, July, 1883 (*My Tiger Watch*).

Shooting Stars, called in ancient legends the "fiery tears of St. Lawrence," because one of the periodic swarms of these meteors is between the 9th and 14th of August, about the time of St. Lawrence's festival, which is on the 10th.

Shooting stars are said by the Arabs to be firebrands hurled by the angels against the inquisitive Jinns or Genii, who are for ever clambering up the constellations to peep into heaven.

Shop. To talk shop. To talk about one's affairs or business, to illustrate by one's business, as when Ollipod the apothecary talks of a uniform with rhubarb-coloured facings.

Shop-lifting is secretly purloining goods from a shop. Dekker speaks of the lifting-law—i.e. the law against theft. (Gothic, *hūfan*, to steal; *hliftus*, a thief; Latin, *levo*, to disburden.)

Shore (Jane). Sir Thomas More says, "She was well-born, honestly brought up, and married somewhat too soon to a wealthy yeoman." The tragedy of *Jane Shore* is by Nicholas Rowe.

Shoreditch, according to tradition, is so called from Jane Shore, who, it is said, died there in a ditch. This tale comes from a ballad in Pepys's collection; but the truth is, it receives its name from Sir John de Soerdich, lord of the manor in the reign of Edward III.

"I could not get one bit of bread
Whereby my hunger might be fed. . .
So, weary of my life, at length
I yielded up my vital strength
Within a ditch . . . which, since that day
Is Shoreditch called, as writers say."

Duke of Shoreditch. The most successful of the London archers received this playful title.

"Good king, make not good Lord of Lincoln Duke of Shoreditch!"—*The Poor Man's Petition to the Kings*. (1683.)

Shorne (Sir John) or Master John Shorne, well known for his feat of conjuring the devil into a boot. He was one of the uncanonised saints, and was prayed to in cases of ague. It seems that he was a devout man, and rector of North Marston, in Buckinghamshire, at the close of the thirteenth century. He blessed a well, which became the resort of multitudes and brought in a yearly revenue of some £500.

"To Maister John Shorne, that blessed man borne,

For the ague to him we apply.

Which jugglith with a bole; I beschrewe his herte rote

That will trust him, and it be I."

Fantastic of Idolatrie.

Short. My name is Short. I'm in a hurry and cannot wait.

"Well, but let us hear the wishes (said the old man); my name is short, and I cannot stay much longer."—*W. Yates: Fairy Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 240.

Short Stature (Noted Men of). Aetius, commander of the Roman army in the days of Valentinian; Agesilaus (5 syl.) "*Statura fuit humilis, et corpore exiguo, et claudius altero pede*" (*Nepos*); Alexander the Great, scarcely middle height; Attila, "the scourge of God," broad-shouldered, thick-set, sinewy, and short; Byron, Cervantes, Claverhouse, Condé the Great, Cowper, Cromwell, Sir Francis Drake, Admiral Kepple (called "Little Kepple"), Louis XIV., barely 5 feet 5 inches; Marshal Luxembourg, nicknamed "the Little"; Mehmet Ali, Angelo; Napoleon I., le petit caporal, was, according to his school certificate, 5½ feet; Lord Nelson, St. Paul, Pepin le Bref, Philip of Macedon (scarcely middle height), Richard Savage, Shakespeare; Socrates was stumpy; Theodore II., King of the Goths, stout, short of stature, very strong (so says *Cassiodorus*); Timon the Tartar, self-described as lame, decrepit, and of little weight; Dr. Isaac Watts, etc.

Shot. Hand out your shot or Down with your shot—your reckoning or quota, your money. (Saxon, *secat*; Dutch, *schot*.) (See SCOT AND LOT.)

"As the fund of our pleasure, let us each pay his shot."

Ben Jonson.

He shot wide of the mark. He was altogether in error. The allusion is to shooting at the mark or bull's-eye in archery, but will now apply to our modern rifle practice.

Shot in the Locker. I haven't a shot in the locker—a penny in my pocket or in my purse. If a sailor says there is not

a shot in the locker, he means the ship is wholly without ammunition, powder and shot have all been expended.

Shot Window (A)—i.e. shot-out or projecting window, and not, as Ritson explains the word, a "window which opens and shuts." Similarly, a projecting part of a building is called an *out-shot*. The aperture to give light to a dark staircase is called a "shot window."

"My eye flew to the shot window. . . . 'St. Mary! sweet lady, here come two well-mounted gallants.'"—*Sir W. Scott: The Monastery*, chap. xiv. and xxviii.

Shotten Herring. A lean spiritless creature, a Jack-o'-Lent, like a herring that has shot or ejected its spawn. Herrings gutted and dried are so called also.

"Though they like shotten-herrings are to see,
Yet such tall souldiers of their teeth they be,
That two of them, like greedy cornucopia,
Devour more then six honest Protestants!"
Taylor's Works, iii. 5.

Shoulder. *Showing the cold shoulder.* Receiving without cordiality some one who was once on better terms with you. (See COLD.)

The government shall be upon his shoulders (Isaiah ix, 6). The allusion is to the key hung on the shoulder of Jewish stewards on public occasions, and as a key is emblematic of government and power, the metaphor is very striking.

Straight from the shoulder. With full force. A boxing term.

"He was letting them have it straight from the shoulder."—*T. Tyrell: Lady Delmar*, chap. v.

Shovel-board. A game in which three counters were showed or slid over a smooth board; a game very popular in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; the table itself, and sometimes even the counters were so called. *Slender* speaks of "two Edward shovel-boards." (Shakespeare: *Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 1.)

Show. *Show him an egg, and instantly the whole air is full of feathers.* Said of a very sanguine man.

Shrew-mouse. A small insectivorous mammal, resembling a mouse in form. It was supposed to have the power of injuring cattle by running over them; and to provide a remedy our forefathers used to plug the creature into a hole made in an ash-tree, any branch of which would cure the mischief done by the mouse. (Anglo-Saxon, *screeva*, a shrew-mouse; *mbuse* is expletive.)

Shrieking Sisterhood (The). Women who clamour about "women's rights."

"By Jove, I suppose my life wouldn't be worth a moment's purchase if I made public these engagements of mine at a meeting of the Shrieking Sisterhood."—*The World*, 24th February, 1822, p. 25.

Shrimp. A child, a puny little fellow, in the same ratio to a man as a shrimp to a lobster. *Fry* is also used for children. (Anglo-Saxon, *serine-an*, to shrink; Danish, *skrumpe*; Dutch, *krimpen*.)

"It cannot be this weak and writhled shrimp
Would strike such terror to his enemies."
Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI., ii. 3

Shropshire. A contraction of Shrewsbury-shire, the Saxon *Scrobbes-burh* (shrub-borough), corrupted by the Normans into *Sloppes-burie*, whence our *Salop*.

Shrovetide Cocks. Shrove Tuesday used to be the great "Derby Day" of cock-fighting in England.

"Or martyr's feast, like Shrovetide cocks, with bats."
Peter Paulin: Subjects for Painters.

Shunamite's House (The). An inn kept for the entertainment of the preachers at Paul's Cross. These preachers were invited by the bishop, and were entertained by the Corporation of London from Thursday before the day of preaching, to the following Thursday morning. (*Maitland: London*, ii. 949.)

Shunt. A railway term. (Anglo-Saxon, *scun-ran*, to shun.)

Shut up. Hold your tongue. Shut up your mouth.

Shy. *To have a shy at anything.* To fling at it, to try and shoot it.

Shylock. The grasping Jew, who "would kill the thing he hates." (Shakespeare: *Merchant of Venice*.)

Shylock (A). A grasping money-lender. (See above.)

"Respectable people withdrew from the trade, and the money-lending business was entirely in the hands of the Shylocks. . . . Those who had to borrow coin were obliged to submit to the expensive subtleties of the Shylocks, from whose net once caught, there was little chance of escape."—*A. Lysons-Hake: Free Trade in Capital*, chap. vii.

SI, the seventh note in music, was not introduced till the seventeenth century. The original scale introduced by Guido d'Arenzo consisted of only six notes. (See ARISTINIAN SYLLABLES.)

Si Quis. A notice to all whom it may concern, given in the parish church before ordination, that a resident means to offer himself as a candidate for holy orders; and *Si Quis*—i.e. if anyone knows any just cause or impediment

thereto, he is to declare the same to the bishop.

Siamese Twins. Yoke-follows, inseparables; so called from two youths (Eng and Chang), born of Chinese parents at Bang Mecklong. Their bodies were united by a band of flesh, stretching from breast-bone to breast-bone. They married two sisters, and had offspring. (1825-1872.)

Siamese Twins. The Biddenden Maids, born 1100, had distinct bodies, but were joined by the hips and shoulders. They lived to be thirty-four years of age.

Sibberidge (3 syl.). Banns of marriage. (Anglo-Saxon *sibbe*, alliance; whence the old English word *sibrede*, relationship, kindred.) (See GOSSIP.)

"For every man it schulde drede
And Nameliche in his sibrede."
Gower: *Confessio Amantis*.

Sibyl. (See AMALTHEA.)

Sibyla. Plato speaks of only *one* (the Erythraean); Martian Capella says there were *two*, the Erythraean and the Phrygian; the former being the famous "Cumæan Sibyl;" Solinus and Jackson, in his *Chronologic Antiquities*, maintains, on the authority of Ælian, that there were *four*—the Erythraean, the Samian, the Egyptian, and the Sardinian; Varro tells us there were *ten*, viz. the Cumæan (who sold the books to Tarquin), the Delphic, Egyptian, Erythraean, Hellespontine, Libyan, Persian, Phrygian, Samian, and Tiburtine.

¶ The name of the Cumæan sibyl was Amalthea.

"How know we but that she may be an eleventh Sibyl or a second Cassandra?"—*Isabelius: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, iii. 16.

Sibyla. The mediæval monks reckoned twelve Sibyls, and gave to each a separate prophecy and distinct emblem:—

(1) The *Libyan* Sibyl: "The day shall come when men shall see the King of all living things." *Emblem*, a lighted taper.

(2) The *Samian* Sibyl: "The Rich One shall be born of a pure virgin." *Emblem*, a rose.

(3) The *Cuman* Sibyl: "Jesus Christ shall come from heaven, and live and reign in poverty on earth." *Emblem*, a crown.

(4) The *Cumæan* Sibyl: "God shall be born of a pure virgin, and hold converse with sinners." *Emblem*, a cradle.

(5) The *Erythraean* Sibyl: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Saviour." *Emblem*, a horn.

(6) The *Persian* Sibyl: "Satan shall

be overcome by a true prophet." *Emblem*, a dragon under the Sibyl's feet, and a lantern.

(7) The *Tiburtine* Sibyl: "The Highest shall descend from heaven, and a virgin be shown in the valleys of the deserts." *Emblem*, a dove.

(8) The *Delphic* Sibyl: "The Prophet born of the virgin shall be crowned with thorns." *Emblem*, a crown of thorns.

(9) The *Phrygian* Sibyl: "Our Lord shall rise again." *Emblem*, a banner and a cross.

(10) The *European* Sibyl: "A virgin and her Son shall flee into Egypt." *Emblem*, a sword.

(11) The *Agrippine* Sibyl: "Jesus Christ shall be outraged and scourged." *Emblem*, a whip.

(12) The *Hellespontic* Sibyl: "Jesus Christ shall suffer shame upon the cross." *Emblem*, a T cross.

This list of prophecies is of the sixteenth century, and is manifestly a clumsy forgery or mere monkish legend. (See below, *SIBYLLINE VERSES*.)

The most famous of the ten sibyls was Amalthea, of Cumæ in Æolia, who offered her nine books to Tarquin the Proud. The offer being rejected, she burnt three of them; and after the lapse of twelve months, offered the remaining six at the same price. Again being refused, she burnt three more, and after a similar interval asked the same price for the remaining three. The sum demanded was now given, and Amalthea never appeared again. (*Livy*.)

Sibyl. The Cumæan sibyl was the conductor of Virgil to the infernal regions. (*Æneid*, vi.)

Nibyl. A fortune-teller.

"How they will fare it needs a nibyl to say."
—*The Times*.

Sibylline Books. The three surviving books of the Sibyl Amalthea were preserved in a stone chest underground in the temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, and committed to the charge of custodians chosen in the same manner as the high priests. The number of custodians was at first two, then ten, and ultimately fifteen. The books were destroyed by fire when the Capitol was burnt (A.D. 670).

Sibylline Books. A collection of poetical utterances in Greek, compiled in the second century (138-167). The collection is in eight books, relates to Jesus Christ, and is entitled *Oracula Sibyllina*.

Sibylline Leaves. The Sibylline prophecies were written in Greek, upon palm-leaves. (*Varro*.)

Sibylline Verses. When the Sibylline books were destroyed (*see above*), all the floating verses of the several Sibyls were carefully collected and deposited in the new temple of Jupiter. Augustus had some 2,000 of these verses destroyed as spurious, and placed the rest in two gilt cases, under the base of the statue of Apollo, in the temple on the Palatine Hill; but the whole perished when the city was burnt in the reign of Nero. (*See Sibyls* [of the mediæval monks].)

Siccis pedibus [*with dry feet*]. Metaphorically, without notice.

"It may be worth noticing that both Mrs. Shelley and Mr. Rossetti pass over the *lino siccis pedibus*."—*Notes and Queries* (26th May, 1883, p. 417).

Sice (1 syl.). A sizing, an allowance of bread and butter. "He'll print for a sice." In the University of Cambridge the men call the pound loaf, two inches of butter, and pot of milk allowed for breakfast, their "sizings;" and when one student breakfasts with another in the same college, the bed-maker carries his sizings to the rooms of the entertainer. (*See Sizings*.)

Sicilian Dishes (*Sicula dapēs*) were choice foods. The best Roman cooks were Sicilians. Horace (3 *Odes*, i. 18) tells us that when a sword hangs over our head, as in the case of Damocles, not even "*Sicula dapēs dulcem elaborant saporē*."

Sicilian Vespers. The massacre of the French in Sicily, which began at the hour of vespers on Easter Monday in 1282.

Sick Man (*The*). So Nicholas of Russia (in 1844) called the Ottoman Empire, which had been declining ever since 1586.

"I repeat to you that the sick man is dying; and we must never allow such an event to take us by surprise."—*Annual Register*, 1833.

N.B. Don John, Governor-General of the Netherlands, writing in 1579 to Philip II. of Spain, calls the Prince of Orange "the sick man," because he was in the way, and he wanted him "finished."

"Money" (he says in his letter) "is the gruel with which we must cure this sick man [for spies and assassins are expensive drugs]."—*Moyley*: *Dutch Republic*, bk. v. 2.

Sick as a Cat. (*See SIMILES*.)

Sick as a Dog. (*See SIMILES*.)

Sick as a Horse. Nausea unrelieved by vomiting. A horse is unable to vomit, because its diaphragm is not a complete partition in the abdomen,

perforated only by the gullet, and against which the stomach can be compressed by the abdominal muscles, as is the case in man. Hence the nausea of a horse is more lasting and more violent. (*See Notes and Queries*, C. S. xii., August 15th, 1885, p. 134.)

Siddons (*Mrs.*). Sidney Smith says it was never without awe that he saw this tragedy queen *stab the potatoes*; and Sir Walter Scott tells us, while she was dining at Asbestiel, he heard her declaim to the footman, "You've brought me water, boy! I asked for beer."

Side of the Angels. *Punch*, Dec. 10, 1864, contains a cartoon of Disraeli, dressing for an Oxford *bal masqué*, as an angel, and underneath the cartoon are these words—

"The question is, is man an ape or an angel? I am on the side of the angels."—*Disraeli's Oxford Speech*, Friday, Nov. 25 (1864).

Sidney (*Algernon*), called by Thomson, in his *Summer*, "The British Cassius," because of his republican principles. Both disliked kings, not from their misrule, but from a dislike to monarchy. Cassius was one of the conspirators against the life of Cæsar, and Sidney was one of the judges that condemned Charles I. to the block (1617-1683).

Sidney (*Sir Philip*). The academy figure of Prince Arthur, in Spenser's *Færie Queene*, and the poet's type of magnanimity.

Sir Philip Sidney, called by Sir Walter Raleigh "the English Petrarch," was the author of *Arcadia*. Queen Elizabeth called him "the jewel of her dominions;" and Thomson, in his *Summer*, "the plume of war." The poet refers to the battle of Zutphen, where Sir Philip received his death-wound. Being thirsty, a soldier brought him some water; but as he was about to drink he observed a wounded man eye the bottle with longing looks. Sir Philip gave the water to the wounded man, saying, "Poor fellow, thy necessity is greater than mine." Spenser laments him in the poem called *Astrophel* (*q.v.*).

Sidney's sister, *Pembroke's mother*. Mary Herbert (*née* Sidney), Countess of Pembroke, poetess, etc. (Died 1621.) The line is by William Browne (1645).

Sidney-Sussex College, Cambridge, founded by Lady Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex, in 1598.

Siegfried (2 syl.). Hero of the first part of the *Nibelungen-Lied*. He was the youngest son of Siegmund and Sieglind, king and queen of the Netherlands, and was born in Rhinecastle called Xanton. He married Kriemhild, Princess of Burgundy, and sister of Günther. Günther craved his assistance in carrying off Brunhild from Iceland, and Siegfried succeeded by taking away her talisman by main force. This excited the jealousy of Günther, who induced Hagan, the Dane, to murder Siegfried. Hagan struck him with a sword in the only vulnerable part (between the shoulder-blades), while he stooped to quench his thirst at a fountain. (*Nibelungen-Lied*.)

Horný Siegfried. So called because when he slew the dragon he bathed in its blood, and became covered all over with a horny hide which was invulnerable, except in one spot between the shoulders, where a linden-leaf stuck. (*Nibelungen-Lied*, st. 100.)

Siegfried's cloak of invisibility, called "tarnkappe" (*tarnen*, to conceal; *kappe*, a cloak). It not only made the wearer invisible, but also gave him the strength of twelve men. (*Tarnkappe*, 2 syl.)

"The mighty dwarf successless strove with the mightier man:

Like to wild mountain lions to the hollow hill they ran;

He ravished there the tarnkappe from struggling Albric's hold,

And then became the master of the hoarded gems and gold."

Letztom: Full of the Nibelungen, Lied iii.

Sieglind (2 syl.). Mother of Siegfried, and Queen of the Netherlands. (*The Nibelungen-Lied*.)

Sien'na (3 syl.). The paint so called is made of terra di Siena, in Italy.

Sierra (3 syl., Spanish, *a saw*). A mountain whose top is indented like a saw; a range of mountains whose tops form a saw-like appearance; a line of craggy rocks; as Sierra More'na (where many of the incidents in *Don Quixote* are laid), Sierra Neva'da (the snowy range), Sierra Leo'ne (in West Africa, where lions abound), etc.

Siesta (3 syl.) means "the sixth hour"—i.e. noon. (Latin, *sexta hora*). It is applied to the short sleep taken in Spain during the mid-day heat. (Spanish, *sesta*, sixth hour; *sestar*, to take a mid-day nap.)

Sieve and Shears. The device of discovering a guilty person by sieve and shears is to stick a pair of shears in a sieve, and give the sieve into the hands

of two virgins, then say: "By St. Peter and St. Paul, if you [or you] have stolen the article, turn shears to the thief." Sometimes a Bible and key are employed instead, in which case the key is placed in a Bible.

Sif. Wife of Thor, famous for the beauty of her hair. Loki having cut it off while she was asleep, she obtained from the dwarfs a new fell of golden hair equal to that which he had taken.

Sight for "multitude" is not an Americanism, but good Old English. Thus, in *Morte d'Arthur*, the word is not unfrequently so employed; and the high-born dame, Juliana Berners, lady prioress in the fifteenth century of Sopwell nunnery, speaks of a *bomynable syght of monkes* (a large number of friars).

"Where is so huge a syght of mony;"—*Falsgrave: Acolatus* (1540).

Sight (*Far*). Zurga, the Arabian heroine of the tribe Jadis, could see at the distance of three days' journey. Being asked by Hassan the secret of her long sight, she said it was due to the ore of antimony, which she reduced to powder, and applied to her eyes as a collyrium every night.

Sign your Name. It is not correct to say that the expression "signing one's name" points to the time when persons could not write. No doubt persons who could not write made their mark in olden times as they do now, but we find over and over again in ancient documents these words: "This [grant] is signed with the sign of the cross for its greater assurance (or) greater inviolability," and after the sign follows the name of the donor. (See *Rymer's Fæd-ra*, vol. i. pt. i.)

Signs instead of words. A symbolic language made by gestures. Members of religious orders bound to silence, communicate with each other in this way. John, a monk, gives, in his *Life of St. Odo*, a number of signs for bread, tart, beans, eggs, fish, cheese, honey, milk, cherries, onions, etc. (See *Sussex Archaeological Collection*, vol. iii. p. 190.)

Significavit. A writ of Chancery given by the ordinary to keep an excommunicate in prison till he submitted to the authority of the Church. The writ, which is now obsolete, used to begin with "*Significavit nobis venerabilis pater*," etc. Chaucer says of his Somnour—

"And also ware him of a 'significavit.'"—*Canterbury Tales (Prologue)*, 604.

Sigun'a. Wife of Loki. She nurses him in his cavern, but sometimes, as she carries off the poison which the serpents gorge, a portion drops on the god, and his writhings cause earthquakes. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Sigurd. The Norse Siegfried (*q.v.*). He falls in love with Brynhild, but, under the influence of a love-potion, marries Gudrun, a union which brings about a volume of mischief.

Sigurd the Horny. A German romance based on a legend in the Sagas. An analysis of this legend is published by Weber in his *Illustrations of Northern Antiquities*. (See SIEGFRIED, *Horny*.)

Sikes (Bill). A ruffian housebreaker of the lowest grade in *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens.

Sikh. (Hindu *sikh*, disciple.) The Sikhs were originally a religious body like the Mahometans, but in 1764 they formally assumed national independence. Since 1849 the Sikhs have been ruled by the English.

Silbury, near Marlborough. An artificial mound, 130 feet high, and covering seven acres of ground. Some say it is where "King Sel" was buried; others, that it is a corruption of *Solis-bury* (mound of the sun); others, that it is Sel-harrow (great tumulus), in honour of some ancient prince of Britain. The Rev. A. C. Smith is of opinion that it was erected by the Celts about a.c. 1600. There is a natural hill in the same vicinity, called St. Martin's Sell or Sill, in which case sill or sell means seat or throne. These etymologies of Silbury must rest on the authority of those who have suggested them.

Silchester (Berk) is *Silicis castrum* (flint camp), a Saxon-Latin form of the Roman *Calleva* or *Gallewa*. *Gallewa* is the Roman form of the British *Gwal Tawr* (great wall), so called from its wall, the ruins of which are still striking. Leland says, "On that wall grow some oaks of ten cart-load the piece." According to tradition King Arthur was crowned here; and Ninnius asserts that the city was built by Constantius, father of Constantine the Great.

Silence gives Consent, Latin, "*Qui tacet consentire videtur*"; Greek, "*Auto de to sigan homologountos esti sou*" (*Euripides*); French, "*Assez consent qui ne dit mot*"; Italian, "*Chi tace confessa*."

'But that you shall not say I yield, being silent, I would not speak.'

Shakespeare: *Cymbeline*, II. 2.

Silent (The). William I., Prince of Orange (1533-1584).

Sile'nus. The foster-father of Bacchus, fond of music, and a prophet, but indomitably lazy, wanton, and given to debauch. He is described as a jovial old man, with bald head, pug nose, and face like Bardolph's.

Silhouette (3 syl.). A black profile, so called from Etienne de Silhouette, Contrôleur des Finances, 1757, who made great savings in the public expenditure of France. Some say the black portraits were called *Silhouettes* in ridicule; others assert that Silhouette devised this way of taking likenesses to save expense.

Silk. *Received silk*, applied to a barrister, means that he has obtained licence to wear a silk gown in the law courts, having obtained the degree or title of sergeant.

Silk Gown. A queen's counsel. So called because his canonical robe is a black silk gown. That of an ordinary barrister is made of stuff or prunello.

Silk Purse. *You cannot make a silk purse of a sow's ear.* "You cannot make a horn of a pig's tail." A sow's ear may somewhat resemble a purse, and a curled pig's tail may somewhat resemble a twisted horn, but a sow's ear cannot be made into a silk purse, nor a pig's tail into a cow's horn.

"You cannot make, my lord, I fear,
A velvet purse of a gun's ear."
Peter Plindar: Lord B. and His Motions.

Silken Thread. In the kingdom of Lilliput, the three great prizes of honour are "fine silk threads six inches long, one blue, another red, and a third green." The emperor holds a stick in his hands, and the candidates "jump over it or creep under it, backwards or forwards, as the stick indicates," and he who does so with the greatest agility is rewarded with the blue ribbon, the second best with the red cordon, and the third with the green. The thread is girt about their loins, and no ribbon of the Legion of Honour, or Knight of the Garter, is won more worthily or worn more proudly. (*Gulliver's Travels*.)

Silly is the German *selig* (blessed), whence the infant Jesus is termed "the harmless silly babe," and sheep are called "silly," meaning harmless or innocent. As the "holy" are easily taken in by worldly cunning, the word came to signify "gullible," "foolish." (See SIMPLICITY.)

Silly Season (*The*). For daily newspapers, is when Parliament is not in session, and all sorts of "silly" stuff are vamped-up for padding. Also called the "Big Gooseberry Season," because paragraphs are often inserted on this subject.

Siluria—that is, Hereford, Monmouth, Radnor, Brecon, and Glamorgan. The "sparkling wines of the Silurian vats" are cider and perry.

"From Silurian vats, high-sparkling wines
Foam in transparent floods."

Thomson: *Autumn*.

Silurian Rocks. A name given by Sir R. Murchison to what miners call *gray-wacke*, and Werner termed *transition rocks*. Sir Roderick called them Silurian because it was in the region of the ancient Silures that he investigated them.

Silvana. A maga or fata in Tasso's *Amadigi*, where she is made the guardian spirit of Alido'ro.

Silvanella. A beautiful maga or fata in Bojardo, who raised a tomb over Narcissus, and then dissolved into a fountain. (Lib. ii. xvii. 56, etc.)

Silver was, by the ancient alchemists, called Diana or the Moon.

Silver. The Frenchman employs the word *silver* to designate money, the wealthy Englishman uses the word *gold*, and the poorer old Roman *brass* (ass).

Silver and gold articles are marked with five marks: the maker's private mark, the standard or assay mark, the hall mark, the duty mark, and the date mark. The standard mark states the proportion of silver, to which figure is added a lion passant for England, a harp crowned for Ireland, a thistle for Edinburgh, and a lion rampant for Glasgow. (For the other marks, see MARK.)

Silver Cooper (*The*). A kidnapper. "To play the silver cooper," to kidnap. A cooper is one who *coops up* another.

"You rob and you murder, and you want me to
... play the silver cooper."—*Sir W. Scott: Guy Ransom*, chap. xxiiv.

Silver Fork School. Those novelists who are sticklers for etiquette and the graces of society, such as Theodore Hook, Lady Blessington, Mrs. Trollope, and Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton (Lord Lytton).⁶

Silver-hand. Nuad, the chieftain who led back the tribe of the Danaans from Scotland to Ireland, whence they had migrated. Nuad of the Silver-hand had an artificial hand of silver made by Cred, the goldsmith, to supply the loss

sustained from a wound in the battle of Moytura. Miach, son of Dian Keet, set it on the wrist. (*O'Flaherty: Ogygia*, part iii. chap. x.) (See IRON HAND.)

Silver Lining. The prospect of better days, the promise of happier times. The allusion is to Milton's *Comus*, where the lady lost in the wood resolves to hope on, and sees a "sable cloud turn forth its silver lining to the night."

Silver Pheasant (*A*). A beautiful young lady of the high aristocracy.

"One would think you were a silver pheasant,
You give yourself such airs."—*Shakespeare: Under Two Flags*.

Silver Spoon. Born with a silver spoon in one's mouth. Born to luck and wealth. The allusion is to silver spoons given as prizes and at christenings. The lucky man is born with it in his mouth, and needs not stop to earn it.

"One can see, young fellow, that you were born
with a silver spoon in your mouth."—*Longman's Magazine*, 1894.

Silver Star of Love (*The*). When Oama was tempest-tossed through the machinations of Bacchus, the "Silver Star of Love" appeared to him, calmed the sea, and restored the elements to harmony again.

"The sky and ocean blending, each on fire,
Seemed as all Nature struggled to expire;
When now the Silver Star of Love appeared,
Bright in the East her radiant front she reared."
Camden: Luclid, bk. vi.

Silver Streak (*The*). The British Channel.

"Steam power has much lessened the value of
the silver streak as a defensive agent."—*News-
paper paragraph*, November, 1895.

Silver-Tongued. William Bates, the Pritan divine. (1625-1699.)

Anthony Hammond, the poet, called *Silver-tongue*. (1668-1738.)

Henry Smith, preacher. (1550-1600.)
Joshua Sylvester, translator of Du Bartas. (1563-1618.)

Silver Trumpet (*A*). A smooth-tongued orator. A rough, unpolished speaker is called a ram's horn.

Silver Weapon. *With silver weapons you may conquer the world*, is what the Delphic oracle said to Philip of Macedon, when he went to consult it. Philip, acting on this advice, sat down before a fortress which his staff pronounced to be impregnable. "You shall see," said the king, "how an ass laden with gold will find an entrance."

Silver Wedding. The twenty-fifth anniversary, when, in Germany, the woman has a silver wreath presented her.

On the fiftieth anniversary, or **GOLDEN WEDDING**, the wreaths of gold.

Silver of Guthrum, or *Guthrum's Lane*. Fine silver; so called because in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries the principal gold- and silver-smiths resided there.

Silver-side of Beef (*The*). The upper side of a round, which not only shows the shining tissue uppermost, but, when carved cold has a silvery appearance. Generally boiled.

Simoon (*St.*) is usually depicted as bearing in his arms the infant Jesus, or receiving Him in the Temple.

Similes in common use:—

BALD as a coot.
BITTER as gall, as soot.
BLACK as ink, as a coal, as a crow.
BLIND as a bat, a beetle, a mole.
BUST as a hedge-hog.
BRAVE as Alexander.
BRIGHT as silver.
BRITTLE as glass.
BROWN as a berry.
BUNY as a bee.
CHATTER like a jay.
CLEAR as crystal.
COLD as ice, as a frog, as charity.
COOL as a cucumber.
CROSS as the tongue, as two sticks.
DARK as pitch [pitch-dark].
DEAD as a door-nail.
DEAF as a post.
DRY as a bone.
FAIR as a lily.
FALSE as hell.
FAT as a pig, as a porpoise.
FLAT as a flounder, as a pancake.
FLEET as the wind, as a racehorse.
FREE as air.
GAY as a lark.
• GOOD as gold.
GREEN as grass.
HARD as iron, as a flint.
HARMLESS as a dove.
HEAVY as lead.
HOARSE as a bog, as a raven.
HELPLESS as a babe.
HOLLOW as a drum.
HOT as fire, as an oven, as a coal.
HUNGRY as a hunter.
LIGHT as a feather, as day.
LIMP as a glove.
LOUD as thunder.
MERRY as a grig, as a cricket.
MILD as milk, as milk.
NEAT as wax, as a new pin.
OBSTINATE as a pig (pig-headed.)
OLD as the hills, as Methuselah.
PALE as a ghost.
PATIENT as Job.
PLAIN as a pikestaff.
PLAYFUL as a kitten.
PLUMP as a bat, as a bat.
POOR as a rat, as a church mouse, as Job.
PROUD as Lucifer.
RED as blood, as a fox, as a rose, as brick.
ROUGH as a nutmeg-grater.
ROUND as an orange, as a ball.
• RUN as a bear.
SAFE as the bank [of England], or the stocks.
SAVAGE as a bear, as a tiger, as a bear with a sore head.
SICK as a cat, a dog, a horse, as a toad.
SHARP as a needle.
SLUMP like a top.
SLOW as a snail, as a tortoise.
SLY as a fox, as old boots.
SOFT as silk, as velvet, as soap.
SOUND as a rascal, as a bell.
SOUR as vinegar, as verjuice.

STARE like a stuck pig.
STEADY as Old Time.
STIFF as a poker.
STRAIGHT as an arrow.
STRONG as iron, as a horse, as brandy.
SURE as a gun, as fate, as death and taxes.
SURE as a bear.
SWEET as sugar.
SWIFT as lightning, as the wind, as an arrow.
THICK as hops.
THIN as a lath, as a whipping-post.
TIGHT as a drum.
TOUGH as leather.
TRUE as the Gospel.
VAIN as a peacock.
WARM as a toast.
WEAK as water.
WET as a fish.
WHITE as driven snow, as milk, as a swan, as a sheet, as chalk.
WISE as a serpent, as Solomon.
YELLOW as a guinea, as gold, as saffron.

Similia Similibus Curantur. Like cures like. (*See under HAIR: Take a hair of the dog that bit you.*)

Simmes' Hole. The cavity which Captain John C. Simmes maintained existed at the North and South Poles.

Simnel Cakes. Rich cakes eaten in Lancashire in Mid-Lent. Simnel is the German *semmel*, a manchet or roll; Danish and Norwegian *simle*; Swedish, *simla*. In Somersetshire a teacake is called a *simlin*. A simnel cake is a *cake* manchet, or rich *semmel*. The eating of these cakes in Mid-Lent is in commemoration of the banquet given by Joseph to his brethren, which forms the first lesson of Mid-Lent Sunday, and the feeding of five thousand, which forms the gospel of the day. (*See MID-LENT.*)

Simon (*St.*) is represented with a saw in his hand, in allusion to the instrument of his martyrdom. He sometimes bears fish in the other hand, in allusion to his occupation as a fishmonger.

Simon Magnus. Isidore tells us that Simon Magus died in the reign of Nero, and adds that he (Simon) had proposed a dispute with Peter and Paul, and had promised to fly up to heaven. He succeeded in rising high into the air, but at the prayers of the two apostles he was cast down to earth by the evil spirits who had enabled him to rise into the air.

Milman, in his *History of Christianity*, vol. ii. p. 51, tells another story. He says that Simon offered to be buried alive, and declared that he would reappear on the third day. He was actually buried in a deep trench, "but to this day," says Hippolytus, "his disciples have failed to witness his resurrection."

Simon Pure. The real man. In Mrs. Centlivre's *Bold Stroke for a Wife*, a Colonel Feignwell passes himself off for Simon Pure, and wins the heart of Miss

Lovely. No sooner does he get the assent of her guardian, than the veritable Quaker shows himself, and proves, beyond a doubt, he is the real Simon Pure.

Simony. Buying and selling church livings; any unlawful traffic in holy things. So called from Simon Magus, who wanted to purchase the "gift of the Holy Ghost," that he might have the power of working miracles. (Acts viii. 9-23.)

Simony. The friar in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*; so called from Simon Magus.

Simple (*The*). Charles III. of France. (879, 893-929.)

Simplets cut. (See BATTERSEA.)

Simple Simon. A simpleton. The character is introduced in the well-known nursery tale, the author of which is unknown.

Simplicity is *sine plica*, without a fold; as duplicity is *duplex plica*, a double fold. *Conduct* "without a fold" is straightforward, but thought without a fold is mere childishness. It is "torquity of thought" that constitutes philosophic wisdom, and "simplicity of thought" that prepares the mind for faith.

"The flat simplicity of that reply was admirable."—*Vanbrugh and Cibber: The Provoked Husband*, I.

Simplon Road. Commenced in 1800 by Napoleon, and finished in 1806. It leads over a shoulder of what is called the *Pass of the Simplon* (Switzerland).

Sin, according to Milton, is twin-keeper with Death of the gates of Hell. She sprang full-grown from the head of Satan.

"... Woman to the waist, and fair,
But ending foul in many a scaly fold
• Voluminous and vast, a serpent armed
• With mortal sting." *Paradise Lost*, ii. 650-653.

Original sin. (See ADAM.)

Sin-eaters. Persons hired at funerals in ancient times, to take upon themselves the sins of the deceased, that the soul might be delivered from purgatory.

"Notice was given to an old sire before the door of the house, when some of the family came out and furnished him with a cricket (low stool), on which he sat down facing the door; then they gave him a crust which he put in his pocket, a crust of bread which he ate, and a bowl of ale which he drank off at a draught. After this he got up from the cricket and pronounced the *cavea* and *rest* of the soul departed, for which he would give his own soul."—*Bagford's letter on Leland's Collectanea*, I. 76.

Since're (2 *syl.*) properly means without wax (*sine cera*). The allusion is to the Roman practice of concealing

flaws in pottery with wax, or to honey from which all the wax has been extracted. (See *Trick: On the Study of Words*, lect. vii. p. 322.)

Sin'dhu'. The ancient name of the river Indus. (Sanskrit, *ayand*, to flow.)

Sin'don. 'A thin manufacture of the Middle Ages used for dresses and hangings; also a little round piece of linen or lint for dressing the wound left by trepanning. (Du Cange gives its etymology *Cyrenis tenuis*; but the Greek *sindon* means "fine Indian cloth." India is *Sind*, and China *Sina*.)

Sine Die (Latin). No time being fixed; indefinitely in regard to time. When a proposal is deferred *sine die*, it is deferred without fixing a day for its reconsideration, which is virtually "for ever."

Sine quâ Non. An indispensable condition. Latin, *Sine qua non potest esse or fieri* (that without which [the thing] cannot be, or be done).

Sinecure [*si-ne-kure*]. An enjoyment of the money attached to a benefice without having the trouble of the "cure"; also applied to any office to which a salary is attached without any duties to perform. (Latin, *sine cura*, without cure, or care.)

Sinews of War. Money, which buys the sinews, and makes them act vigorously. Men will not fight without wages, and the materials of war must be paid for.

Sing a Song o' Sixpence. (See MACABONIC VERSE.)

Sing my Music, and not Yours, said Ugghelmi to those who introduced their own ornaments into his operas, so eminently distinguished for their simplicity and purity. (1727-1804.)

Sing Old Rose. *Sing Old Rose and burn the bellows.* "Old Rose" was the title of a song now unknown; thus, Izaak Walton (1590-1683) says, "Let's sing Old Rose." "Burn the bellows" is said to be a schoolboy's perversion of *burn libellos*. At breaking-up time the boys might say, "Let's sing Old Rose [a popular song], and burn our schoolbooks" (*libellos*). This does not accord with the words of the well-known catch, which evidently means "throw aside all implements of work."

"Now we're met like jovial fellows,
Let us do as wise men tell us,
Sing Old Rose and burn the bellows."

Sing Out. To cry or squall from chastisement.

To sing small. To cease boasting and assume a lower tone.

Sing-su-hay. A lake of Thibet, famous for its gold sands.

"Bright are the waters of Sing-su-hay
And the golden floods that thitherward stray."
Thomas Moore: Paradise and the Peri.

Singaporea (3 syl.), in Stock-Exchange phraseology, means, "British Indian Extension Telegraph Stock." (See STOCK-EXCHANGE SLANG.)

Singing Apple was a ruby apple on a stem of amber. It had the power of persuading anyone to anything merely by its odour, and enabled the possessor to write verses, make people laugh or cry, and itself sang so as to ravish the ear. The apple was in the desert of Libya, and was guarded by a dragon with three heads and twelve feet. Prince Chery put on an armour of glass, and the dragon, when it saw its thousand reflections in the armour and thought a thousand dragons were about to attack it, became so alarmed that it ran into its cave, and the prince closed up the mouth of the cave. (*Countess d'Arancy: Cherry and Fairstar.*) (See SINGING-TREE.)

Singing-Bread, consecrated by the priest *singing*. (French, *pain à chanter*.) The reformers directed that the sacramental bread should be similar in fineness and fashion to the round bread-and-water singing-cakes used in private Masses.

Singing Chambermaids, in theatrical parlance, mean those smart young light comedy actresses who perform chambermaids and are good singers.

Singing Tree. A tree whose leaves were so musical that every leaf sang in concert. (*Arabian Nights: Story of the Sisters who Envied their Younger Sister.*) (See SINGING APPLE.)

Singing in Tribulation. Confessing when put to the torture. Such a person is termed in gaol slang a "canary bird."

"This man, sir, is condemned to the galleys for being a canary-bird." "A canary-bird?" exclaimed the knight. "Yes, sir," added the arch-thief; "I mean that he is very famous for his singing." "What?" said Don Quixote; "are people to be sent to the galleys for singing?" "Marry, that they are," answered the slave; "for there is nothing more dangerous than singing in tribulation."—*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, li. 8.

Single-Speech Hamilton. The Right Hon. W. G. Hamilton, Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland, spoke one

speech, but that was a masterly torrent of eloquence which astounded everyone. (November 13th, 1755.)

"No one likes a reputation analogous to that of 'single-speech Hamilton.'"—*The Times*.

"Or is it he, the wordy youth,
So early trained for statesman's part,
Who talks of honour, faith, and truth,
As themes that he has got by heart,
Whose ethics Chesterfield can teach,
Whose logic is from Single-speech?"
Sir Walter Scott: Bridal of Triermain, ii. 4.

Sin'ister (Latin, *on the left hand*). According to augury, birds, etc., appearing on the left-hand side forbode ill-luck; but, on the right-hand side, good luck. Thus, *corvus sinistralis* (a crow on the left-hand) is a sign of ill-luck which belongs to English superstitions as much as to the ancient Roman or Etruscan. (*Virgil: Eclogues*, i. 18.)

"That raven on yon left-hand oak
(Curse on his ill-boding croak)
Bodes me no good." *Gay: Fable xxi. li.*

Sinister. (See BAR SINISTER.)

Sinining One's Mercies. Being ungrateful for the gifts of Providence.

"I know your good father would term this 'sinining my mercies.'"—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*.

Sin'on. A Greek who induced the Trojans to receive the wooden horse. (*Virgil: Æneid*, ii. 102, etc.) Anyone deceiving to betray is called "a Simon."

"And now securely trusting to destroy,
As erst false Simon snared the sons of Troy"
Camotius: Luciad, bk. i.

Sintram. The Greek hero of the German romance, *Sintram and his Companions*, by Baron Lamotte Fouqué.

Sintram's famous sword was called "Welsung." The same name was given to Dietlieb's sword. (See SWORD.)

Sir. Latin, *senex*; Spanish, *señor*; Italian, *signor*; French, *seigneur*; Norman, *sire*; English, *sir*. According to some, Greek *ἀράξ* is connected with *Sir*; on the analogy of *ἐμ-μῆ* (*em-mē*) = Latin *sum*; *ἀμπερ* = Latin *semper*; *ὄνος* = Latin *sapa*.

Sir (a clerical address). Clergymen had at one time *Sir* prefixed to their name. This is not the *Sir* of knighthood, but merely a translation of the university word *dominus* given to graduates, as "Dominus Hugh Evans," etc.

Sir Oracle. (See ORACLE.)

Sir Roger de Coverley. An imaginary character by Addison; type of a benevolent country gentleman of the eighteenth century. Probably the model was William Boevey, lord of the manor of Flaxley.

Siren. A woman of dangerous blandishments. The allusion is to the

fabulous sirens said by Greek and Latin poets to entice seamen by the sweetness of their song to such a degree that the listeners forgot everything and died of hunger (Greek, *sirenes*, entanglers). In Homeric mythology there were but two sirens; later writers name three, viz. Parthenope, Ligëa, and Leucosia; but the number was still further augmented by those who loved "lords many and gods many."

"There were several sirens up and down the coast; one at Panormus, another at Naples, others at Surientum, but the greatest number lived in the delightful Caprea, whence they passed over to the rocks (Sirenyas) which bear their name."—*Inquiry into the Life of Homer*.

Sirens. Plato says there are three kinds of sirens—the *celestial*, the *generative*, and the *cathartic*. The first are under the government of Jupiter, the second under the government of Neptune, and the third under the government of Pluto. When the soul is in heaven, the sirens seek, by harmonic motion, to unite it to the divine life of the celestial host; and when in Hades, to conform them to the infernal regimen; but on earth they produce generation, of which the sea is emblematic. (*Proclus: On the Theology of Plato*, bk. vi.)

Sirius. The Dog-star; so called by the Greeks* from the adjective *serios*, hot and scorching. The Romans called it *canicula*; and the Egyptians, *sothis*.

Sirloin of Beef. A corruption of Surloin. (French, *surloin*.) *La partie du bœuf qui reste après qu'on en a coupé l'épaule et la cuisse.* In Queen Elizabeth's "Progresses," one of the items mentioned under March 31st, 1573, is a "sorloyn of byf." Fuller tells us that Henry VIII. jocularly knighted the surloin. If so, James I. could claim neither wit nor originality when, at a banquet given him at Hogston Tower, near Blackburn, he said, "Bring hither that surloin, sirrah, for 'tis worthy of a more honourable post, being, as I may say, not *surloin*, but *sirloin*."

"Dining with the Abbot of Reading, he [Henry VIII.] ate so heartily of a loin of beef that the abbot said he would give 1,000 marks for such a stomach. 'Done!' said the king, and kept the abbot a prisoner in the Tower, won his 1,000 marks, and knighted the beef."—*See Fuller: Church History*, vi. 2, p. 259 (1655).

Sisyphus (Latin; *Sisyphos*, Greek). A fraudulent avaricious king of Corinth, whose task in the world of shades is to roll a huge stone to the top of a hill, and fix it there. It so falls out that the stone no sooner reaches the hill-top than it bounds down again.

Sit Bodkin (*To*). (*See* **BODKIN**.)

Sit Out (*To*). "To remain to the end. Not to join, as 'to sit out a dance.'"

Sit Under . . . (*To*). To attend the ministry of . . .

"On a Sunday the household marched away in separate groups to half-a-dozen edifies, each to sit under his or her favourite minister."—*W. M. Thackeray*.

Sit Up (for anyone) (*To*). To await the return of a person after the usual hour of bed-time.

"His own maid would sit up for him."—*George Eliot*.

Sit Upon (*To*). To snub, squash, smother, set down; as the Latin *insidiare*. Charlotte Brontë, in *Shirley* (xxviii.), uses a phrase which seems analogous: Miss Keeldar says she mentioned the mischance to no one—"I preferred to cushion the matter."

"Mr. Schwann and his congeners should be most energetically sat upon by colleagues and opponents alike, by everyone, in fact, who has the welfare of the empire at heart."—*The World*, April 6th, 1892, p. 19.

Sit on the Rail or Fence (*To*). To refuse to promise your support to a party; to reserve your vote.

"In American slang, he was always sitting on the rail between Catholics and Huguenots."—*The Times*.

Sit on Thorns (*To*) or on **Tenter-hooks**. To be in a state of anxiety, fearful that something will go wrong.

Sitâ. Wife of Râma or Vishnu incarnate, carried off by the giant Ravana. She was not born, but arose from a furrow when her father Janâka, King of Mithila, was ploughing. The word means "furrow."

Sitting in Banco. The judges of the courts of law at Westminster are said to be "sitting in banco" so long as they sit together on the benches of their respective courts—that is, all term time. Banco is the Italian for "bench."

Sieve and Shewars. (*See* under **ORACLE**.)

Sî'va (Indian). The destroyer who, with Brahma and Vishnu, forms the divine trinity of the Brahmans. He has five heads, and is the emblem of fire. His wife is Parvati or Parbutta (Sanskrit, *auspicious*).

Six. Six thrice or three dice. Everything or nothing. "*Cæsar aut nullus.*" The Greeks and Romans used to play with three dice. The highest throw was three sixes, and the lowest three aces. The aces were left blank, and three aces were called "three dice." (*See* **CÆSAR**.)

Six-and-Eightpence used to be called a "noble" (*q.v.*), the third of a pound. The half-noble was often called "ten groats," and was in Shakespeare's time the usual lawyer's fee.

"As fit as ten groats is for the hand of an attorney."—*Shakespeare: All's Well that Ends Well*, II. 2.

Six Articles (33 Henry VIII.) enjoin the belief in (1) the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist; (2) the sufficiency of communion in one kind; (3) the celibacy of the priests; (4) the obligation of vows of chastity; (5) the expediency of private masses; and (6) the necessity of auricular confession.

Six-hooped Pot. A two-quart pot. Quart pots were bound with three hoops, and when three men joined in drinking each man drank his hoop. Mine host of the *Black Bear* calls Tressilian "A six-hooped pot of a traveller," meaning a first-class guest, because he paid freely, and made no complaints. (*Kenilworth*, chap. iii.)

Six Members. The six members that Charles I. went into the House of Commons to arrest were Lord Kimbolton, Pym, Hollis, Hampden, Sir Arthur Haselrig, and Stroud. Being warned in time, they made good their escape.

Six Months' War. The Franco-Prussian (July 28th, 1870, to January 28th, 1871).

Six Nations (*The*). The Iroquois confederacy since the Tuscaroras was added.

Six Points. (*See* PEOPLE'S CHARTER.)

Six-Principle Baptists (*The*). Those whose creed is Hebrews iv. 1, 2.

Sixes and Sevens (*All*). Ill-assorted; not matched; higgledy-piggledy.

To be at sixes and sevens. Spoken of things, it means in confusion; spoken of persons, it means in disagreement or hostility. "Six, yea seven," was a Hebrew phrase meaning an indefinite number; hence we read in Job (v. 19). "He [God] shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea in seven," etc. What is indefinite is confused. Our modern phrase would be five or six things here, and five or six things there, but nothing in proper order.

"Old Odem's adages makes not thee uneven,
Nor carelessly sees all at six and seven."

Taylor: Works, II. 71 (1830).

Long and short sixes. Certain dip candles; common in the first half of the nineteenth century. Long sixes were

those eight inches long, short sixes were thicker and about five inches long. Called sixes because six went to a pound.

Sixteen-string Jack. John Rann, a highwayman, noted for his foppery. He wore sixteen tags, eight at each knee. (Hanged in 1774.)

"Dr. Johnson said that Gray's poetry towered above the ordinary run of verse as Sixteen-string Jack above the ordinary foot-pad."—*Boswell: Life of Johnson*.

Sizar. A poor scholar whose assize of food is given him. Sizars used to have what was left at the fellows' table, because it was their duty at one time to wait on the fellows at dinner. Each fellow had his sizar. (*Cambridge University*.)

Sizings. The quota of food allowed at breakfast, and also food "sized for" at dinner. At Cambridge, the students are allowed meat for dinner, but tart, jelly, ale, etc., are obtained only by paying extra. These articles are called sizings, and those who demand them *siz* for them. The word is a contraction of assize, a statute to regulate the size or weight of articles sold. (*See* SIZE.)

"A size is a portion of bread or drink; it is a fatness which scholars in Cambridge have at the buttery. It is noted with the letter S."—*Mushet*. (*See also Ellis: Literary Letters*, p. 178.)

Skains-mate or Skains-mate. A dagger-comrade; a fencing-school companion; a fellow cut-throat. Skain is an Irish knife, similar to the American bowie-knife. Swift, describing an Irish feast, says, "A cubit at least the length of their skains." Green, in his *Quip for an Upstart Courtier*, speaks of "an ill-favoured knave, who wore by his side a skane, like a brewer's bung-knife."

"Scurry knave! . . . I am none of his skains-mates."—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, II. 4.

Skald. An old Norse poet, whose aim was to celebrate living warriors or their ancestors; hence they were attached to courts. Few complete Skaldic poems have survived, but a multitude of fragments exist.

Skedaddie. To run away, to be scattered in rout. The Scotch apply the word to the milk spilt over the pail in carrying it. During the late American war, the New York papers said the Southern forces were "skedaddled" by the Federals. (Saxon, *scedan*, to pour out; Chaldee, *scheda*; Greek, *skeda'o*, to scatter.)

Skeggs. Miss Carolina Wilhelmina Amelia Skeggs. A pretender to gentility who boasts of her aristocratic

connections, but is atrociously vulgar, and complains of being "all of a muck of sweat." (*Goldsmith: Vicar of Wakefield.*)

Skeleton. *There is a skeleton in every house.* Something to annoy and to be kept out of sight.

That is my skeleton—my trouble, the "crook in my lot."

A woman had an only son who obtained an appointment in India, but his health failed, and his mother longed for his return. One day he wrote a letter to his mother, with this strange request: "Pray, mother, get someone who has no cares and troubles to make me six shirts." The widow hunted in vain for such a person, and at length called upon a lady who told her to go with her to her bedroom. Being there she opened a closet which contained a human skeleton. "Madam," said the lady, "I try to keep my trouble to myself, but every night my husband compels me to kiss that skeleton." She then explained that the skeleton was once her husband's rival, killed in a duel. "Think you I am happy?" The mother wrote to her son, and the son wrote home: "I knew when I gave the commission that everyone had his cares and you, mother, must have yours. Know then that I am condemned to death, and can never return to England. Mother, mother! there is a skeleton in every house."

Skeleton Jackets. Jackets on which the trousers buttoned, very commonly worn by boys in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. In the illustrations of *Kate Greenaway, The Pickwick Papers, Nicholas Nickleby*, etc., are plenty of such skeleton suits. Shell-jackets are short fatigue jackets worn especially by military officers.

Skevington's Daughter, corrupted into *Scavenger's Daughter*, was an instrument of torture invented by Skevington, lieutenant of the Tower under Henry VIII. It consisted of a broad hoop of iron in two parts, fastened together by a hinge. The victim was made to kneel while the hoop was passed under his legs; he was then squeezed gradually till the hoop could be got over his back, where it was fastened.

Skibbereen and Connemara (in Ireland). Types of poverty and distress.

"You would then see the United Kingdom one vast Skibbereen or Connemara: you might convert its factories into poor-houses, and its parks into potter's fields to bury strangers in."—*C. Thomson: Autobiography*, p. 307.

Skibbereen Eagle (*The*). The chiel amang ye takin' nota. It was the *Skibbereen*, or *West Cork Eagle* newspaper, that solemnly told Lord Palmerston that it had "got its eye both upon him and on the Emperor of Russia." This terrible warning has elevated the little insignificant town of Skibbereen, in the southwest coast of Ireland, quite into a Lilliputian pre-eminence. Beware, beware, ye statesmen, emperors, and thrones, for the *Skibbereen Eagle* has its eye upon you!

Skid. A drag to check the wheels of a carriage, cart, etc., when going down hill. (*Anglo-Saxon, scid*, a splinter.)

Skiddaw. *Whenever Skiddaw hath a cap, Scruffell scots full well of that.* When my neighbour's house is on fire mine is threatened; When you are in misfortune I also am a sufferer; When you mourn I have cause also to lament. Skiddaw and Scruffell are two neighbouring hills—one in Cumberland and the other in Annandale in Scotland. When Skiddaw is capped with clouds, it will be sure to rain ere long at Scruffell. (*Fuller: Worthies.*)

Skied. Pictures are said to be skied when they are hung so high as not to be easily seen.

"Dad pictures are hung on the line by dozens, and many excellent ones are rejected or skied."—*Truth*, p. 431 (September 17, 1885)

Skillygoose. Slip-slop, wish-wash, twaddle, talk about gruel. "Skilly" is prison-gruel or, more strictly speaking, the water in which meat has been boiled thickened with oatmeal. Broth served on board the hulks to convicts is called *skilly*.

"It is the policy of Cursitor Street and skillygoose."—*The Daily Telegraph*.

Skimble-Samble. Rambling, worthless. "Skamble" is merely a variety of *scramble*, hence "scambling days," those days in Lent when no regular meals are provided, but each person "scrambles" or shifts for himself. "Skimble" is added to give force. (*See REDUPLICATED WORDS.*)

"And such a deal of skimble-skamble stuff As put me from my faith."

Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., iii. 1.

"With such scramble-scamble, spitter-spatter, As puts me cleane beside the money-matter."

Taylor's Works, ii. 30 (1730).

Skimmington. *To ride the skimmington, or riding the stang.* To be hen-pecked. *Gross* tells us that the man rode behind the woman, with his face to the horse's tail. The man held a distaff, and the woman beat him about

the jowls with a ladle. As the procession passed a house where the woman was paramount, each gave the threshold a sweep. The "stang" was a pole supported by two stout lads, across which the rider was made to stride. Mr. Douce derives "skinnington" from the *skimming-ladle* with which the rider was buffeted.

The custom was not peculiar to Scotland and England; it prevailed in Scandinavia; and Hoefnagel, in his *Views in Nerille* (1591), shows that it existed in Spain also. The procession is described at length in *Hudibras*, pt. ii. ch. ii.

"Hark ye, Dame Crasley Saddlechop," said Jenkin, starting up, his eyes flashing with anger: "remember, I am none of your husband, and if I were you would do well not to forget whose threshold was swept when they last rode the skinnington upon such another scolding jade as yourself."—*Scott: Fortunes of Nigel*.

Skin. To sell the skin before you have caught the bear. To count of your chickens before they are hatched. In the South Sea mania (1720), dealing in bear-skins was a great stock-jobbing item, and thousands of skins were sold as mere time bargains. Shakespeare alludes to a similar practice:—

"The man that once did sell the lion's skin
While the beast lived, was killed by hunting him." *Henry V.*, iv. 3.

Skin a Flint. To be very exacting in making a bargain. The French say, "*Tondre sur un aul*." The Latin, *lana caprina* (goat's wool), means something as worthless as the skin of a flint or fleece of an eggshell. (See SKINFLINT.)

Skin of his Teeth. I am escaped with the skin of my teeth (Job xix. 20). Just escaped, and that is all—having lost everything.

Skinfaxi, in Scandinavian mythology, is the "shining horse which draws Daylight over the earth." (See HORSE.)

Skinflint. A pinch-farthing; a nig-gard. "In the French, "*pince-maille*," *Maille* is an old copper coin.

Skinners. A predatory band in the American Revolutionary War which roamed over the neutral ground robbing and fleecing those who refused to take the oath of fidelity. (See ECONCHERS.)

Skirt. To sit upon one's skirt. To insult, or seek occasion of quarrel. Tarlton, the clown, told his audience the reason why he wore a jacket was that "no one might sit upon his skirt." Sitting on one's skirt is, like stamping

on one's coat in Ireland, a fruitful source of quarrels, often provoked.

"Crosse me not, Liza, nether he so perle,
For if thou doat, I'll sit upon thy skirte."
The Abolition of an Idle Hour (1620).
(Quoted by Halliwell: *Archaic Words*)

Skogan (Henry). A poet in the reign of Henry IV. Justice Shallow says he saw Sir John Falstaff, when he was a boy, "break Skogan's head at the court gate, when he [Sir John] was a crack [child] not thus high." (2 *Henry IV.*, iii. 2.)

"Skogan? What was he?
Oh, a fine gentleman, and a master of art:
Of Henry the Fourth's times, that made disguises
For the king's sons, and writ in ballad royal
Daintily well."

Ben Jonson: The Fortunate Isles (1626).

John Skogan. The favourite buffoon of the court of King Edward IV. *Skogin's Jest*s were published by Andrew Borde, a physician, in the reign of Henry VIII.

Skopts, Skopti, or *White Doves*, A Russian religious sect who, taking Matt. xix. 12 and Luke xxiii. 29 as the bases of their creed, are all eunuchs, and the women are mutilated in a most barbarous manner, as they deem it a Christian grace not to be able to bear children. They are vegetarians and total abstiners. Origen was a Skopt in everything but name.

"Look at the Mormons, the Skopts, the Shakers, the Howling Jervies, the Theosophists, and the Fakirs"—*With the Immortals*, vol. ii. p. 30.

Skull. You shall quaff beer out of the skulls of your enemies. (Scandinavian.) Skull means a cup or dish; hence a person who washes up cups and dishes is called a scullery-maid. (Scotch, *skull*, a bowl; French, *écuelle*; Danish, *skaal*, a drinking-vessel; German, *schale*; our *shell*.)

Scurry (A). A scratch race, or race without restrictions.

Harry-scurry. A confused bustle through lack of time; in a confused bustle. A reduplicated or ricochet word.

Sky, slang for pocket. Explained under the word CHIRY (q.v.).

Sky. To elevate, ennoble, raise. It is a term in ballooning; when the ropes are cut, the balloon mounts upwards to the skies. (See SKIED.)

"We found the same distinguished personage doing his best to sky some dozen or so of his best friends [referring to the poems made by Gladstone]."—*The Times*, November 16, 1892.

If the sky falls we shall catch larks. A bantering reply to those who suggest some very improbable or wild scheme.

Sky-blue. Milk and water, the colour of the skies.

"Its name derision and reproach pursue,
And strangers tell of three times skimmed sky-blue."
Bloomfield: Farmer's Boy.

Sky-rakers, strictly speaking, is a sail above the fore-royal, the main-royal, or the mizzen-royal, more frequently called "sky-scrappers." In general parlance any top-sail is so called.

"Dashed by the strange wind's sport, we were sunk deep in the green sea's trough; and before we could utter an ejaculatory prayer, were upheaved upon the crown of some fantastic surge, peering our sky-rakers into the azure vault of heaven."—*C. Thomson: Autobiography*, p. 120.

Skye (*Isle of*) means the isle of gaps or indentations (Celtic, *skyb*, a gap). Hence also the Skibbereen of Cork, which is *Skyb-bohren*, the byway gap, a pass in a mountain to the sea.

Skylark. A spree.

Skylark, among sailors, is to mount the highest yards (called sky-scrappers), and then slide down the ropes for amusement. (*See* LARK.)

Slander, Offence. Slander is a stumbling-block or something which trips a person up (Greek, *skandalon*, through the French *escandale*). Offence is the striking of our foot against a stone (Latin, *ob fendo*, as *scopulum offendit navis*, the ship struck against a rock).

Slang. Slangs are the greaves with which the legs of convicts are fettered; hence convicts themselves; and slang is the language of convicts.

Slang. The difficulty of tracing the *fons et origo* of slang words is extremely great, as there is no law to guide one. Generally, a perversion and a pun may be looked for, as *Monseigneur* = toe (*q.v.*), *Monpensier* = ventre (*i.e.* *mon-pansic*, my paunch or belly), etc. (*See* SANDIS, SQUASH, and numerous other examples in the dictionary. For rhyming slang see CHIVV.)

Slap-bang, in sport, means that the gun was discharged incessantly; it went slap here and bang there. As a term of laudation it means "very dashing," both words being playful synonyms of "dashing," the repetition being employed to give intensity. *Slap-bang, here we are again*, means, we have "popped" in again without ceremony. *Pop, slap, bang, and slash* are interchangeable.

Dickens uses the word to signify a low eating-house.

"They lived in the same street, walked to town every morning at the same hour, dined at the same slap-bang every day."

Slap-dash. In an off-hand manner. The allusion is to the method of colouring rooms by slapping and dashing the walls, so as to imitate paper. At one time slap-dash walls were very common.

Slap-up. *Prime slap-up or slap-bang-up.* Very exquisite or dashing. Here *slap* is a playful synonym of *dashing*, and "up" is the Latin *super*, as in "superfine." The dress of a dandy or the equipage of an exquisite is "slap-up," "prime slap-up," or "slap-bang-up."

"[The] more slap-up still have the shields painted on the panels with the coronet over."—*Thackeray*.

Slate. *He has a slate or tile loose.* He is a little cracked; his head or roof is not quite sound.

Slate Club (*A*). A sick benefit club for working-men. Originally the names of the members were entered on a folding slate; in the universities the names of members are marked on a board, or on boards; hence such expressions as "his name is on the boards," "I have taken my name off the boards."

Slate One (*To*). To criticise, expose in print, show up, reprove. A scholastic term. Rebellions and idle boys are slated, that is, their names are set down on a slate to expose their offence, and some punishment is generally awarded.

"The journalists there lead each other a dance. If one man 'slates' another for what he has done, it is pistols for two, and then coffin for one."—*French (The L'ugnaire Penmen)*, 1885.

Slatting (*A*). A slashing review.

"He cut it up root and branch. . . . He gave it what he technically styled 'a slating'; and as he threw down his pen. . . . he muttered, 'I think I've pretty well settled that dunce's business.'"—*The World*, February 24th, 1882, p. 24.

Slave (1 syl.). This is an example of the strange changes which come over some words. The Slavi were a tribe which once dwelt on the banks of the Dnieper, and were so called from *slav* (noble, illustrious); but as, in the lower ages of the Roman empire, vast multitudes of them were spread over Europe in the condition of captive servants, the word came to signify a slave.

Similarly, *Goths* means the good or godlike men; but since the invasion of the Goths the word has become synonymous with barbarous, bad, ungodlike.

Distraction is simply "dis-traho," as *diversion* is "di-vento." The French still employ the word for recreation or amusement, but when we talk of being distracted we mean anything but being amused or entertained.

Sleeve. *The ravelled sleeve of care* (*Shakespeare: Macbeth*). The sleeve is the knotted or entangled part of thread or silk, the raw edge of woven articles. Chaucer has "sleeveless words" (words like ravelings, not knit together to any wise purpose); Bishop Hall has "sleeveless rhymes" (random rhymes); Milton speaks of "sleeveless reason" (reasoning which proves nothing); Taylor the water-poet has "sleeveless message" (a simple message; it now means a *profitless* one). The weaver's *slate* is still used. (Saxon, *slæc*, a weaver's reed; Danish, *sløffe*, a knot.)

"If all these fail, a beggar-woman may
A sweet love-letter to her hands convey,
Or a neat landress or a hearth-wife can
Carry a sleeveless message now and then."
Taylor's Works, ii. 111 (1630).

Sleck-stone. The ebon stone used by goldsmiths to *slecken* (polish) their gold with. Carriers use a similar stone for smoothing out creases of leather; the *slecker* is also made of glass, steel, etc. (Icelandic, *slitr*, our word *sleek*.)

Sledge-hammer. *A sledge-hammer argument.* A clincher; an argument which annihilates opposition at a blow. The sledge-hammer is the largest sort of hammer used by smiths, and is wielded by both hands. The word sledge is the Saxon *sleoge* (a sledge).

Sleep (Anglo-Saxon *slæpan*). Crabbe's etymology of *doze* under this word is exquisite:—

"Doze, a variation from the French *dors* and the Latin *dormio* (to sleep), which was anciently *dermia*, and comes from the Greek *derma* (a skin), because people lay on skins when they slept!"—*Synonymes*.

To sleep away. To pass away in sleep, to consume in sleeping; as, to sleep one's life away.

To sleep off. To get rid of by sleep.

Sleep like a Top. When peg-tops and humming-tops are at the acme of their gyration they become so steady and quiet that they do not seem to move. In this state they are said to sleep. Soon they begin to totter, and the tipsy movement increases till they fall. The French say, *Dormir comme un sabot*, and *Mon sabot dort*. (See SMILES.)

Sleeper (*The*). Epimenides, the Greek poet, is said to have fallen asleep in a cave when a boy, and not to have waked for fifty-seven years, when he found himself possessed of all wisdom. Rip Van Winkle, in Washington Irving's tale, is supposed to sleep for twenty years, and wake up an old man, unknowing and unknown. (See KLAUS.)

Sleepers. Timbers laid asleep or resting on something, as the sleepers of a railway. (Anglo-Saxon, *slæpere*.)

The Seven Sleepers. (See SEVEN.)

Sleeping Beauty. From the French *La Belle au Bois Dormant*, by Charles Perrault (*Contes du Temps*). She is shut up by enchantment in a castle, where she sleeps a hundred years, during which time an impenetrable wood springs up around. Ultimately she is disenchanted by a young prince, who marries her. Epimenides, the Cretan poet, went to fetch a sheep, and after sleeping fifty-seven years continued his search, and was surprised to find when he got home that his younger brother was grown grey. (See RIP VAN WINKLE.)

Sleepless Hat (*A*). A worthless, worn-out hat, which has no nap.

Sleepy Hollow. The name given, in Washington Irving's *Sketch Book*, to a quiet old-world village on the Hudson.

Sleeve. *To hang on one's sleeve.* To listen devoutly to what one says; to surrender your freedom of thought and action to the judgment of another. The allusion is to children hanging on their mother's sleeve.

To have in one's sleeve is to offer a person's name for a vacant situation. Dean Swift, when he waited on Harley, had always some name in his sleeve. The phrase arose from the custom of placing pockets in sleeves. These sleeve-pockets were chiefly used for memoranda, and other small articles.

To laugh in one's sleeve. To ridicule a person not openly but in secret; to conceal a laugh by hiding your face in the large sleeves at one time worn by men. *Rire sous cape*.

To pin to one's sleeve, as, "I shan't pin my faith to your sleeve," meaning, "I shall not slavishly believe or follow you." The allusion is to the practice of knights, in days of chivalry, pinning to their sleeve some token given them by their ladylove. This token was a pledge that he would do or die.

Sleeve of Care. (See SLEAVE.)

Sleeve of Hildebrand (*The*), from which he shook thunder and lightning.

Sleeveless Errand. A fruitless errand. It should be written *sleeveless*, as it comes from *sleeve*, ravelled thread, or the raw-edge of silk. In *Troilus and Cressida*, Thersites the railer calls Patroclus an "idle immaterial skein of sleeve silk" (v. 1).

Sleight of Hand is artifice by the hand. (Icelandic, *slæðg*; German, *schlich*, cunning or trick.)

"And still the less they understand,
The more they admire his sleight of hand."
Butler: Hudibras, pt. ii. c. 3.

Sleip'nir (2 syl.). Odin's grey horse, which had eight legs, and could carry his master over sea as well as land. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Slender. A country lout, a booby in love with Anne Page, but of too faint a heart to win so fair a lady. (*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*.)

Slenth-Hound. A blood-hound which follows the *slenth* or track of an animal. (*Slot*, the track of a deer, is Icelandic, Anglo-Saxon *sluting*; Icelandic, *sloth*, trail; Dutch, *sloot*.)

"There is a law also among the Borderers in time of peace, that whoso deneth entrance or suite of a slenth-hound in pursuit made after fellows and stolen goods, shall be holden as accessarie unto the theft."—*Holinshed: Description of Scotland*, p. 14.

Slewed. Intoxicated. When a vessel changes her tack, she staggers and gradually heels over. A drunken man moves like a ship changing her angle of sailing. (Probably from the Icelandic, *snua*, turn.)

"Mr. Hornby was just a bit slewed by the liquor he'd taken."—*W. C. Russell: A Strange Voyage*, chap. xii. p. 25.

Slick (Sam). A Yankee clock-maker and pedlar, wonderfully 'cute, a keen observer, and with plenty of "soft sawder." Judge Haliburton wrote the two series called *Sam Slick*, or the *Clock-maker*.

Slick Off. To finish a thing there and then without stopping; to make a clean sweep of a job in hand. Judge Haliburton's *Sam Slick* popularised the word. (German, *schlicht*, sleek, polished, hence *clean*; Icelandic, *slike*, sleek.) We say, "To do a thing clean off" as well as "slick off."

Sliding Scale. A schedule of payment which slides up and down as the article to which it refers becomes dearer or cheaper. In government duty it varies as the amount taxed varies.

Slip. *Many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip*. Everything is uncertain till you possess it. (See *ANGLOS*.)

"Multa cadunt inter calicem supremaque labra."
Horace.

To give one the slip. To steal off unperceived; to elude pursuit. A sea-phrase. In fastening a cable to a buoy, the home end is slipped through the hawse-pipe. To give the slip is to cut

away the cable, so, as to avoid the noise of weighing anchor.

Slippers. The Turks wear *yellow* slippers; the Armenians, *red*; and the Jews, *blue*.

Slipshod, applied to literature, means a loose, careless style of composition; no more fit for the public eye than a man with his shoes down at heels.

Slipshod. A ricochet word meaning wishy-washy. (Anglo-Saxon, *slip-an*, to melt, which makes *siopen* in the past participle.)

Sloane MSS. 3,560 MSS. collected by Sir Hans Sloane, now in the British Museum. The museum of Sir Hans formed the basis of the British Museum. (1660-1753.)

Slogan. A war-cry, a Scotch gathering-cry. (Anglo-Saxon, *sledn*, to fight, pret. *slog*; Gaelic, *slough-gairm*, an army-yell.)

Slop (Dr.). A choleric physician in Sterne's *Tristram Shandy*.

Dr. Slop. Sir John Stoddart, M.D., a choleric physician who assailed Napoleon most virulently in *The Times*, of which he was editor. (1773-1856.)

Slops (The). The police; originally "ecilop."

"I dragged you in here and saved you,
And sent out a gal for the slops,
Ha! they're a-comin', sir! Listen!
The noise and the shoutin' stops."

Sims: Ballads of Babylon (The Matron's Story).

Slop'ard (Dame). The wife of Grim-bard, the brock (or badger), in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*.

Slope (1 syl.). To decamp; to run away.

Slough of Despond. A deep bog which Christian has to cross in order to get to the Wicket Gate. Help comes to his aid. Neighbour Pliable went with Christian as far as the Slough, and then turned back again. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, part i.)

Slow. Stupid, dull. A "quick boy" is one who is sharp and active. *Awfully slow*, slang for very stupid and dull.

Slow Coach. A dawdle. As a slow coach in the old coaching-days "got on" slowly, so one that "gets on" slowly is a slow coach.

Slubber-Degullion. A nasty, paltry fellow. A *slub* is a roll of wool drawn out and only slightly twisted; hence to *slubber*, to twist loosely, to do things by

halves, to perform a work carelessly. *Iegullion* is compounded of the word "gull," or the Cornish "gullian," a simpleton.

"Quoth she, 'Although th' hast deserved, Iase slubber-degullion, to be served As thou didst vow to deal with me.'"
Butler: *Hudibras*, l. 3.

Slug-abled (A). A late riser.

"The Interrup is no slug-abled."—*Notes and Queries* (Aug. 11, 1891, p. 1114, col. 3).

Slumland. The localities of the destitute poor who dwell in the slums.

"Not only have we the inhabitants of Slumland to deal with, but a steadily growing number of skilled and fairly educated artisans."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1892, p. 888.

Slums. "The back slums"—i.e. the purloous of Westminster Abbey, etc., where vagrants get a night's lodging.

Sly (Christopher). A keeper of bears and a tinker, son of a pedlar, and a sad, drunken sot. In the Induction of Shakespeare's comedy called *Taming of the Shrew*, he is found dead drunk by a lord, who commands his servants to put him to bed, and on his waking to attend upon him like a lord, to see if they can bamboozle him into the belief that he is a great man, and not Christopher Sly at all. The "commonly" of *Taming of the Shrew* is performed for his delectation. The trick was played by the Caliph Haroun Alraschid on Abou Hassan, the rich merchant, in the tale called *The Sleeper Awakened (Arabian Nights)*, and by Philippe the Good, Duke of Burgundy, on his marriage with Eleanor, as given in Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy* (pt. ii. sec. 2, num. 4).

Sly-Boots. One who appears to be a dolt, but who is really wide awake; a cunning dolt.

"The frog called the lazy one several times, but in vain, there was no such thing as stirring him, though the sly-boots heard well enough all the while."—*Adventures of Abdulla*, p. 52 (1725).

Sly Dog. You're a sly dog. "Un fin nutous." A playful way of saying. You pretend to be disinterested, but I can read between the lines.

Sly as a Fox. (See SMILES.)

Slyme (Cheney). In *Martin Chuzzlewit*, by Charles Dickens.

Small. Small by degrees and beautifully less. Prior, in his *Henry and Emma*, wrote "Fine by degrees," etc.

Small-back. Death. So called because he is usually drawn as a skeleton.

"Small-back must lead down the dance with us all in our time."—*Sir Walter Scott*.

Small Beer. "To suckle fools and chronicle small beer." (Iago in the play of *Othello*, ii. 1.)

He does not think small beer of himself. He has a very good opinion of number one.

"To express her self-esteem (it might be said) that she did not think small beer of herself."—*De Quincey: Historical Essays*.

Small-endians. The Big-endians of Lilliput made it a point of orthodoxy to crack their eggs at the big end; but were considered heretics for so doing by the Small-endians, who insisted that eggs ought to be broken at the small end. (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels*.)

Small Hours of the Morning (The).

One, two, three, four, etc., before day-break. A student who sits up all night, and goes to bed at one, two, three, etc., is said to work till the small hours of the morning, or to go to bed in the small hours of the morning.

Smalls. In for his smalls; Passed his smalls—his "Little-go," or previous examination; the examination for degree being the "Great-go," or "Greats."

Smart Money. Money paid by a person to obtain exemption from some disagreeable office or duty; in law it means a heavy fine; and in recompense it means money given to soldiers or sailors for injuries received in the service. It either makes the person "smart," i.e. suffer, or else the person who receives it is paid for smarting.

Smash. Come to smash—to ruin. *Smashed to pieces*, broken to atoms. *Smash* is a corruption of *mash*; Latin, *masticare*, to bite to pieces. (See SLOPE.)

"I have a great mind to . . . let social position go to smash."—*Eggleston: Fifth Doctor*, p. 63.

Smec (in Hudibras). A contraction of *Smectymnuus*, a word made from the initial letters of five rebels—

Stephen Marshal.

Edward Calamy.

Thomas Young.

Matthew Newcomen.

William Spurstow, who wrote a book against Episcopacy, and the Common Prayer. (See NOTARICA.)

"The handkerchief about the neck, canonical cravat of Smec."

Butler: *Hudibras*, pt. 1, l. 5.

Smectymnuans. Anti-Episcopalian.

Smectymnuus. (See SMEC.)

Smell (an acute sense). James Mitchell was deaf, dumb, and blind from birth, "but he distinguished persons by

their smell, and by means of the same sense formed correct judgments as to character." (*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1894, p. 579.)

Smell a Rat (To). To suspect something about to happen. The allusion is to a cat or dog smelling out vermin.

I smell treason. I discern treason involved; I have some aim that would lead to treason.

Smelling Sin. Shakespeare says, "Do you smell a fault?" (*King Lear*, i. 1); and Iago says to Othello, "One may smell in this a will most rank." Probably the smell of dogs may have something to do with such phrases, but St. Jerome furnishes even a better source. He says that St. Hilarion had the gift of knowing what sins or vices anyone was inclined to by simply smelling either the person or his garments; and by the same faculty he could discern good feelings and virtuous propensities. (*Life of Hilarion*, A.D. 390.)

Smells of the Lamp. Said of a literary production manifestly laboured. Plutarch attributes the phrase to Pythias the orator, who said, "The orations of Demosthenes smell of the lamp," alluding to the current tale that the great orator lived in an underground cave lighted by a lamp, that he might have no distraction to his severe study.

Smelts (Stock-Exchange term), meaning "English and Australian copper shares." (*See STOCK-EXCHANGE SLANG.*)

Smiler, the name of a drink, is a mixture of bitter beer and lemonade. In the United States, a drink of liquor is called a "smile," and the act of treating one at the bar is giving one a "smile." Of course this is metaphorical. (*See SHANDY-GAFF.*)

Smith. A proper name. (*See BREWEE.*)

Smith of Nottingham. Ray, in his *Collection of Proverbs*, has the following couplet:—

"The little Smith of Nottingham,
Who doth the work that no man can."

Applied to conceited persons who imagine that no one is able to compete with themselves.

Smith's Prize-man. One who has obtained the prize (£25), founded in the University of Cambridge by Robert Smith, D.D. (once master of Trinity), for proficiency in mathematics and natural philosophy. There are annually two

prizes, awarded to two commencing Bachelors of Arts.

Smithfield. The smooth field (Anglo-Saxon, *smelthe*, smooth), called in Latin *Campus Planus*, and described by Fitz-Stephen in the twelfth century as a "plain field where every Friday there is a celebrated rendezvous of fine horses brought thither to be sold."

Smoke. To detect, or rather to get a scent, of some plot or scheme. The allusion is to the detection of robbers by the smoke soon to issue from their place of concealment.

No smoke without fire. Every slander has some foundation. The reverse proverb, "No fire without smoke," means no good without some drawback.

To end in smoke. To come to no practical result. The allusion is to kindling, which smokes, but will not light a fire.

To smoke the calumet (or pipe) of peace. (*See CALUMET.*)

Smoke Farthings. An offering given to the priest at Whitsuntide, according to the number of chimneys in his parish.

"The Bishop of Ely hath out of every parish in Cambridge shires certain tribute called . . . smoke-farthings, which the churchwardens do levy according to the number of . . . chimneys that be in a parish."—*MSS. Baker*, xlix. 320.

Smoke Silver. A modus of 6d. in lieu of tithe firewood.

Snack. *The snack of a door* (Norfolk). The latch. Generally called the "sneek" (*q.v.*).

To take a snack. To take a morsel.

To go snacks. To share and share alike.

Snails have no sex, "*chacon remissant les deux sexes.*" (Anglo-Saxon, *snayt*.)

Snake-Stones. Small rounded stones or matters compounded by art, and supposed to cure snake-bites. Mr. Quekett discovered that two given to him for analysis were composed of vegetable matters. Little perforated stones are sometimes hung on cattle to charm away adders.

Snake in the Grass. A secret enemy; an enemy concealed from sight. Rhyming slang, "a looking-glass."

"Latet anguis in herba."

Virgil, *Eclogue* iii. 93.

Snakes in his Boots (To have). To suffer from D.T. (*delirium tremens*). This is one of the delusions common to those so afflicted.

"He's been pretty high on whisky for two or three days . . . and they say he's got snakes in his boots now."—*The Barber's Experiment*, ch. iv.

Snap-Dragons. (See FLAP-DRAGON.)

Snap of the Fingers. *Not worth a snap of the fingers.* A fico. (See FIG.)

Snap One's Nose Off. (See under NOSE.)

Snarling Letter (Latin, *lit'era canina*). The letter *r*. (See R.)

Sneck Posset. To give one a sneck posset is to slam the door in his face (Cumberland and Westmoreland). The "sneck" or snick is the latch of a door, and to "sneck the door in one's face" is to shut a person out. Mrs. Browning speaks of "nicking" the door.

"The lady closed
That door, and nicked the lock,"
Anona Leigh, book vi. line 1967.

Probably allied to *niche*, to put the latch into its niche.

Sneezed. *It is not to be sneezed at—* not to be despised. (See SNUFF.)

Sneezing. Some Catholics attribute to St. Gregory the use of the benediction ("God bless you," after sneezing, and say that he enjoined its use during a pestilence in which sneezing was a mortal symptom, and was therefore called the death-sneeze. Aristotle mentions a similar custom among the Greeks; and Thucydides tells us that sneezing was a crisis symptom of the great Athenian plague. The Romans followed the same custom, and their usual exclamation was "*Abiit omen!*" We also find it prevalent in the New World among the native Indian tribes, in Sennar, Monomatapa, etc. etc.

It is almost incredible how ancient and how widely diffused is the notion that sneezing is an omen which requires to be averted. The notion prevailed not only in ancient Greece and Rome, but is existent in Persia, India, and even Africa. The rabbins tell us that Jacob in his flight gave a sneeze, the evil effects of which were averted by prayer.

In the conquest of Florida, when the Spaniards arrived, the *Casique* were told, sneezed, and all the court lifted up their hands and implored the sun to avert the evil omen.

In the rebellion of Monomatapa, in Africa, the king sneezed, and a signal of the fact being given, all the faithful subjects instantly made vows and offerings for his safety. The same is said respecting Sennar, in Nubia, in Sweden, etc.

The Sudder (one of the sacred books of the Parsees) enjoins that all people should have recourse to prayer if a person sneezes, because sneezing is a proof that the "Evil Spirit is abroad."

Forde, in his *Farce of Dr. Last in His Chair*, makes one of the consulting doctors ask why, when a person sneezes, all the company bows? and the answer given was that "sneezing is a mortal symptom which once depopulated Athens."

"In Sweden . . . you sneeze, and they cry God bless you."—*Longfellow*.

Snicker-snee. A large clasp-knife, or combat with clasp-knives.. ("Snick," Icelandic *sniikka*, to clip; verb, *smitla*,

to cut. "Snee" is the Dutch *snee*, an edge; *sniiden*, to cut.) Thackeray, in his *Little Billee*, uses the term "snicker-snee."

"One man being busy in lighting his pipe, and another in sharpening his snicker-snee."—*Irving: Bracebridge Hall*, p. 462.

Snider Rifle. (See GUN.)

Snob. Not a gentleman; one who arrogates to himself merits which he does not deserve. Thackeray calls George IV. a snob, because he assumed to be "the greatest gentleman in Europe," but had not the genuine stamp of a gentleman's mind. (S privative and nob.)

Snood. *The lassie lost her silken snood.* The snood was a riband with which a Scotch lass braided her hair, and was the emblem of her maiden character. When she married she changed the snood for the curch or coif; but if she lost the name of virgin before she obtained that of wife, she "lost her silken snood," and was not privileged to assume the curch. (Anglo-Saxon, *snoð*.)

Snooks. An exclamation of incredulity; a Mrs. Harris. A person tells an incredible story, and the listener cries *Snooks*--gammon; or he replies, *It was Snooks*--the host of the Chateau d'Espagne. This word "snook" may be a corruption of Noakes or Nokes, the mythical party at one time employed by lawyers to help them in actions of ejectment. (See STYLES.)

Snore. *You snore like an owl.* It is very generally believed that owls snore, and it is quite certain that a noise like snoring proceeds from their nests; but this is most likely the "purring" of the young birds, nestling in comfort and warmth under the parent wing.

Snow King. Gustavus Adolphus, of Sweden. (1594, 1611-1632.)

"At Vienna he was called in derision the Snow King who was kept together by the cold, but would melt and disappear as he approached a warmer soil."—*Dr. Crichon: Scandinavia*, vol. ii. p. 61.

Snowdonia. The district which contains the mountain range of Snowdon.

The King of Snowdonia. Moel-y-Wyddfa (*the conspicuous peak*), the highest in South Britain. (3,571 feet above the sea-level.)

Snowdrop (*The*). Tickell's fable is that King Albion's son fell in love with Kenna, daughter of Oberon, but Oberon in anger drove the lover out of fairyland. Albion's son brought an army to avenge the indignity, and was slain. Kenna

applied the herb moly to the wounds, hoping to restore life; but the moment the juice of the herb touched the dead body it was converted into a snowdrop. Called the Fair Maid of February.

Snuff. *Up to snuff.* Wide awake, knowing, sharp; not easily taken in or imposed upon; alive to scent (Dutch, *snuffen*, to scent, *snuf*; Danish, *snüfte*).

Took it in snuff—in anger, in huff.

"You'll mar the light by taking it in snuff."

Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost, i. 2.

"Who . . . when it next came there, took it in snuff."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.*, i. 3.

Snuff Out. *He was snuffed out*—put down, eclipsed. The allusion is to a candle snuffed with snuffers.

Soane Museum, formed by Sir John Soane, and preserved in its original locality, No. 13, Lincoln's Inn Fields, the private residence of the founder. Sir John Soane died in 1837.

Soap. An English form of *savon*, the French for soap.

How are you off for soap? (for money or any other necessity). The insurgent women of Paris, in February, 1793, went about crying, "*Du pain et du savon!*" (bread and soap).

"A deputation of wash-women petitioned the Convention for soap, and their plaintive cry was heard round the Salle de Manège."—*Carlyle: French Revolution*, pt. iii. bk. iii. l.

Soap (Castile). A hard white soap made of olive oil, sometimes mottled with ferruginous matter.

There are also Marseilles soap, Spanish soap, Venetian soap, and marine soap (usually made of coconut oil and used with sea-water).

Soaped-pig Fashion (In). Vague; a method of speaking or writing which always leaves a way of escape. The allusion is to the custom at fairs, etc., of soaping the tail of a pig before turning it out to be caught by the tail.

"He is vague as may be; writing in what is called the 'soaped-pig' fashion."—*Carlyle: The Diamond Necklace*, chap. iv.

Soapy Sam. Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, and afterwards of Winchester. (1805-1873.) It is somewhat remarkable that the floral decorations above the stall of the bishop and of the principal of Cuddesdon, were S. O. A. P. (the initials of Sam Oxon and Alfred Pott). When Samuel Wilberforce went to inspect the building he was dismayed at seeing his sobriquet thus perpetuated.

Someone asking the bishop why he was so called, the bishop replied, "Because I am often in hot water, and always come out with clean hands."

Sober or **Sobrius** is the Latin *s* privative, and *ebrius*, drunk. (*S* privative is for *seorinus*.)

Sober as a Judge—i.e. grave and sedate. (*See* SIMILES.)

Sobri'no (in *Orlando Furioso*). One of the most valiant of the Saracen army. He is called the Sage. He was aged, and counselled Ag'ramant to give up the war and return home, or, if he rejected that advice, to entrust the fight to single combat, on condition that the nation of the champion overthrown should pay tribute to the other. Rogero was chosen for the pagan champion, and Rinaldo for the Christian, but Agramant broke the league. Sobri'no soon after this received the rite of baptism.

Don Quixote asks—

"Who more prudent than Sobri'no?"

Sobriquet (French). A nickname. Ménage thinks the etymology is the Latin *subridiculum* (somewhat ridiculous); Count de Gebelin suggests the Romance words *sopra-quest* (a name acquired over and above your proper names); while Leglay is in favour of *soubriquet*, a word common in the fourteenth century to express a sound of contempt, half whistle and half jest, made by raising quickly the chin. Probably *sous-brechet*, where *brechet* means the breast, seen in our word "brisket."

Socialism (3 syl.). The political and social scheme of Robert Owen, of Montgomeryshire, who in 1816 published a work to show that society was in a wretched condition, and all its institutions and religious systems were based on wrong principles. The prevailing system is competition, but Owen maintained that the proper principle is co-operation; he therefore advocated a community of property and the abolition of degrees of rank. (1771-1858.)

The Socialists are called also Owenites (3 syl.). In France the Fourierists and St. Simonians are similar sorts of communists, who receive their designations from Fourier and St. Simon (*q.v.*).

Société de Momus. One of the minor clubs of Paris for the reunion of song-writers and singers. The most noted of these clubs was the *Cureau*, or in full *Les Diners du Cureau*, founded in 1733 by Piron, Crébillon, jun., and Collet. This club lasted till the Revolution. In the Consulate was formed *Les Diners du Vaudeville*, for the *habités* of the drama; these *diners* were held in the house of Juliet, an actor. In 1806 the

old *Carreau* was revived under the name of the *Carreau Moderne*, and the muster was once a month at a restaurant entitled *La Rocher de Cancale*, famous for fish dinners, and Laujon (the French Anacreon) was president. Béranger belonged to this club, which lasted ten years. In 1824 was founded the *Gymnase Lyrique*, which, like the *Carreau*, published an annual volume of songs; this society was dissolved in 1841. In 1834 was founded *La Lice Chansonnière*, for those who could not afford to join the *Carreau* or the *Gymnase*, to which we owe some of the best French songs.

Society. The upper ten thousand, or "the upper ten." When persons are in "society," they are on the visiting lists of the fashionable social leaders. The "society" of a district are the great panjandrums thereof.

"All the society of the district were present at the prince's ball." *Newspaper paragraph*, December, 1855.

- **Sock** [comedy]. The Greek comic actors used to wear a sandal and sock. The difference between the sock and the tragic buskin was this--the sock went only to the ankle, but the buskin extended to the knee. (*See BUSKIN*.)

"Then to the well-trod stage anon,
If Jonson's learned sock be on,"
Milton: L'Allegro.

Sock a Corpse (*To*). To shroud it. (French, *sac*, a cerement or shroud.)

"Lail. Item paid for a sheet to sock a poor man that died at By bones, 1s. 6d." *Parish Register*.

Socrates. The greatest of the ancient philosophers, whose chief aim was to amend the morals of his countrymen, the Athenians. Cicero said of him that "he brought down philosophy from the heavens to earth;" and he was certainly the first to teach that "the proper study of mankind is man." Socrates resisted the unjust sentence of the senate, which condemned to death the Athenian generals for not burying the dead at the battle of Arginusæ.

"Socrates -
Who, firmly good in a corrupted state,
Against the rage of tyrants single stood
Invincible." *Thomson: Winter*.

Socrates used to call himself "the midwife of men's thoughts." Out of his intellectual school sprang those of Plato and the Dialectic system; Euclid and the Megaric; Aristippus and the Cyrenaic; Antisthenes and the Cynic.

Sodom. *Apples of Sodom* or *mad apples*. Strabo, Tacitus, and Josephus describe them as beautiful externally and filled with ashes. These "apples"

are in reality gall-nuts produced by the insect called *Cynips masana*.

Softarides (3 syl.). A dynasty of four kings, which lasted thirty-four years and had dominion over Khorassan, Seistan, Fars, etc. (873-907); founded by Yacoub ebn Laith, surnamed *al Saffar* (the brazier), because his father followed that trade in Seistan.

Soft. *He's a soft*--half a fool. The word originally meant effeminate, unmanly; hence soft in brains, silly, etc., "soft in courage." (3 *Henry VI.*, ii. 2.)

Soft Sawder. Flattery, adulation. A play is intended between solder (pronounced *sauder*) and sawder, a compound of *saw* (a saying). Soft solder, a composition of tin and lead, is used for soldering zinc, lead, and tin; hard solder for brass, etc. (French; *soudure*, Latin, *solvulus*.)

Soft Soap. Flattery, complimentary words. (*See SOAPY SAM*.)

Soft as Soap--as "silk," as "velvet." (*See SIMILIS*.)

Soft Fire makes Sweet Malt (*A*). Too fierce a fire would burn malt and destroy its sweetness, and too much hurry or precipitation spoils work. "Soft and fair goes far;" "Love me little, love me long;" "Slow and steady wins the race;" "He who is in haste fishes in an empty pond;" "The more haste the worse speed;" "He who walks too hastily will stumble in a plain way;" "Hastily and well never met;" "It is good to have a hatch before the door;" "Hasty climbers have sudden falls."

Soft Words Butter no Parsnips, or "Fair words," etc. Saying "Be thou fed" will not feed a hungry man. "Good words will not fill a sack." To "butter parsnips" means also "*dorer la pilule*" ("soft words will not gild the pill of distress").

Softly. *To walk softly.* To be out of spirits. In Greece, mourners for the dead used to cut off their hair, go about muffled, and walk softly to express want of spirit and strength. When Elijah denounced the judgments of heaven against Ahab, that wicked king "fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly" to show that his strength was exhausted with sorrow (1 Kings xxi. 27). Isaiah says, "I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul" (xxxviii. 15). The Psalmist says, "My clothing was sackcloth . . . I walked as [for] a friend

or brother." The French *Je vais doucement* means precisely the same thing: "I go softly," because I am indisposed, out of sorts, or in low spirits.

Softy. A soft, simple person.

"She were but a softy after all."—*Mrs. Gaskell: Sylvia's Lovers*, chap. xv.

Soho! The cry made by huntsmen when they uncouple the dogs in hunting the hare. Also to pointers and setters when they make a point. 'Tally-ho! (q.v.) is the cry when a fox breaks cover. No! or see! is to call attention, and ho! is virtually "hie after him."

"Now is the fox drevin to hole. Hoo to hyn! Hoo! Hoo!"

For and he aye out he will you alle undo?"

Excerpta Historica, p. 279.

"If ye hounte at the hare, ye shall say, atte uncoupling, hors de couple, avant! And after, three times, Soho! Soho! Soho!"—*A fifteenth-century translation of Reliquæ Antiquæ*.

"When a stag breaks covert the cry is 'taylor!' when a hare . . . 'soho!'"—*Herbert: Field Sports*, vol. iii. appendix B, p. 313.

"Of course "Ho!" is often used merely to call attention. Thus we say to one in advance, "Ho! stop!" and "Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" (Isaiah lv. 1). This use of the word is a contracted form of *haloo!* In the hunting-field "So-ho" is doubtless a cry to encourage the dogs to follow up the quarry.

Soi-disant (French). Self-styled, would-be.

Soil. To take soil. A hunting term, signifying that the deer has taken to the water. Soil, in French, is the mire in which a wild boar wallows. (Danish, *søl*, mire; Swedish, *söla*, to wallow.)

"Elda went downe the dale to seeke the hinde,
And founde her takinge soyle within a flood."
Brown: Britannia's Pastorals, l. 84.

Soil the Milk before Using It. Yorkshire for "Sile the milk, etc."—i.e. strain it, or skim it. A sile is a sieve or strainer.

"Take a handfull of saunce, and stuffe it and temper it with hote ale, and withen sile it thorow a hote clothe."—*MS. Lincoln*, A. 1. 17 f. 29.

"Drink the licoure siled thurgh a clothe"—*MS. in Dr. Pettigrew's possession* (fifteenth century).

Sojourn (2 syl.) is the Italian *soggiorno*—i.e. sub-giorno; Latin, *sub-diurnus* (for a day, temporarily).

Sol (Latin). The sun.

"And when Dau Sol to slope his wheels began."
Thomson: Castle of Indolence, canto i.

Sol. The term given by the ancient alchemists to gold. Silver was *luna*.

Sol in the *Edda* was the daughter of Mundilfori, and sister of Ma'ni. She was so beautiful that at death she was

placed in heaven to drive the sun-chariot. Two horses were yoked to it, named Arvakur and Alswith (*watchful and rapid*). (*Scandinavian mythology*.) (See MANI.)

Sol-fa. (See DO, RE, etc.)

Solan Goose. The gunnet. (French, *Oie de Soland* (ou) *d'Ecosse*; Icelandic, *sula*.)

Sola'no. Ask no favour during the *Solano* (Spanish). Ask no favour during a time of trouble, panic, or adversity. The *Solano* of Spain is a south-east wind, extremely hot, and loaded with fine dust. It produces giddiness and irritation. Called the *Sirocco* in Italy.

Solatum (A). A recompense; a sop; a solace. (Latin, *solātium*.)

"It may be that Mr. Elden will be persuaded to take one, by way of solatium for his defeat in Sommerstebro."—*Newspaper paragraph*, December, 1885.

Soldan or Sowdan. A corruption of sultan, meaning in mediæval romance the Saracen king; but, with the usual inaccuracy of these writers, we have the Soldan of Egypt, the Sowdan of Persia, the Sowdan of Babylon, etc., all represented as accompanied by grim Saracens to torment Christians.

The Soldan, meant for Felipe of Spain, who used all his power to bribe and seduce the subjects of Elizabeth. Queen Mercilla sent to negotiate a peace, but the ambassador sent was treated like a dog, referring to Felipe's detention of the deputies sent by the States of Holland. Sir Artegal demands of the soldan the release of the damsel "held as wrongful prisoner," and the soldan "swearing and banning most blasphemously," mounts his "high chariot," and prepares to maintain his cause. Prince Arthur encounters him "on the green," and after a severe combat uncovers his shield, at sight of which the soldan and all his followers take to flight. The "swearing and banning" refer to the excommunications thundered out against Elizabeth; the "high chariot" is the Spanish Armada; the "green" is the sea; the "uncovering of the shield" indicates that the Armada was put to flight, not by man's might, but by the power of God. *Flavit Jehovah et dissipati sunt* (God blew, and they were scattered). (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, v. 8.)

Soldats (Des). Money. Shakespeare, in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, ii. 2, has "Money is a good soldier, sir, and will on." Doubtless the French use of

the word is derived from the proverbial truth that "Money is the sinews of war," combined with a pun on the word *solidus* (the pay of a soldier). The Norman *soud* (i.e. *sould*) means "wages;" Swedish, *besolda*, to pay; Danish, *besolde*, to pay wages; the French *soldat*, our *soldier*, a hireling or mercenary, and the French *sol* or *sov*.

Soldier originally meant a hireling or mercenary; one paid a *solidus* for military service; but hireling and soldier convey now very different ideas. (See above.)

To come the old soldier over one. To dictate peremptorily and profess superiority of knowledge and experience.

Soldier's Heart. A complaint common in the English army, indicated by a weak voice and great feebleness of the chest, for which soldiers are discharged. It is said to be the result of the present system of drill, which enforces expansion of the chest by restraining free breathing.

Soldiers' Battles (*The*). Malplaquet, 1709, and Inkermann, 1854, were both "soldiers' battles."

Soldiers of Fortune. Chevaliers de l'industrie; men who live by their wits. Referring to those men in mediæval times who let themselves for hire into any army.

• "His father was a soldier of fortune, as I am a sailor."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. xx.

Soldiering. A barrack term for furnishing up of accoutrements.

"I got the screws last night, but I was lucky soldiering till too late."—*J. H. Erving: Story of a Short Life*, p. 35.

Solecism (3 syl.). Misapplication of words; an expression opposed to the laws of syntax; so called from the city of Soli, in Cilicia, where an Athenian colony settled, and forgot the purity of their native language. (*Suidas*.)

Solemn. Habitual, customary. (Latin, *solemnis*, strictly speaking means "once a year," "annual," *solus-annuus*.)

"Silent night with this her solemn bird" [i.e. the nightingale, the bird familiar to night].—*Milton: Paradise Lost*, v.

"Of course the usual meaning of "solemn" is devout; but an annual festival, like Good Friday, etc., may be both devout and serious. The Latin for "it is usual," is *solemnis est*, and to "solemnise" is to celebrate an annual custom.

The Solemn Doctor. Henry Goethals

was so called by the Sorbonne. (1227-1293.)

Solemn League and Covenant, for the suppression of Popery and Prelacy, adopted by the Scotch Parliament in 1638, and accepted by the English in 1643. Charles II. swore to the Scotch that he would abide by it and therefore they crowned him in 1651 at Dunbar; but at the Restoration he not only rejected the covenant, but had it burnt by the common hangman.

Soler. An upper room, a loft, a garret. (Latin, *solarium*.)

"Hastily than went thui all,
And sought him in the maydens hall,
In chambers high, es' noight at hide,
And in solers on ilka side."
Yeane and Garcia, 807.

Solid Doctor. Richard Middleton, a cordelier; also called the *Profound Doctor*. (*-1301.)

Solingen. The Sheffield of Germany, famous for swords and fencing-foils.

Solomon. *The English Solomon.* James I., called by Sully "the wisest fool in Christendom." (1566, 1603-1625.)

Henry VII. was so called for his wise policy in uniting the York and Lancaster factions. (1457, 1485-1509.)

Solomon of France. Charles V., le Sage. (1337, 1364-1380.)

St. Louis or Louis IX. (1215, 1226-1270.)

Solomon's Carpet. (See under CARPET, PAVILION.)

Solomon's Ring. The rabbins say that Solomon wore a ring in which was set a chased stone that told the king everything he desired to know.

Solon of Parnassus. So Voltaire called Boileau, in allusion to his *Art of Poetry*. (1636-1711.)

Sol'stice (2 syl.). The summer solstice is June 21st; the winter solstice is December 22nd; so called because, on arriving at the corresponding points of the ecliptic, the sun is stopped and made to approach the equator again. (Latin, *sol sistit* or *stat*, the sun stops.)

Solyman, king of the Turks (in *Jerusalem Delivered*), whose capital was Nice. Being driven from his kingdom, he fled to Egypt, and was there appointed leader of the Arabs (bk. ix.). He and Argantes were by far the most doughty of the pagan knights. Solyman was slain by Rinaldo (bk. xx.), and Argantes by Tancred.

Soma. The moon, born from the eyes of Atri, son of Brahma; made the sovereign of plants and planets. Soma ran away with Tarn (*Star*), wife of Vrihaspati, preceptor of the gods, and Buddha was their offspring. (*Hindu mythology.*)

To drink the Soma. To become immortal. In the Vedic hymns the Soma is the moon-plant, the juice of which confers immortality, and exhilarates even the gods. It is said to be brought down from heaven by a falcon. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Somag'ia (singular *somagium*). Horse-loads. Italian. *soma*, a burden; *soma'ro*, a beast of burden, an ass. (*See SUMPTER.*)

Sombre'ro. A Spanish hat with a very wide brim.

Somerset. Anciently *Sumorsæte* or *Sumorset*—i.e. *Suth-mor-sæt* (south moor camp).

Somerset or **Somersault.** A leap in which a person turns head over heels in the air and lights on his feet. (Latin, *super saltus*; French, *soubresaut*.) Sometimes a person will turn twice or thrice in the air before he touches the ground.

"First that could make love faces, or could do
The valter's soubresauts."

Doune: Poems, p. 300.

Somerset House occupies the site of a princely mansion built by Somerset the Protector, brother of Lady Jane Seymour, and uncle of Edward VI. At the death of Somerset on the scaffold it became the property of the Crown, and in the reign of James I. was called Denmark House in honour of Anne of Denmark, his queen. Old Somerset House was pulled down in the eighteenth century, and the present structure was erected by Sir William Chambers in 1776.

Somoreen. (*See ZAMORIN*)

Son (or *descendant of*). Norman, *Fitz*; Gaelic, *Mac*; Welsh, *Ap* (sometimes contracted into *P*, as *P-richard*); Irish, *O'*; Hebrew and Arabic, *Ben*, all prefixes: English, *-son*; Russian, *-vitch* or *-witch*, postfixes.

Son of Belial. One of a wicked disposition; a companion of the wicked. (*See Judges xix. 22.*)

"Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial, they knew not the Lord."—1 Samuel ii. 12.

Son of Dripping (*A*). A man cook, a turnspit.

"Yet, son of dripping . . . let us halt;
Soft fires, the proverb tells us, make sweet malt."
Peter Pindar: The Louiad, canto ii.

Son of One Year. A child one year old; similarly a "son of sixty years," etc. (*Exodus xii. 6.*)

Son of Perdition. Judas Iscariot. (*John xvii. 12.*)

Son of perdition. Antichrist, who not only draws others to perdition, but is himself devoted to destruction. (2 Thessalonians ii. 3.)

Son of the Morning. A traveller. An Oriental phrase, alluding to the custom of rising early in the morning to avoid the mid-day heat, when on one's travels.

Son of the Star [*Bar Cochab*]. A name assumed by Simon the Jew, in the reign of Hadrian, who gave himself out to be the "Star out of Jacob" mentioned in Numbers xxiv. 17.

Sons of God. Angels, genuine Christians, or believers who are the sons of God by adoption.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."—Romans viii. 14.

Sons of God. When Judra was a theocracy the representative of God on earth was by the Jews called *god*; hence angels, rulers, prophets, and priests were called gods. Moses as the messenger of Jehovah was "a god to Pharaoh" (*Exodus vii. 1*); magistrates generally were called *gods*; thus it is said, "Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people" (*Exodus xxii. 28*). By a still further extension, anyone who gave a message to another was his god, because he "inspired him," as Moses was a god to Aaron his spokesman (*Exodus iv. 16*). Our Lord refers to this use of the word in John x. 34. (*See also Genesis vi. 2, 4*; *Job i. 6*; *ii. 1*; *Psalms lxxxii. 6*; *Exodus iv. 22, 23*; *Hosea xi. 1*.)

Sons of the Band. Soldiers rank and file. (2 Chronicles xxv. 13.)

Sons of the Mighty. Heroes. (*Psalms xxix. 1.*)

Sons of the Prophets. Disciples or scholars belonging to the "collegio of the prophets," or under instruction for the ministry. In this sense we call the University where we were educated our "Alma mater." (*See 1 Kings xx. 36.*)

Sons of the Sorcerers. Those who study and practise magic. (*Isaiah lvii. 3.*)

Song. Father of modern French song. Panard; also called the "La Fontaine of the Vaudeville." (1691-1765.)

Song of Degrées. The fifteen Psalms, exx. to cxxiv. ; so called because they are prophetic of the return or "going up" from captivity. Some think there is a connection between these Psalms and the fifteen steps of the Temple porch. (Ezekiel xl. 22-26.) In the Revised Version called "Song of Ascents."

Song of Roland, the renowned nephew of Charlemagne, slain in the pass of Roncesvalles. At the battle of Hastings, Taillefer advanced on horseback before the invading army, and gave the signal for onset by singing this famous song.

"Taillefer, who sang well and loud,
Came mounted on a charger proud;
Before the duke the minstrel sprang,
And the *Song of Roland* sang."
Brut of Wace (translated).

Song of Songs. The Canticles, or "Solomon's Song."

Sonna or Sunna. The Mishna or oral law of the Mahometans. Reland (*The Rebg. Mahom.*, p. 51) says these traditions were orally delivered by Mahomet, and subsequently committed to writing. Albulpharagius asserts that Ali, the son-in-law and cousin of Mahomet, was set aside because he refused to regard the oral traditions of the prophet of the same authority as the Koran. (*Hist. Dynast.*, 182.) (Arabic, *sonna*, tradition.) (See SUNNITES.)

Sonnambula (La). (See AMINA, ERVINO.)

Sonnet. *Prince of the sonnet.* Joachim du Bellay, a French sonneteer (1521-1560); but Petrarch better deserves the title. (1334-1374.)

Sop. *A sop in the pan.* A *bonne-bouche*, tit-bit, dainty morsel; a piece of bread soaked in the dripping of meat caught in a dripping-pan; also a bribe. (See below.)

To give a sop to Cerberus. To give a bribe, to quiet a troublesome customer. Cerberus is Pluto's three-headed dog, stationed at the gates of the infernal regions. When persons died the Greeks and Romans used to put a cake in their hands as a sop to Cerberus, to allow them to pass without molestation.

Soph. A student at Cambridge is a Freshman for the first term, a Junior Soph for the second year, and a Senior Soph for the third year. The word Soph is a contraction of "sophister," which is the Greek and Latin *sophistes* (a sophist). At one time these students

had to maintain a given question in the schools by opposing the orthodox view of it. These opponencies are now limited to Law and Divinity degrees.

Sophi or Saï [*mystic*], applied in Persia to ascetics generally, was given to Sheik Juneyd u Dien, grandfather of Shah Ismail, a Mahometan sectary or Shiite, who claimed descent, through Ali, from the twelve saints.

Sophis. The twelfth dynasty of Persia, founded by Shah Ismail I., grandson of Sheik Juneyd (1509). (See above.)

Sophia (St.), at Constantinople, is not dedicated to a saint named Sophia, but to the "Logos," or Second Person of the Trinity, called *Hagia Sophia* (Sacred Wisdom).

Sophist, Sophistry, Sophism, Sophisticator, etc. These words have quite run from their legitimate meaning. Before the time of Pythagoras (B.C. 586-506) the sages of Greece were called *sophists* (wise men). Pythagoras out of modesty called himself a *philosopher* (a wisdom-lover). A century later Protagoras of Abdera resumed the title, and a set of quibblers appeared in Athens who professed to answer any question on any subject, and took up the title discarded by the Wise Samian. From this moment *sophos* and all its family of words were applied to "wisdom falsely so called," and *philosophos* to the "modest search after truth."

Sorbon'ica. The public disputations sustained by candidates for membership of the Sorbonne. They began at 5 a.m. and lasted till 7 p.m.

Sorbonne. The institution of theology, science, and literature in Paris founded by Robert de Sorbon, Canon of Cambrai in 1252. In 1808 the buildings were given to the University, and since 1821 have been the *Académie universitaire de Paris*.

Sorceress. (See CANIDIA, CIRCE, etc. etc.)

Sordello. A poem by Robert Browning, showing the conflict of a minstrel about the best way of making his influence felt, whether personally or by the power of song.

Sorites (Greek). A heaped-up or cumulative syllogism. The following will serve as an example:—

All men who believe shall be saved.

All who are saved must be free from sin.

All who are free from sin are innocent in the sight of God.

All who are innocent in the sight of God are meet for heaven.

All who are meet for heaven will be admitted into heaven.

Therefore all who believe will be admitted into heaven.

The famous Sorites of Themistocles was:
That his infant son commanded the whole world, proved thus:—

My infant son rules his mother.

His mother rules me.

I rule the Athenians.

The Athenians rule the Greeks.

The Greeks rule Europe.

And Europe rules the world.

Sorrrows of Werther. A novel by Goethe. The heroine is Charlotte.

Sortēs Biblicæ. Same as the *Sortēs Virgiliæ* (*q.v.*), only the Bible was substituted for the works of the poet.

Sortes Virgiliæ. Telling one's fortune by consulting the *Æneid* of Virgil. You take up the book, open it at random, and the passage you touch at random with your finger is the oracular response. Severus consulted the book, and read these words: "Forget not thou, O Roman, to rule the people with royal sway." Gordianus, who reigned only a few days, hit upon this verse: "Fate only showed him on the earth, but suffered him not to tarry." But, certainly, the most curious instance is that given by Dr. Wellwood respecting King Charles I. and Lord Falkland while they were both at Oxford. Falkland, to amuse the king, proposed to try this kind of augury, and the king hit upon bk. iv. ver. 881-893, the gist of which passage is that "evil wars would break out, and the king lose his life." Falkland, to laugh the matter off, said he would show his Majesty how ridiculously the "lot" would foretell the next fate, and he lighted on book xi. ver. 230-237, the lament of Evander for the untimely death of his son Pallas. King Charles, in 1643, mourned over his noble friend, who was shot through the body in the battle of Newbury.

Sorts. *Out of sorts.* Not in good health and spirits. The French *être dérangé* explains the metaphor. If cards are out of sorts they are deranged, and if a person is out of sorts the health or spirits are out of order.

In printers' language it means out of

some particular letter, in which case they substitute for a type another letter.

To run upon sorts. In printing, said of work which requires an unusual number of certain letters, etc.; as an index, which requires a disproportionate number of capitals.

Sosia. The living double of another, as the brothers Antipholus and brothers Dromio in the *Comedy of Errors*, and the Corsican brothers in the drama so called. Sosia is a servant of Amphitryon, in Plautus's comedy so called. It is Mercury who assumes the double of Sosia, till Sosia doubts his own identity. Both Dryden and Molière have adapted this play to the modern stage, but the *Comedy of Errors* is based on another drama of the same author, called the *Menæchmi*. (See AMPHITRYON.)

Sotadies or Sotadic Verse. One that reads backwards and forwards the same, as "llewd did I live, and evil I did dwell." So called from Sotades, the inventor. These verses are also called palindromic. (See PALINDROME.)

N.B. It is the old way of writing a capital L,

Sothic Year. The Persian year consists of 365 days, so that a day is lost in four years, and the lost bits in the course of 1,160 years amount to a year. This period of 1,460 years is called a *sothic period*, and the reclaimed year made up of the bits is called a *sothic year*. (Greek, *sothis*, the dog-star, at whose rising it commences.)

Soul. The Moslems fancy that it is necessary, when a man is bow-strung, to relax the rope a little before death occurs to let the soul escape. The Greeks and Romans seemed to think that the soul made its escape with life out of the death-wound.

Soul. The Moslems say that the souls of the faithful assume the forms of snow-white birds, and nestle under the throne of Allah until the resurrection.

Soul. Heraclitus held the soul to be a spark of the stellar essence: "*scintilla stellaris essentie*." (Macrobius: *Somnium Scipioris*, lib. i. cap. 14.)

"Vital spark of heavenly flame,
Quit, oh! quit this mortal frame."

Pope: *The Dying Christian to his Soul.*

Soul, in Egyptian hieroglyphics, is represented by several emblems, as a basket of fire, a heron, a hawk with a human face, and a ram.

Soul Cakes. Cakes given in Staffordshire and Cheshire on All Souls' Day,

to the poor who go *a-souling*, i.e. begging for soul-cakes. The words used are—

"Soul, soul, for soul-cake
Pray you, good mistress, a soul cake."

Soul and Spirit. ψυχή (the soul) contains the passions and desires, which animals have in common with man. τὸ πνεῦμα (the spirit) is the highest and distinctive part of man. In 1 Thess. Paul says, "I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (See also Heb. iv. 12; 1 Cor. ii. 14 and 15; xv. 45, 46.)

Soul of a Goose or Capon. The liver, called by the French *ame*. The renowned Strasbourg "*patés de foie gras*" are made of these souls.

"Draw out all the entrails . . . but leave the soul."—Drigg: *English Dictionary of Cookery*.

Sound, a narrow sea, is the Anglo-Saxon *sund*; hence such words as Bomarsund, etc.

Sound Dues. A toll or tribute which was levied by the king of Denmark on all merchant vessels passing through the *Sound*. (Abolished 1857.)

Sound as a Bell. Quite sound. A cracked bell is useless as a bell.

"Infinite Fortune did so happily contrive,
That we, as sound as bells, did safe arrive
At Dover." *Taylor's Works*, ii. 22 (1930).

Sound as a Roach. Quite sound. A pun upon *roach* or *roche* the fish, and the French *roche*, a rock.

Soundings. In nautical language, the depths of water in rivers, harbours, along shores, etc.

Sour Grapes. Things despised because they are beyond our reach. Many men of low degree call titles and dignities "sour grapes;" and men of no parts turn up their noses at literary honours. The phrase is from Æsop's fable called *The Fox and the Grapes*.

Sour Grapelism. An assumed contempt or indifference to the unattainable. (See above.)

"There, economy was always 'elegant,' and money-spending always 'vulgar' and ostentatious—a sort of sour grapeism, which made us very peaceful and satisfied."—*Mrs. Gaskell: Cranford*, chap. 1.

South-Sea Scheme or Bubble. A stock-jobbing scheme devised by Sir John Blunt, a lawyer. The object of the company was to buy up the National Debt, and to be allowed the sole privilege of trading in the South Seas. The £100 shares soon realised ten times that sum, but the whole bubble burst in 1720

and ruined thousands. (1710-1720.) The term is applied to any hollow scheme which has a splendid promise, but whose collapse will be sudden and ruinous. (See *MISSISSIPPI BUBBLE*.)

Southampton Street (London). So called in compliment to the noble family of that title, allied to the Bedford family, the proprietors.

Southampton's Wise Sons. In the early part of the present century, the people of Southampton cut a ditch for barges between Southampton and Redbridge; but as barges could go without paying dues through the "Southampton Water," the ditch or canal was never used. This wise scheme was compared to that of the man who cut two holes through the wall—one for the great cat and the other for its kitten.

Southern Gate of the Sun. The sign Capricornus or winter solstice. So called because it is the most southern limit of the sun's course in the ecliptic.

Soutras. The discourses of Buddha. (See *TRIPITAKA*.)

Sovereign. A strangely misspelled word, the last syllable being mistaken for the word *reign*. It is the Latin *supernus* (supreme over all), with the *p* changed to *v*. The French *souverain* is nearer the Latin word; Italian, *socrano*; Spanish, *sobervano*.

Sovereign, a gold coin of the value of twenty shillings, was first issued by Henry VIII., and so called because he was represented on it in royal robes.

Sow (to rhyme with "now"). *You have got the wrong sow by the ear.* Sow is a large tub with two ears or handles; it is used for pickling or *souring*. The expression means, therefore, You have got hold of the wrong vessel, or, as the Latin phrase has it, "*Pro amphora utremus*" (You have brought me the little jug instead of the great gotch). French, *seau* (a bucket).

You have got the right sow by the ear. You have hit upon the very thing.

Sow. (See *PIG IRON*.)

Spa or Spa Water. A general name for medical springs. So called from Spa, in Belgium, in the seventeenth century the most fashionable watering-place in Europe.

Spade. *Why not call a spade a spade?* Do not palliate sins by euphemisms.

"We call a nettle but a nettle, and the faults of fools but folly."—*Shakespeare: Coriolanus*, ii. 1.
"I have learned to call wickedness by its own terms: a fig a fig, and a spade a spade."—*John Knox*.

Spades in cards. A corruption of the Spanish *spados*, pikes or swords, called by the French *piques* (pikes).

Spanish Language (*In*). In plain English without euphuism; calling a spade a "spade."

"Had I attempted to express my opinions in full 'Spanish' language, I should have had to say many harder things."—*Fra Olla*.

Spa'iel'ds (London). So called from "the London Spa," the name of certain tea-gardens once celebrated for their "spa-water."

Spag'iric Art. Alchemy.

Spag'iric Food. Cagliostro's "elixir of immortal youth" was so called from the Latin word *spag'iricus* (chemical). Hence, chemistry is termed the "spag'iric art," and a chemist is a spag'irist.

Spagnaletto [*the little Spaniard*]. José Ribera, the painter. Salvator Rosa and Guercino were two of his pupils. (1588-1656.)

Spale. A red deer of the third year.

"The young male is called in the first year a *calf*, in the second a *broket*, the third a *spale*, the fourth a *stag* or *stag*, the fifth a *great stag*, the sixth an *hart*, and so forth unto his death."—*Harrison*.

Spain. *Château d'Espagne*. (*See CASTLE*.)

Patron saint of Spain. St. James the Greater, who is said to have preached the Gospel in Spain, where what are called his "relics" are preserved.

Span New. (*See SPICK*.)

Spaniel. The Spanish dog, from *español*, through the French.

Spanish Blades. A sword is called a *tole'do*, from the great excellence of the Toletan steel.

Spanish Brutus (*The*). Alfonso Perez de Guzman (1258-1309). Lope de Vega has celebrated this hero. When besieged, he was threatened with the death of his son, who had been taken prisoner, unless he surrendered. Perez replied by throwing a dagger over the walls, and his son was put to death in his sight.

Spanish Main. The circular bank of islands forming the northern and eastern boundaries of the Caribbean Sea, beginning from Mosquito, near the isthmus, and including Jamaica, St. Domingo, the Leeward Islands, and the Windward Islands, to the coast of Venezuela in South America.

"We turned conquerors, and invaded the main of Spain."—*Bacon*.

Spanish Money. Fair words and compliments. The Spanish government is a model of dishonest dealings, the byword of the commercial world, yet no man is more irate than a Spaniard if any imputation is laid to his charge as inconsistent with the character of a man of honour.

Spanish Worm. A nail concealed in a piece of wood, against which a carpenter jars his saw or chisel. So called from Spanish woods used in cabinet-work.

Spank (*A*). A slap to urge one to greater energy. (*See below*.)

Spanker (*A*). A fore-and-aft sail set upon the mizen-mast of a three-masted vessel, and the jigger-mast of a four-masted vessel. There is no spanker in a one- or two-masted vessel of any rig. A "spanker" used to be called a "driver." (*Supplied by an old sailor of long service*.)

Spanking. Large, rapid, strong; as a "spanking big fellow," a "spanking speed," a "spanking breeze." A nautical term. (*See above*.)

Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child. Solomon (Prov. xiii. 24) says: "He that spareth the rod hateth his son;" but Samuel Butler, in his *Hudibras* (pt. ii. canto 1, line 843), says:

"Love is a boy, by poets styled,
Then spare the rod, and spoil the child."

Sparkling Heat. Heat greater than white heat.

"There be several degrees of heat in a smith's forge, according to the purpose of their work: (1) a blood-red heat; (2) a white flame heat; (3) a sparkling or welding heat, used to weld bars or pieces of iron."—*Keardt: MS. Laund*, 1623, f. 38.

Spartan Dog. A blood-hound; a blood-thirsty man.

"O Spartan dog,
More fell than anguish, hunger, or the sea"
Shakespeare: Othello, v. 1.

Spasmodic School. A name applied by Professor Aytoun to certain authors of the nineteenth century, whose writings are distinguished by spasmodic or forced conceits. Of this school the most noted are Carlyle, Bailey (author of *Festus*), Alexander Smith, Sydney Dobell, etc.

Speaker's Eye. To catch the Speaker's eye. The rule in the House of Commons is that the member whose rising to address the House is first observed by the Speaker is allowed precedence.

Speaking. They are on speaking terms. They just know each other.

They are not on speaking terms. Though they know each other, they do not even salute each other in the street, or say "How d'ye do?"

Speaking Heads and Sounding Stones.

(1) Jabel Nagus (*mountain of the bell*), in Arabia Petrea, gives out sounds of varying strength whenever the sand slides down its sloping flanks.

(2) The white dry sand of the beach in the isle of Pigg, of the Helrides, produces, according to Hugh Miller, a musical sound when walked upon.

(3) The statue of Memnon, in Egypt, utters musical sounds when the morning sun darts on it.

(4) The speaking head of Orpheus, at Lesbos, is said to have predicted the bloody death which terminated the expedition of Cyrus the Great into Scythia.

(5) The head of Minos, brought by Odin to Scandinavia, is said to have uttered responses.

(6) Gerbert, afterwards Pope Sylvester II., constructed a speaking head of brass (tenth century).

(7) Albertus Magnus constructed an earthen head in the thirteenth century, which both spoke and moved. Thomas Aquinas broke it, whereupon the mechanist exclaimed, "There goes the labour of thirty years!"

(8) Alexander made a statue of Esculapion which spoke, but Lucian says the sounds were uttered by a man concealed, and conveyed by tubes to the statue.

(9) The "ear of Dionysius" communicated to Dionysius, Tyrant of Syracuse, whatever was uttered by suspected subjects shut up in a state prison. This "ear" was a large black opening in a rock, about fifty feet high, and the sound was communicated by a series of channels not unlike those of the human ear.

Spear. Cairbar asks if Fingal comes in peace, to which Morannal replies: "In peace he comes not, king of Erin, I have seen his forward spear." If a stranger kept the point of his spear forward when he entered a strange land, it was a declaration of war; if he carried the spear on his shoulder with the point behind him, it was a token of friendship. (*Ossian: Temora*, i.)

Achilles' spear. Te'lephus, King of Mysia, in attempting to hinder the Greeks from marching through his country against Troy, was wounded by Achilles' spear, and was told by an oracle that the wound could be cured

only by the weapon that gave it; at the same time the Greeks were told that they would never reach Troy except by the aid of Te'lephus. So, when the Mysian king repaired to Achilles' tent, some of the rust of the spear was applied to the wound, and, in return for the cure which followed, Te'lephus directed the Greeks on their way to Troy.

*"Te'lephus aeterna consumptus talis periret
Si non quæ nocuit dextra tulisset opem."* *Ovid.*

The spear of Te'lephus could both kill and cure. (Plutarch.) (See Achilles' spear.)

The heavy spear of Valence was of great repute in the days of chivalry.

Arthur's spear. Rone or Ron.

To break a spear. To fight in a tournament.

Spear-half. The male line. The female line was called by the Anglo-Saxons the Spindle-half (*q.v.*).

Spear of Ithuriel (*The*), the slightest touch of which exposed deceit. Thus when Ithuriel touched with his spear Satan squatting like a toad close to the ear of Eve, the "toad" instantly resumed the form of Satan. (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, bk. iv. 810-811.)

"The acute pen of Lord Balfour, which, like Ithuriel's spear, conjured so many shadows from Scottish history, dismissed among the rest those of Balaquo and Phrauce." *Sir W. Scott.*

Special Pleading. Quibbling; making your own argument good by forcing certain words or phrases from their obvious and ordinary meaning. A pleading in law means a written statement of a cause *pro* and *con.*, and "special pleaders" are persons who have been called to the bar, but do not speak as advocates. They advise on evidence, draw up affidavits, state the merits and demerits of a cause, and so on. After a time most special pleaders go to the bar, and many get advanced to the bench.

Species, Specie, means simply what is visible. As things are distinguished by their visible forms, it has come to mean *kind* or *class*. As drugs and condiments at one time formed the most important articles of merchandise, they were called *specie*—still retained in the French *épices*, and English *spices*. Again, as bank-notes represent money, money itself is called *specie*, the thing represented.

Spectacles, the device of Thackeray in drawings made by him. In *Punch*, vol. xx. No. 495, p. 8, is a butcher's boy chalking up "No Popery," and the tray forms a pair of spectacles, showing it was designed by Thackeray.

Spectre of the Brocken. The Brocken is the highest summit of the Hartz mountains in Hanover. This summit is at times enveloped in a thick mist, which reflects in a greatly magnified degree any form opposite at sunset. In one of De Quincey's opium-dreams there is a powerful description of the Brocken spectre.

Spectrum, Spectra, Spectre (Latin, *specto*, to behold). In optics a spectrum is the image of a sunbeam beheld on a screen, after refraction by one or more prisms. Spectra are the images of objects left on the eye after the objects themselves are removed from sight. A *spectre* is the apparition of a person no longer living or not bodily present.

Speculate means to look out of a watch-tower, to spy about (Latin). Metaphorically, to look at a subject with the mind's eye, to spy into it; in commerce, to purchase articles which your mind has speculated on, and has led you to expect will prove profitable. (*Specularis lapis* is what we should now call window-glass.)

Speech. *Speech was given to conceal or disguise men's thoughts.* Voltaire. But erroneously fathered on Talleyrand.

Speed. A great punster, the serving-man of Valentine, one of the Two Gentlemen of Verona. Launce is the serving-man of Proteus, the other gentleman. (*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona.*)

Spell (*A*), in workman's language, means a portion of time allotted to some particular work, and from which the men are relieved when the limited time expires.

• *To spell* is to relieve another at his work.

Spell ho! An exclamation to signify that the allotted time has expired, and men are to be relieved by another set.

A pretty good spell. A long bout or pull, as a "spell at the capstan," etc. (The German *spiel* means a performance as well as a play, game, or sport.)

Spellbinders. Orators who hold their audience spellbound. The word came into use in America in the presidential election of 1888.

"The Hon. Daniel Dougherty says: 'The proudest day of his life was when he beheld his name among the "spellbinders" who held the audience in rapture with their eloquence.'"—*Liberty Review*, July 7th, 1894, p. 13.

Spelter. A commercial name for zinc. Also an abbreviation of spelter-solder.

Spence. A *salle à manger*, the room in which meals are taken, a dining-room; also a store-room or pantry. (*Dispensorium*, Old French *dispense*, a buttery.)

"The rest of the family held counsel in the spence."—*Sir W. Scott: The Monastery*, chap. xxx.

Spencer. An outer coat without skirts; so named from the Earl Spencer, who wore this dress. (George III.)

Spendthrift. The Danish *thrift* is the noun of the word *thrive* (to increase or prosper). Shakespeare says, "I have a mind presages me such thrift" (increase, profit). As our frugal ancestors found *saving* the best way to grow rich, they applied the word to frugality and careful management. A spendthrift is one who spends the thrift or saving of his father, or, as Old Adam says, the "thriftly hire I saved." (*As You Like It.*)

Spenser (Edmund), called by Milton "the sage and serious Spenser." Ben Jonson, in a letter to Drummond, states that the poet "died for lake of bread." (1553-1599.)

Spenserian Metre (*The*). The metre in which Spenser's *Faerie Queene* is written. It is a stanza of nine iambic lines, all of ten syllables except the last, which is an Alexandrine. Only three different rhymes are admitted into a stanza, and these rhymes are thus disposed: Lines 1 and 3 rhyme; lines 2, 4, 6, 7 rhyme; lines 5, 8, 9 rhyme; thus:—

1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ride
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	low
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	side
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	throw
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	snow
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	hind
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	blow
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	lad
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	sad him alex- andrine.

Spent. Weary. A hunting term. A deer is said to be spent when it stretches out its neck, and is at the point of death. In sea language, a broken mast is said to be "spent."

Spheres. *The music or harmony of the spheres.* Pythagoras, having ascertained that the pitch of notes depends on the rapidity of vibrations, and also that the planets move at different rates of motion, concluded that the sounds made by their motion must vary according to their different rates of motion. As all things in nature are harmoniously made, the different sounds must harmonise, and the combination he called the "harmony of the spheres." Kepler has a treatise on the subject.

Sphinx (*The Egyptian*). Half a woman and half a lion, said to symbolise the "rising of the Nile while the sun is in Leo and Virgo." This "saying" must be taken for what it is worth.

Sphinx. Lord Bacon's ingenious resolution of this fable is a fair specimen of what some persons call "spiritualising" incidents and parables. He says that the whole represents "science," which is regarded by the ignorant as "a monster." As the figure of the sphinx is heterogeneous, so the subjects of science "are very various." The female face "denotes volubility of speech;" her wings show that "knowledge like light is rapidly diffused;" her hooked talons remind us of "the arguments of science which enter the mind and lay hold of it." She is placed on a crag overlooking the city, for "all science is placed on an eminence which is hard to climb." If the riddles of the sphinx brought disaster, so the riddles of science "perplex and harass the mind."

You are a perfect sphinx—You speak in riddles. **You are nothing better than a sphinx**—You speak so obscurely that I cannot understand you. The sphinx was a sea-monster that proposed a riddle to the Thebans, and murdered all who could not guess it. Œdipus solved it, and the sphinx put herself to death. The riddle was this—

“What goes on four feet, on two feet, and three, But the more feet it goes on the weaker it be?”

Spice. A small admixture, a flavouring; as, "He is all very well, but there's a spice of conceit about him." Probably the French *espece*.

"God's bounty is all pure, without any speck or evil."—*Carton: Mirror of the World*, i.

Spick and Span New. Quite and entirely new. A *spic* is a spiko or nail, and a *span* is a chip. So that a spick and span new ship is one in which every nail and chip is new. Halliwell mentions "span new." According to Dr. Johnson, the phrase was first applied to cloth just taken off the *spannans* or stretchers. (Dutch, *spikspeldernieuw*.)

Spider.

Bruce and the spider. In the spring of 1305, Robert Bruce was crowned at Scone king of Scotland, but, being attacked by the English, retreated first to the wilds of Athole, and then to the little island of Rathlin, off the north coast of Ireland, and all supposed him to be dead. While lying perdu in this island, he one day noticed a spider near

his bed try six times to fix its web on a beam in the ceiling. "Now shall this spider (said Bruce) teach me what I am to do, for I also have failed six times." The spider made a seventh effort and succeeded; whereupon Bruce left the island (in the spring of 1307), collecting together 300 followers, landed at Carrick, and at midnight surprised the English garrison in Turnberry Castle; he next overthrew the Earl of Gloucester, and in two years made himself master of well nigh all Scotland, which Edward III. declared in 1328 to be an independent kingdom. Sir Walter Scott tells us, in his *Tales of a Grandfather* (p. 26, col. 2), that in remembrance of this incident, it has always been deemed a foul crime in Scotland for any of the name of Bruce to injure a spider.

"I will grant you, my father, that this valiant burges of Perth is one of the best-hearted men that draws breath . . . He would be as loth, in wantonness, to kill a spider, as if he were a kingman to King Robert of happy memory."—*Sir Walter Scott: Fair Maid of Perth*, ch. ii.

Frederick the Great and the spider. While Frederick II. was at Sans Souci, he one day went into his ante-room, as usual, to drink a cup of chocolate, but set his cup down to fetch his handkerchief from his bedroom. On his return he found a great spider had fallen from the ceiling into his cup. He called for fresh chocolate, and next moment heard the report of a pistol. The cook had been suborned to poison the chocolate, and, supposing his treachery had been found out, shot himself. On the ceiling of the room in Sans Souci a spider has been painted (according to tradition) in remembrance of this story.

Spider. When Mahomet fled from Mecca he hid in a certain cave, and the Koreishites were close upon him. Suddenly an acacia in full leaf sprang up at the mouth of the cave, a wood-pigeon had its nest in the branches, and a spider had wove its net between the tree and the cave. When the Koreishites saw this, they felt persuaded that no one could have recently passed that way, and went on.

Spider anciently supposed to envenom everything it touched. In the examination into the murder of Sir Thomas Overbury, one of the witnesses deposed "that the countess wished him to get the strongest poison that he could . . ." Accordingly he brought seven great spiders.

"There may be in the cup
A spider steeped, and one may drink, depart,
And yet sicken not on venom."—*Shakespeare: Winter's Tale*, ii. 1.

Spider. According to old wives' fable, fever may be cured by wearing a spider in a nutshell round the neck.

"Cured by wearing a spider hung round one's neck in a nutshell." *Longfellow: Evangeline*

Spiders will never set their webs on a cedar roof. (*Caughy: Letters*, 1845.)

Spiders spin only on dark days.

"The subtle spider never spins,
But on dark days, his silvery gins."

S. Butler: On a Nonconformist, iv.

Spider. The shoal called the Sham-bles at the entrance of Portland Roads was very dangerous before the break-water was constructed. According to legend, at the bottom of the gigantic shaft are the wrecks of ships seized and sunk by the huge spider *Araken*, called also the *fish-mountain*.

Spid'reen or Spid'reen. The anagram of ships. If a sailor is asked what ship he belongs to, and does not choose to tell, he will say, "The spid'reen frigate with nine decks." Officers who will not tell their quarters, give B.K.S. as their address. (*See B.K.S.*)

Spigot. *Spare at the spigot and spill at the bung.* To be parsimonious in trifles and wasteful in great matters, like a man who stops his beer-tub at the vent-hole and leaves it running at the bung-hole.

Split Milk. (*See CRY.*)

Spindle-half. The female line. A Saxon term. The spindle was the pin on which the thread was wound from the spinning-wheel. (*See SPEAR-HALF.*)

Spinning Jenny. Jennie is a diminutive and corruption of engine (*gigue*). A little engine invented by James Hargreaves, a Lancashire weaver, in 1757. It is usually said that he so called it after his wife and daughter, but the name of his wife was Elizabeth, and he never had a daughter.

Spinoza's System. The "system of Spinoza" is that matter is eternal, and that the universe is God.

Spinster. An unmarried woman.

The fleece which was brought home by the Anglo-Saxons in summer, was spun into clothing by the female part of each family during the winter. King Edward the Elder commanded his daughters to be instructed in the use of the distaff. Alfred the Great, in his will, calls the female part of his family the *spindle side*; and it was a regularly received axiom with our frugal forefathers, that no young woman was fit to

be a wife till she had spun for herself a set of body, table, and bed linen. Hence the maiden was termed a spinner or spinster, and the married woman a wife or "one who has been a spinner." (*Anglo-Saxon, wif*, from the verb *wyfan* or *wefan*, to weave.)

* The armorial bearings of women are not painted on a *shield*, like those of men, but on a *spindle* (called a "lozenge"). Among the Romans the bride carried a distaff, and Homer tells us that Kryseis was to spin and shave the king's bed.

Spirit. *To give up the spirit.* To die. At death the "spirit is given back to Him who gave it."

Spirit-writing. Pneumatology. Alleged visible writing by spirits.

Spirits. Inflammable liquors obtained by distillation. This is connected with the ancient notion of bottle-imps (*q.v.*), whence these liquors were largely used in the black arts.

Spirits. There are four spirits and seven bodies in alchemy. The spirits are quicksilver, orpiment, sal-ammuniac, and brimstone. (*See SEVEN BODIES.*)

"The first spirit our kith'er called is
The second orpiment, the third I was
Salamoniac, and the fourth brimstone."
Chaucer: Prof. of the Chaucerian Vernacular, lvi.

Spirits. There were formerly said to be three in animal bodies:—

(1) The animal spirits, seated in the brain; they perform through the nerves all the actings of sense and motion.

(2) The vital spirits, seated in the heart, on which depend the motion of the blood and animal heat.

(3) The natural spirits, seated in the liver, on which depend the temper and "spirit of mind."

Spirits (Elemental). There are four sorts of elemental spirits, which rule respectively over the four elements. The *fire* spirits are SALAMANDERS; the *water* spirits UNDES (2 syl.); the *air* spirits SYLPHS; and the *earth* spirits GNOMES (1 syl.).

Spirited Away. Kidnapped: allured. Kidnappers who beguiled orphans, apprentices, and others on board ship in order to sell them to planters in Barbadoes and Virginia, were called "spirits." Mr. Doyle (*English in America*, p. 512) finds the word used in this sense in official papers as early as 1657. (*Notes and Queries*, 17th December, 1892.)

Spiritual Mother. So Joanna Southcott is addressed by her disciples. (1750-1814.)

Spiritualism or Spiritism. A system which started up in America in 1818. It professes that certain living persons have the power of holding communion with the "spirits of the dead." Nineteenth century spiritualism probably owes its origin to Andrew Jackson Davis, "the seer of Poughkeepsie."

Spirit or Spurt. A sudden convulsive effort (Swedish, *spruta*; Danish, *sprude*; Icelandic, *spretta*, to start; our *spout*, to throw up water in a jet).

Spitalfields (London). A spital is a charitable foundation for the care of the poor, and these were the fields of the almshouse founded in 1197 by Walter Bume and his wife Rosia.

Spite of His Teeth (*In*). In spite of opposition: though you snarl and show your teeth like an angry dog.

Spitfire. An irascible person, whose angry words are like fire spit from the mouth of a fire-eater.

Spitting for Luck. Boys often spit on a piece of money given to them for luck. Boxers spit upon their hands for luck. Fishwomen not unfrequently spit upon their hansel (*i.e.* the first money they take) for luck. Spitting was a charm against fascination among the ancient Greeks and Romans. Pliny says it averted witchcraft, and availed in giving to an enemy a shrewder blow.

"Thrice on my breast I spit to guard me safe
From fascinating charms" *Theocritus.*

Spittle or Spital. An hospital.

"A spittle or hospital for poute folks diseased, a spittle, hospital, or lazarethouse for lepers" *Ballet. Alceide* (1560).

Spittle Sermons. Sermons preached formerly at the Spittle in a pulpit erected expressly for the purpose. Subsequently they were preached at Christchurch, City, on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Ben Jonson alludes to them in his *Underwoods*, ap. Gifford, viii. 414.

Splay is a contraction of display (to unfold; Latin, *dis-plere*). A *splay window* is one in a V-shape, the external opening being very wide, to admit as much light as possible, but the inner opening being very small. A *splay-foot* is a foot displayed or turned outward. A *splay-mouth* is a wide mouth, like that of a clown.

Spleen was once believed to be the seat of ill-humour and melancholy. The

herb spleenwort was supposed to remove these splenic disorders.

Splendid Shilling. A mock-heroic poem by John Phillips. (1676-1708.)

Splice. To marry. Very strangely, "splice" means to *split* or *divide*. The way it came to signify *unite* is this: Ropes' ends are first untwisted before the strands are interwoven. Joining two ropes together by interweaving their strands is "splicing" them. Splicing wood is joining two boards together, the term being borrowed from the sailor. (German, *spleissen*, to split.)

Splice the Main Brace. (*See MAIN BRACE.*)

To get *sphered* is to get married or tied together as one.

Spoke (verb). When members of the House of Commons and other debaters call out *Spoke*, they mean that the person who gets up to address the assembly has spoken already, and cannot speak again except in explanation of something imperfectly understood.

Spoke (noun). *I have put my spoke into his wheel.* I have shut him up. The allusion is to the pin or spoke used to lock wheels in machinery.

Don't put your spoke into my wheel. Don't interfere with my business; Let my wheel turn, and don't you put a pin in to stop it or interrupt its movement. The Dutch have "*Een spaak in 't wiel steken*," to thwart a purpose.

When solid wheels were used, the driver was provided with a pin or spoke, which he thrust into one of the three holes made to receive it, to skid the cart when it went down-hill. The carts used by railway navvies, and tram-waggons used in collieries, still have a wheel "spoked" in order to skid it.

Sponge. *Throw up the sponge.* Give up; confess oneself beaten. The metaphor is from boxing matches.

"We must stand up to our fight now, or throw up the sponge. There's no two ways about the matter."—*Oldmood*: *Robbery under Arms*, chap. xxxi.

"We hear that the followers of the Arab chief have thrown up the sponge." *New-York Herald*, April 2nd, 1888.

Spontaneous Combustion. Taking fire without the intervention of applied heat. Greasy rags heaped together, hay stacked in a damp state, coal-dust in coal mines, cinders and ashes in dust bins, are said to be liable to spontaneous combustion.

Spoon. (*See APOSTLE-SPOONS.*)

He hath need of a long spoon that

eateth with the devil. Shakespeare alludes to this proverb in the *Comedy of Errors*, iv. 3; and again in the *Tempest*, ii. 2, where Stephano says: "Mercy! mercy! this is a devil . . . I will leave him, I have no long spoon."

"Therefor beheveth him a full long spoon
That shall eat with a feend"

Chaucer: *The Squire's Tale*, 10918.

Spoon (4). One who is spoony, or silly love-sick on a girl.

"He was awful spoony at the time."—*Truth* (*Queer Story*), March 25th, 1896

Spooning, in rowing, is dipping the oars so little into the water as merely to skim the surface. The resistance being very small, much water is thrown up and more disturbed.

Spoony. Lovingly soft. A sea-phrase. When a ship under sail in a sea-storm cannot bear it, but is obliged to put right before the wind, she is said to "spoon;" so a young man under sail in the sea of courtship "spoons" when he cannot bear it, but is obliged to put right before the gale of his lady's "eyebrow."

Sporran (Gaelic). The heavy pouch worn in front of the philibeg of a Highlander's kilt.

Sport a Door or Oak. To keep an outer door shut. In the Universities the College rooms have two doors, an outer and an inner one. The outer door is called the *sporting door*, and is opened with a key. When shut it is to give notice to visitors that the person who occupies the rooms is not at home, or is not to be disturbed. The word *sport* means to exhibit to the public, as, "to sport a new equipage," "to sport a new tile [hat]," etc.; whence to have a new thing, as "to sport an *egrotat* [sick-leave];" or merely to show to the public, as "sport a door or oak." The word is a contraction of *support*. (French, *supporter*, to sustain, carry; Latin, *supporto*.)

Sporting Seasons in England.

Those marked thus (*) are fixed by Act of Parliament.

Black Game,* from August 20th to December 10th, but in Somerset Devon and New Forest, from September 1st to December 10th.

Blackcock, August 20th to December 10th.

Buck hunting, August 20th to September 17th.

Bustard,* September 1st to March 1st.

Red Deer hunted, August 20th to September 20th.

Wild Deer (Ireland),* October 1st to June 10th.

Yellow Bear (Ireland), June 20th to Michaelmas.

Eels, (about) April 20th to October 20th.

Fox hunting, (about) October to Lady Day.

For Cuck, August 1st to the first Monday in November.

Grouse shooting,* August 15th to December 10th.

Hares, March 15th to August 12th.

Goats, hunted in October and again between April 10th and May 20th.

Moor Game (Ireland),* August 20th to December 10th.

Oyster season, August 5th to May.

Partridge shooting,* September 1st to February 1st.

Pheasant shooting,* October 1st to February 1st.

Piarmigan, August 15th to December 10th.

Quail, August 15th to January 10th.

Rabbits, between October and March. Rabbits, as vermin, are shot at any time.

Rabbits,* February 1st to September 1st.

Salmon, 10d fishing,* November 1st to September 1st.

Trod fishing, May 1st to September 10th.

Trout, in the Thames, April 1st to September 10th.

Woodcocks, (about) November to January.

For Ireland and Scotland there are special game-laws. (See TIME OF GRACE.)

N.B. Game in England: hare, pheasant, partridge, grouse, and moor-fowl; in Scotland, same as England, with the addition of *ptarmigan*; in Ireland, same as England, with the addition of deer, black-rabbit, landrail, quail, and bustard.

Spouse (*Spouse*, 1 syl.) means one whom sponsors have answered for. In Rome, before marriage, the friends of the parties about to be married met at the house of the woman's father to settle the marriage contract. This contract was called *sponsalia* (sponsals); the man and woman were *sponsores*. The contracting parties were each asked, "*An spondes*" (Do you agree?), and replied "*Spondeo*" (I agree).

Spouse of Jesus. "Our scriptural mother, the holy Teresa," born at Avila in 1515, is so called in the Roman Catholic Church.

Spout. *Up the spout*. At the pawnbroker's. In allusion to the "spout" up which brokers send the articles ticketed. When redeemed they return down the spout—i.e. from the store-room to the shop.

"As for spoons, forks, and jewellery, they are not taken so readily to the smelting-pot, but to well-known places where there is a pipe (spout) which your lordships may have seen in a pawnbroker's shop. The thief taps the pipe is lifted up, and in the course of a minute a hand comes out, covered with a glove, takes up the article, and gives out the money for it."—*Lord Shaftesbury*. *The Times*, March 1st, 1890.

Sprat. *To bust with a sprat to catch a mackerel*. To give a small thing under the hope of getting something much more valuable. The French say, "A pea for a bean." (See GARVIES.)

Spread-eagle (*To*). To fly away like a spread-eagle; to beat. (*Sporting term*.)

"You'll spread-eagle all the [otium] rattle in a brace of shakes."—*Ouida*: *Under Two Flags*, chap. 12.

Spread-eagle Oratory. "A compound of exaggeration, effrontery, bombast, and extravagance, mixed with metaphors, platitudes, threats, and irreverent appeals flung at the Almighty."

(*North American Review*, November, 1858.)

Spring Gardens (London). So called from a playfully contrived waterwork, which, on being unguardedly pressed by the foot, sprinkled the bystanders with water. (James L., etc.)

Spring Tide. The tide that springs or leaps or swells up. These full tides occur at the new and full moon, when the attraction of both sun and moon act in a direct line, as thus—

○ ○ * or * ⊕ ●

Sprout-kale. The Saxon name for February. Kale is colewort, the great pot-wort of the ancient Saxons; the broth made thereof was also called *kale*. This important pottage herb begins to sprout in February (*Verstegan*.)

Spruce. Smart, dandified. Hall tells us it is a contraction of Prussian-like, *à la Prusse*, and gives the subjoined quotation:—

"After them came Sir Edward Hayward, and with him Sir Thomas Farris, in doublets of crimson velvet, faced on the breast with chains of silver, and over that short cloaks of crimson satin, and on their heads hats after dancers' fashion, with feathers in them. They were apparelled after the fashion of Prussia or Spruce."

In confirmation of this it may be mentioned that "Spruce leather" is certainly a corruption of Prussian leather; Spruce-beer is beer made from the Spruce or Prussian fir, and Danzig, in Prussia, is famous for the beverage.

Spun (*To be*). Exhausted, undone, ruined.

"I shall be spun. There is a voice within Which tells me plainly I am all undone; For though I toil not, neither do I spin, I shall be spun." *Robert Murray* (1833).

Spun Out. As "the tale was spun out"—that is, prolonged to a disproportionate length. It is a Latin phrase, and the allusion is to the operation of spinning and weaving. Cicero says, "*Tenuis deducta poemata filo*"—that is, poems spun out to a fine thread.

Spunging House. A victualling house where persons arrested for debt are kept for twenty-four hours, before lodging them in prison. The houses so used are generally kept by a bailiff, and the person lodged is spunged of all his money before he leaves.

Spur Money. Money given to redeem a pair of spurs. Gifford says, in the time of Ben Jonson, in consequence of the interruptions to divine service occasioned by the ringing of the spurs worn, a small fine was imposed on those who entered church in spurs. The

enforcement of this fine was committed to the beadies and chorister-boys.

Spurs. *Ripon spurs.* The best spurs were made at Ripon, in Yorkshire.

"If my spurs be not right Ripon!"
Ben Jonson: Staple of News.

The Battle of Spurs. The battle of Guindegate, fought in 1513, between Henry VIII. and the Duc de Longueville. So called because the French used their spurs in flight more than their swords in fight.

The Battle of the Spurs. The battle of Courtrai, in 1302. So called because the victorious Flemings gathered from the field more than 700 gilt spurs, worn by French nobles slain in the fight.

To dish up the spurs. In Scotland, during the times of the Border feuds, when any of the great families had come to the end of their provisions the lady of the house sent up a pair of spurs for the last course, to intimate that it was time to put spurs to the horses and make a raid upon England for more cattle.

"He dished up the spurs in his helpless address, like one of the old Border chiefs with an empty larder."—*The Daily Telegraph*.

To win his spurs. To gain the rank of knighthood. When a man was knighted, the person who dubbed him presented him with a pair of gilt spurs.

Spy. Vidocq, the spy in the French Revolution, was a short man, vivacious, vain, and talkative. He spoke of his feats with real enthusiasm and gusto.

Spy (*of Vanity Fair*). Leslie Ward, successor of "Ape" (Pellegrini, the caricaturist).

Spy Wednesday. The Wednesday before Good Friday, when Judas bargained to become the spy of the Jewish Sanhedrium. (Matt. xxvi. 3-5, 14-16.)

Squab Pie. Pie made of squabs—i.e. young pigeons; also a pie made of mutton, apples, and onions.

"Cornwall squab-pie, and Devon white-pot bring,
And Leicester beans and bacon, fit for kings."
King: Art of Cookery.

Squad. The awkward squad consists of recruits not yet fitted to take their places in the regimental line. Squad is a mere contraction of squadron.

Squalls. Look out for squalls. Expect to meet with difficulties. A nautical term.

"If this is the case, let the ministry look out for squalls."—*Nicomachus per paragraph*, July 24th, 1866

Square. To put oneself in the attitude of boxing, to quarrel. (Welsh, *cwer*—i.e. *cweryl*, *cwerylu*, to quarrel.)

"Are you such fools

To square for this?"

Shakespeare: *Titus Andronicus*, ii. 1.

Square the Circle. To attempt an impossibility. The allusion is to the mathematical question whether a circle can be made which contains precisely the same area as a square. The difficulty is to find the precise ratio between the diameter and the circumference. Popularly it is $3\frac{14159}{10000}$. . . the next decimals would be 26537, but the numbers would go on *ad infinitum*.

Squash. A sort of pumpkin, called by the American Indians *ascutaquash*.

Squib (A). A political joke, printed and circulated at election times against a candidate, with intent of bringing him into ridicule, and influencing votes.

"Parodies, lampoons, rightly named squibs, fire and brimstone, ending in smoke, with a villainous smell of saltpetre."—Dean Hole: *Encyclopaedia*.

Squint-eyed [Guerci'no]. Gian Francesco Barbieri, the great painter. (1590-1666.)

Squintif'go. Squinting.

"The squintifego maid

Of Isia we thee, lost the gods for aill

Should with a swelling dropsy stuff thy skin."

Dryden: *Fifth Satire of Juvenal*.

Squire of Dames. Any cavalier who is devoted to ladies. Spenser, in his *Faerie Queene* (bk. iii. chap. vii.) introduces the "squire," and records his adventure.

Stabat Ma'ter. The celebrated Latin hymn on the Crucifixion, which forms a part of the service during Passion week, in the Roman Catholic Church. It was composed by Jacopone, a Franciscan of the thirteenth century, and has been set to music by Pergolesi, also by Rossini.

In the catalogue of the Library of Burgundy, No. 13,993, is the following:—

"Item, fol. 77. Benedictus Papa XII. composuit hanc orationem: 'Stabat Mater dolorosa, iuxta crucem,' etc., concepitque cuilibet confesso penitenti decem annos pro qualibet vice 30 dies indulgentium." (Sixteenth century.)

Stable-door. *Locking the stable-door after the horse [or steed] is stolen.* Taking precautions after the mischief is done.

Stable Keys, as those of cow-houses, have frequently a perforated flint or horn appended to them. This is a charm to guard the creatures from nightmare. The flint is to propitiate the

gnomes, and the horn to obtain the good graces of Pan, the protector of cattle.

Staff. *I keep the staff in my own hand.* I keep possession; I retain the right. The staff was the ancient sceptre, and therefore, figuratively, it means, power, authority, dignity, etc.

To part with the staff. To lose or give up office or possession. (See above.)

"Give up your staff, sir, and the king his realm."

Shakespeare: *3 Henry VI.*, ii. 3.

To put down one's staff in a place. To take up one's residence. The allusion is to the tent-staff: where the staff is placed, there the tent is stretched, and the nomad resides.

To strike my staff. To lodge for the time being.

"Thou mayst see me at thy pleasure, for I intend to strike my staff at yonder hostelry."—*Cæsar Borgia*, xv.

Staff of Life (The). Bread, which is the support of life. Shakespeare says, "The boy was the very staff of my age." The allusion is to a staff which supports the feeble in walking.

Stafford. *He has had a treat in Stafford Court.* He has been thoroughly cudgelled. Of course the pun is on the word staff, a stick. The French have a similar phrase—"Il a esté au festin de Martin Baston" (He has been to Jack Drum's entertainment).

Stafford Law. Club law. A beating. The pun is on the word staff, a stick. (Italian, *Bracciosa licenza*.) (Florio, p. 66.) (See above.)

Stag. The reason why a stag symbolises Christ is from the superstition that it draws serpents by its breath from their holes, and then tramples them to death. (See *Pliny: Nat. Hist.*, viii. 50.)

Stag in Christian art. The attribute of St. Julian Hospitaller, St. Felix of Valois, and St. Aidan. When it has a crucifix between its horns it alludes to the legendary tale of St. Hubert. When luminous it belongs to St. Eustachius.

Stags, in Stock Exchange phraseology, are persons who apply for the allotment of shares in a joint-stock company, not because they wish to hold the shares, but because they hope to sell the allotment at a premium. If they fail in this they forbear to pay the deposit and the allotment is forfeited. (See BEAR, BULL.)

Stagrite or Stagyrite (3 syl.). (Greek, *στάγριτος*.) Aristotle, "who was

born at Stag'ira, in Macedon. Generally called Stag'irite in English verse.

"In one rich soul
Plato the Stag'irite, and Tully joined."

Thomson: *Summer*.

"And rules as strict his laboured work confine
As if the Stag'irite overlooked each line."

Pope: *Essay on Criticism*.

"And all the wisdom of the Stag'irite,
Enriched and beautified his studious mind."

Wordsworth.

Stain. A contraction of *distain*. (Latin, *dis-tingere*, to discolour.)

Stalking-horse. A mask to conceal some design; a person put forward to mislead; a sham. Fowlers used to conceal themselves behind horses, and went on stalking step by step till they got within shot of the game.

N.B. To *stalk* is to walk with strides, from the Anglo-Saxon *stalcan*.

"He uses his folly like a stalking-horse, and under the presentation of that he shoots his wit."
—Shakespeare: *As You Like It*, v. 4.

Stammerer (*Th*).

Louis II. of France, *le Bègue*. (846, 877-879.)

Michael II., Emperor of the East, *le Bègue*. (*, 820, 829.)

Notker or Notger of St. Gall. (830-912.)

Stamp. 'Tis of the right stamp--has the stamp of genuine merit. A metaphor taken from current coin, which is stamped with a recognised stamp and superscription.

Stampede. A sudden panic in a herd of buffaloes, causing them to rush away pell-mell. The panic-flight of the Federals at Bull Run, near the Potomac, U.S., in 1861, was a stampede.

Stand. To stand for a child. To be sponsor for it; to stand in its place and answer for it.

Stand Nunky (*Tb*). (See NUNKY.)

Stand Off (*Tb*). To keep at a distance.

Stand Out (*Tb*). I'll stand it out--persist in what I say. A mere translation of "persist" (Latin, *per-sisto* or *per-sto*).

Stand Sam (*Tb*). (See SAM.)

Stand Treat (*Tb*). To pay the expenses of a treat.

Stand Upon (*Tb*). As To stand upon one's privilege or on punctilios; this is the Latin *insisto*. In French, "*Insister sur son privilege* or *sur des révéllés*."

Stand to a Bargain (*Tb*), to abide by it, is simply the Latin *stare conventis*, *conditionibus stare*, *pactis stare*, etc.

Stand to his Guns (*Tb*). To persist in a statement; not to give way. A military phrase.

"The Speaker said he hoped the gallant gentleman would try to modify his phrase; but Colonel Mauderson still stood to his guns."—*Daily Graphic*, 3rd February, 1892.

Stand to Reason (*Tb*), or *It stands to reason*, is the Latin *constare*, *constat*.

Standing Dish (*A*). An article of food which usually appears at table. *Cibus quotidianus*.

Standing Orders. Rules or instructions constantly in force.

Standing orders. Those bye-laws of the Houses of Parliament for the conduct of their proceedings which stand in force till they are either rescinded or suspended. Their suspension is generally caused by a desire to hurry through a Bill with unusual expedition.

Standing Stones. (See STONES.)

Standard. American standard of 1776.

A snake with thirteen rattles, about to strike, with the motto "DON'T TREAD ON ME."

Standards.

Standard of Augustus. A globe, to indicate his conquest of the whole world.

Standard of Edward I. The arms of England, St. George, St. Edmund, and St. Edward.

Standard of Mahomet. (See SANDS-CHAKI.)

Standard of the Anglo-Saxons. A white horse.

Royal Standard of Great Britain. A banner with the national arms covering the entire field.

The Celestial Standard. So the Turks call their great green banner, which they say was given to Mahomet by the angel Gabriel. (See SANDS-CHAKI.)

Constantinople (Standard of). called *Lal'arum*. It consisted of a silver-plated spear with a cross-beam, from which hung a small silk banner, bearing the portrait of the reigning family and the famous monogram.

Danish Standard. A raven.

Egypt (ancient). An eagle stripped of its feathers, an emblem of the Nile; the head of an ox.

Franks (ancient). A tiger or wolf; but subsequently the Roman eagle.

Gauls (ancient). A lion, bull, or bear.

Greco-Egyptian Standard. A round-headed table-knife or a semicircular fan.

Greece (ancient). A purple coat on the top of a spear.

- (1) *Athens*, Minerva, an olive, an owl.
- (2) *Corinth*, a pegasus or flying horse.
- (3) *Lacedæmon*, tho initial letter L, in Greek (A).

- (4) *Messi'na*, the initial letter M.
- (5) *Thebes*, a sphinx.

Heliopolis. On the top of a staff, the head of a white eagle, with the breast stripped of feathers and without wings. This was the symbol of Jupiter and of the Lagides.

Jews (ancient), ("degel") belonged to the four tribes of Judah, Reuben, Ephraim, and Dan. The Rabbins say the standard of Judah bore a *lion*, that of Reuben a *man*, that of Ephraim a *bull*, and that of Dan the *cherubim* (Gen. xlix. 3-22). They were ornamented with white, purple, crimson, and blue, and were embroidered.

Persia (ancient). The one adopted by Cyrus, and perpetuated, was a golden eagle with outstretched wings; the colour white.

Persian Standard. A blacksmith's apron. Kaiyah, sometimes called Gao, a blacksmith, headed a rebellion against Biver, surnamed *Deh-ak* (ten vices), a merciless tyrant, and displayed his apron as a banner. The apron was adopted by the next king, and continued for centuries to be the national standard. (B.C. 800.)

Roman Standards. In the rude ages a wisp of straw. This was succeeded by bronze or silver devices attached to a staff. Pliny enumerates five—viz. the eagle, wolf, minotaur, horse, and boar. In later ages the image of the emperor, a hand outstretched, a dragon with a silver head and body of taffety. Marius confined all promiscuous devices to the cohorts, and reserved the eagle for the exclusive use of the legion. This eagle, made of gold and silver, was borne on the top of a spear, and was represented with its wings displayed, and bearing in one of its talons a thunderbolt.

Turkish Standards.

(1) Sanjak Cherif (Standard of the Prophet), green silk. This is preserved with great care in the Seraglio, and is never brought forth except in time of war.

- (2) The Sanjak, red.

(3) The Tug, consisting of one, two, or three horse-tails, according to the rank of the person who bears it. Pachas with three tails are of the highest dignity, and are entitled *beylerbeg* (prince of princes). Beys have only one horse-tail. The tails are fastened to the end of a

gilt lance, and carried before the pacha or bey.

- (4) The Alem, a broad standard which, instead of a spear-head, has in the middle a silver plate of a crescent shape.

Standards of Individuals.

AUGUSTUS (*Of*). A globe, to indicate his "empire of the world."

EDWARD I. (*Of*). The arms of England, St. George, St. Edmund, and St. Edward.

MAHOMET (*Of*). See under *Turkish Standards*.

Standards (Size of) varied according to the rank of the person who bore them. The standard of an emperor was eleven yards in length; of a king, nine yards; of a prince, seven yards; of a marquis, six and a half yards; of an earl, six yards; of a viscount or baron, five yards; of a knight-banneret, four and a half yards; of a baronet, four yards. They generally contained the arms of the bearer, his cognisance and crest, his motto or war-cry, and were fringed with his livery.

The Battle of the Standard, between the English and the Scotch, at Cuton Moor, near Northallerton, in 1138. Here David I., fighting on behalf of Matilda, was defeated by King Stephen's general Robert de Moubray. It received its name from a ship's mast erected on a waggon, and placed in the centre of the English army; the mast displayed the standards of St. Peter of York, St. John of Beverley, and St. Wilfred of Ripon. On the top of the mast was a little casket containing a consecrated host. (*Hailes: Annals of Scotland*, i. p. 85.)

Stang. To ride the stang. To go under petticoat government. At one time a man who ill-treated his wife was made to sit on a "stang" or pole hoisted on men's shoulders. On this uneasy conveyance the "stanger" was carried in procession amidst the hootings and jeerings of his neighbours. (Saxon, *stang*, a pole.) (See SKINKINGTON.)

Stanhope (A). A light open one-seated carriage, with two or four wheels. Invented by a Mr. Stanhope.

Stanhope Lens. A cylindrical lens with spherical ends of different radii. The covering of the tube into which the lens is fitted is called the "cap."

Stank Hen (A). A moor-hen. (*Stagnus* [Latin], a pool, pond, or stank [tank still common]; *sto*, to stand.)

Stannary Courts. Courts of record in Cornwall and Devon for the administration of justice among the tinners. (Latin, *stannum*, tin.)

Star (A), in theatrical language, means a popular actor.

Star (in Christian art). St. Bruno bears one on his breast; St. Dominic, St. Humbert, St. Peter of Alcantara, one over their head, or on their forehead, etc.

Star. The ensign of knightly rank. A star of some form constitutes part of the insignia of every order of knighthood.

His star is in the ascendant. He is in luck's way; said of a person to whom some good fortune has fallen and who is very prosperous. According to astrology, those leading stars which are above the horizon at a person's birth influence his life and fortune; when those stars are in the ascendant, he is strong, healthy, and lucky; but when they are depressed below the horizon, his stars do not shine on him, he is in the shade and subject to ill-fortune.

"The star of Richelieu was still in the ascendant."—*St. Simon*.

Star Chamber. A court of civil and criminal jurisdiction at Westminster, abolished in the reign of Charles I. So called because the ceiling or roof was decorated with gilt stars. Its jurisdiction was to punish such offences as the law had made no provision for.

"The chamber where the 'starrs' or Jewish documents were kept was a separate room. The Star Chamber was the *Camera Stellata*, not *Camera Starrata*."

"It is well known that, before the banishment of the Jews by Edward I., their contracts and obligations were denominated . . . *starrs*, or *stars*. . . The room in the exchequer where the chests . . . were kept was . . . the *starr-chamber*."—*Blackstone: Commentaries*, vol. ii. book iv. p. 266, a note.

Star-crossed. Not favoured by the stars; unfortunate.

Star of Bethlehem (The), botanically called *ornithogalum*. The French peasants call it "*La dame d'onze heures*," because it opens at eleven o'clock. Called "*star*" because the flower is star-shaped; and "*Bethlehem*" because it is one of the most common wild flowers of Bethlehem and the Holy Land generally.

Star of the South. A splendid diamond found in Brazil in 1853.

Stars and Garters (My). An expletive, or mild kind of oath. The stars

and garters of knighthood. Shakespeare makes Richard III. swear "*By my George, my garter, and my crown!*" (*Richard III.*, iv. 4.)

Stars and Stripes (The) or the **Star-spangled Banner**, the flag of the United States of North America.

The first flag of the United States, raised by Washington June 2, 1776, consisted of thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, with a blue canton emblazoned with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew.

In 1777 Congress ordered that the canton should have thirteen white stars in a blue field.

In 1796 (after the admission of Vermont and Kentucky) the stripes and stars were each increased to fifteen.

In 1818 S. R. Reid suggested that the original thirteen stripes should be restored, and a star be added to signify the States in the union.

The flag preceding 1776 represented a coiled rattlesnake with thirteen rattles, and the motto *Don't tread on me*. This was an imitation of the Scotch thistle and the motto *Nemo me impune lacessit*.

"Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Starboard and Larboard. **Star-** is the Anglo-Saxon *steor*, rudder, *boord*, side; meaning the right side of a ship (looking forwards). **Larboard** is now obsolete, and "**port**" is used instead. *To port the helm* is to put the helm to the larboard. Byron, in his shipwreck (*Don Juan*), says of the ship—

"She gave a heel (i.e. turned on one side), and then a lurch to port,
And going down head foremost, sunk, in short."

Starch. Mrs. Anne Turner, half-milliner, half-procureess, introduced into England the French custom of using yellow starch in getting up bands and cuffs. She trafficked in poison, and being concerned in the murder of Sir Thomas Overbury, appeared on the scaffold with a huge ruff. This was done by Lord Coke's order, and was the means of putting an end to this absurd fashion.

"I shall never forget poor Mistress Turner, my honoured patroness, peace be with her! She had the ill-luck to meddle in the matter of Somerset and Overbury, and so the great earl and his lady slipt their necks out of the collar, and left her and some half-dozen others to suffer in their stead."—*Sir Walter Scott: Fortunes of Nigel*, viii.

Starry Sphere. The eighth heaven of the Peripatetic system; also called the "**Firmament**."

"The Crystal Heaven is this, whose rigour guides
And binds the starry sphere."

Camæns: Lusiad, bk. x.

Starvation Dundas. Henry Dundas, first Lord Melville, who was the first to introduce the word *starvation* into the language, on an American debate in 1775. (Anglo-Saxon, *steorfan*, to perish of hunger; German, *sterben*; Dutch, *sterven*.)

Starved with Cold. Half-dead with cold. (Anglo-Saxon, *steorfan*, to die.)

Stations. The fourteen stations of the Catholic Church. These are generally called "Stations of the Cross," and the whole series is known as the *via Calvaria* or *via Crucis*. Each station represents some item in the passage of Jesus from the Judgment Hall to Calvary, and at each station the faithful are expected to kneel and offer up a prayer in memory of the event represented by the fresco, picture, or otherwise. They are as follows:—

- (1) Jesus is condemned to death.
- (2) Jesus is made to bear His cross.
- (3) Jesus falls the first time under His cross.
- (4) Jesus meets His afflicted mother.
- (5) Simon the Cyrenean helps Jesus to carry His cross.
- (6) Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
- (7) Jesus falls the second time.
- (8) Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem.
- (9) Jesus falls the third time.
- (10) Jesus is stripped of His garments.
- (11) Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- (12) Jesus dies on the cross.
- (13) Jesus is taken down from the cross.
- (14) Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.

Statira. A stock name of those historical romances which represented the fate of empires as turning on the effects produced on a crack-brained lover by some charming Manda'na or Statira. In La Calprenède's *Cassandra*, Statira is represented as the perfection of female beauty, and is ultimately married to Oroonides.

Stator [*the stopper or arrestor*]. When the Romans fled from the Sabines, they stopped at a certain place and made terms with the victors. On this spot they afterwards built a temple to Jupiter, and called it the temple of Jupiter Stator or Jupiter who caused them to stop in their flight.

"Here, Stator Jove and Phœbus, god of verse
The votive tablet I suspend." *Prior*.

Statue. The largest ever made was the Colossus of Rhodes; the next largest is the statue of Bavaria, erected by Louis I., King of Bavaria. The Bartholdi statue of Liberty is also worthy of mention. (See LIGHTHOUSES.)

Statue. It was Pygmalion who fell in love with a statue he had himself made.

Statue. Of all the projects of Alexander, none was more hare-brained than his proposal to have Mount Athos hewed into a statue of himself. It is said he even arranged with a sculptor to undertake the job.

Status of Great Men. (See GREAT MEN.)

Statute Fairs. (See MOR.)

Steak. Beef-steak is a slice of beef fried or broiled. In the north of Scotland a slice of salmon fried is called a "salmon-steak." Also cod and hake split and fried. (Icelandic, *steik*, *steikja*, roast.)

Steal. A handle. *Stealing*—putting handles on (Yorkshire). This is the Anglo-Saxon *stela* (a stalk or handle).

"Steale or handell of a staffe, manche, hantel." *Palsgrave*.

Steal a Horse. One man may steal a horse, but another must not look over the hedge. Some men are chartered libertines, while others are always eyed with suspicion. (Latin: "*Dat veniam corvis, vexat censura columbas*.")

Steal a March on One (To). To come on one unexpectedly, as when an army steals a march or appears unexpectedly before an enemy.

Steam-kettles. Contemptuous name applied to vessels propelled by steam-power, whether steamers, men-of-war, or any other craft.

"These steam-kettles of ours can never be depended upon. I wish we could go back to the good old sailing ships. When we had them we knew what we were about. . . . Now we trust to machinery, and it falls us in time of need."—*Kingston: The Three Admirals*, chap. xvi.

Steelyard (London, adjoining Dowgate); so called from being the place where the king's steelyard or beam was set up, for weighing goods imported into London.

Steenie (2 syl.). A nickname given by James I. to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. The half-profane allusion is to Acts vi. 15, where those who looked on Stephen the martyr "saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

Steeple-engine. A form of marine engine common on American river-boats.

Steeple-Jack (A). A man who ascends a church spire to repair it. This is done by a series of short ladders, tied one to another as the man ascends, the topmost one being securely tied to the point of the spire. Not many men have nerve enough for the dangerous work of a steeple-Jack.

Steeplechase. A horse-race across fields, hedges, ditches, and obstacles of every sort that happen to lie in the way. The term arose from a party of fox-hunters on their return from an unsuccessful chase, who agreed to race to the village church, the steeple of which was in sight; he who first touched the church with his whip was to be the

winner. The entire distance was two miles.

♂ The Grand National Steeplechase is run on the Aintree course, Liverpool.

Stel'vio. *The pass of the Stelvio.* The highest carriage-road in Europe (9,176 feet above the sea-level). It leads from Bo'mio to Glurns.

Sten'tor. *The voice of a Stentor.* A very loud voice. Stentor was a Greek herald in the Trojan war. According to Homer, his voice was as loud as that of fifty men combined.

Stento'rian Lung. Lungs like those of Stentor.

Sten'toroph'nic Voice. A voice proceeding from a speaking-trumpet or stentorophonic tube, such as Sir Samuel Moreland invented to be used at sea.

"I heard a formidable noise
Loud as the stentorophonic voice,
That roared far off, 'Dispatch! and strip!'"
Butler: *Hudibras*, iii. 1.

Stepfather and Father-in-law. The stepfather is the father of one bereaved of his natural father by death. A *stepmother* is the mother of one bereaved of his mother by death. A stepfather must be married to a widow, and thus become the stepfather of her children by a previous husband; and a stepmother must be married to a widower, and thus become the stepmother of his children by a former wife. Similarly, stepson and stepdaughter must be the son and daughter by the father or mother deceased, the relict marrying again. **FATHER-IN-LAW** and **MOTHER-IN-LAW** are the father and mother of the wife to her husband, and of the husband to the wife. Similarly, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law are the sons and daughters of the parents of the wife to the husband and of the husband to the wife. (Anglo-Saxon, *steop*, bereaved.)

Stephen. *Crown of St. Stephen.* The crown of Hungary.

"If Hungarian independence should be secured through the help of Prince Napoleon, the Prince himself should receive the crown of St. Stephen."
—Kossuth: *Memoirs of my Kiste* (1830).

Stephen's Bread (St.). *Stones.* Fed with St. Stephen's bread. Stoned. In French, "*Miches de St. Etienne*." In Italian, "*Pan di St. Stefano*." Of course the allusion is to the stoning of Stephen.

Stephens (Joanna) professed to have made a very wonderful discovery, and Drummond, the banker, set on foot a

subscription to purchase her secret. The sum she asked was £5,000. When £1,500 had been raised by private subscription, government voted £3,500. The secret was a decoction of soap, swine's creases, honey, egg-shells, and snails, made into pills, and a powder to match. Joanna Stephens got the money and forthwith disappeared.

Stepney Papers. A voluminous collection of political letters between Mr. Stepney, the British minister, and our ambassadors at various European courts, the Duke of Marlborough, and other public characters of the time. Part of the correspondence is in the British Museum, and part in the Public Record Office. It is very valuable, as this was the period called the Seven Years' War. The original letters are preserved in bound volumes, but the whole correspondence is in print also. (Between 1692 and 1706.)

Sterling Money. Spelman derives the word from *esterlings*, merchants of the Hanse Towns, who came over and reformed our coin in the reign of John. Others say it is *starling* (little star), in allusion to a star impressed on the coin. Others refer it to Stirling Castle in Scotland, where money was coined in the reign of Edward I. (Sir Matthew Hale.)

"In the time of King Richard I., money coined in the east parts of Germany began to be of especial request in England for the puritie thereof, and was called Easterling monie, as all the inhabitants of those parts were called Easterlincs; and shortly after some of that countie, skilfull in mint matters and sikes, were sent for into this realm to bring the come to perfection, which since that time was called of them sterling for Easterling." — Camden.

Stern. *To sit at the stern; At the stern of public affairs.* Having the management of public affairs. The stern is the *steer-ern*—i.e. steer-place; and to sit at the stern is "to sit at the helm."

"Sit at chiefest stern of public weal."
Shakespeare: *1 Henry VI.*, i. 1.

Sternhold (Thomas) versified fifty-one of the Psalms. The remainder were the productions of Hopkins and some others. Sternhold and Hopkins' Psalms used to be attached to the Common Prayer Book.

"Mistaken choirs refuse the solemn strain
Of ancient Sternhold." Crabbe: *Borough*.

Sterry (in Hudibras). A fanatical preacher, admired by Hugh Peters.

Stewing in their own Gravy. Especially applied to a besieged city. The besiegers may leave the hostile city to suffer from want of food, loss of commerce, confinement, and so on. The

phrase is very old, borrowed perhaps from the Bible, "Thou shalt not see the a kid in its mother's milk." Chaucer says—

"In his own gress I made him drie.
For anger and for very jealousy."
Prologue to the *Wife of Bathes Tale*.

∴ We are told that the Russian ambassador, when Louis Philippe fortified Paris, remarked if ever again Paris is in insurrection, it "can be made to stew in its own gravy (jus)"; and Bismarck, at the siege of Paris, in 1871, said, the Germans intend to leave the city "to seethe in its own milk."—See *Shall: Chronicles of Tewford*, p. 225.

"He relieved us out of our purgatory . . . after we had been stewing in our own gravy."—*The London Spy*, 1718.

Stick. A composing stick is a hand instrument into which a compositor places the letters to be set up. Each row or line of letters is pushed home and held in place by a movable "setting rule," against which the thumb presses. When a stick is full, the matter set up is transferred to a "galley" (q.v.), and from the galley it is transferred to the "chase" (q.v.). Called a stick because the compositor sticks the letters into it.

Stickler. One who obstinately maintains some custom or opinion; as a stickler for Church government. (See below.)

A stickler about trifles. One particular about things of no moment. Sticklers were the seconds in ancient single combats, very punctilious about the minutest points of etiquette. They were so called from the white stick which they carried in emblem of their office.

"I am willing . . . to give thee precedence, and content myself with the humbler office of stickler."—Sir Walter Scott: *Fair Maid of Perth*, chap. xvi.

Stiff. An I.O.U.; a bill of acceptance. "Hard," means hard cash. "Did you get it stiff or hard?" means by an I.O.U. or in cash. Of course "stiff" refers to the stiff interest exacted by money lenders.

"His 'stiff' was floating about in too many directions, at too many high figures."—*Outside: Under Two Flags*, chap. vii.

Stigmata. Impressions on certain persons of marks corresponding to some or all of the wounds received by our Saviour in His trial and crucifixion. The following claim to have been so stigmatised:

(1) MEN. Angelo del. Paz (all the marks); Benedict of Reggio (the crown of thorns), 1602; Carlo di Saeta (the lance-wound); Dodo, a Premonstratensian monk (all the marks); Francis of Assisi (all the marks, which were impressed on him by a seraph with six

wings), September 15th, 1224; Nicholas of Ravenna, etc.

(2) WOMEN. Bianca de Gazeran; St. Catharine of Sienna; Catharine di Racconisco (the crown of thorns), 1583; Cecilia di Nobili of Nocera, 1655; Clara di Pugny (mark of the spear), 1514; "Estatica" of Caldaro (all the marks), 1842; Gabriella da Piezolo of Aquila (the spear-mark), 1472; Hieronyma Carvaglio (the spear-mark, which bled every Friday); Joanna Maria of the Cross; Maria Razzi of Chio (marks of the thorny crown); Maria Villani (ditto); Mary Magdalen di Pazzi; Mechthildis von Stanz; Ursula of Valencia; Veronica Guliani (all the marks), 1694; Vincenza Ferreri of Valencia, etc.

Stigmatised. To puncture, to brand (Greek, *stigma*, a puncture). Slaves used to be branded, sometimes for the sake of recognising them, and sometimes by way of punishment. The branding was effected by applying a red-hot iron marked with certain letters to their forehead, and then rubbing some colouring matter into the wound. A slave that had been branded was by the Romans called a *stigmatic*, and the brand was called the *stigma*.

Stigmities, or St. Stephen's Stones, are chalcedonies with brown and red spots.

Stiletto of the Storm (The). Lightning.

Still. Cornelius Tacitus is called *Cornelius the Still in the Fardle of Factions*, "still" being a translation of the Latin word *tacitus*.

"Cornelius the Stytle in his firste booke of his yerely exploietes called in Latine *Ansales* . . ."—Ch. iii. s. 3 (1536).

Still Sow. A man cunning and selfish, one wise in his own interest; one who avoids talking at meals that he may enjoy his food the better. So called from the old proverb, "The still sow eats the wash" or "draff."

"We do not act that often jest and laugh;
'Tis old but true, still swine eat all the draugh."

Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor, iv. 2.

Still Waters Run Deep. Silent and quiet conspirators or traitors are most dangerous; barking dogs never bite; the fox barks not when he would steal the lamb.

"Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep;
And in his simple show he harbours treason.
The fox barks not when he would steal the lamb;

No, no, my sovereign Gloucester is a man
Unsounded yet, and full of deep deceit."

Shakespeare: 2 Henry V, iii. 1.

Stilling (*John Henry*), surnamed *Jung*, the mystic or pietist; called by Carlyle the German *Dominie Sampson*; "awkward, honest, irascible, in old-fashioned clothes and bag-wig." A real character. (1740-1817.)

Stillo No'vo. New-fangled notions. When the calendar was reformed by Pope Gregory XIII. (1582), letters used to be dated *stilo novo*, which grew in time to be a cant phrase for any innovation.

"And so I leave you to your *stilo novo*,"
Beaumont and Fletcher.

Stimulants of Great Men.

BONAPARTE took snuff when he wished to stimulate his intellect, or when he was greatly annoyed.

BRANHAM (the singer) drank bottled portier.

THE REV. WILLIAM BULL, the Nonconformist, was an inveterate smoker.

LORD BYRON took gin and water.

G. F. COOKE took all sorts of stimulants.

LORD ESKKINE took large doses of opium.

GLADSTONE's restorative is an egg beaten up in sherry.

HOBBS drank cold water.

ED. KEAN drank raw brandy.

J. KEMBLE was an opium eater.

*NEWTON smoked.

POPE drank strong coffee.

WYDERBURN (the first Lord Ashburton) placed a blister on his chest when he was about to make a great speech. (*Dr. Paria: Pharmacologia.*)

Stink'omalee. So Theodore Hook called University College, London. The fun of the sobriquet is this: the buildings stand on the site of a large rubbish store or sort of refuse field, into which were cast potsherds and all sorts of sweepings. About the same time the question respecting Trincomalee in Ceylon was in agitation, so the wit spun the two ideas together, and produced the word in question; which was the more readily accepted as the non-religious education of the new college, and its rivalry with Oxford and Cambridge, gave for a time very great offence to the High Church and State party.

Stipulate (3 syl.). The word is generally given from the Latin *stipula* (a straw), and it is said that a straw was given to the purchaser in sign of a real delivery. Isidore (v24) asserts that the two contracting parties broke a straw between them, each taking a moiety, that, by rejoining the parts, they might prove their right to the bargain. With all deference to the Bishop of Seville, his "fact" seems to belong to limbo-lore. All bargains among the Romans were made by asking a question and replying to it. One said, *An stipem vis?* the other replied, *Stipem volo* ("Do you require money?" "I do"); the next question and answer were, *An dabis?* *Dabo*

("Will you give it?" "I will"); the third question was to the surety, *An spondeas?* to which he replied, *Spondeo* ("Will you be security?" "I will"), and the bargain was made. So that stipulate is compounded of *stips-volo* (*stip'ulo*), and the tale about breaking the straws seems to be concocted to bolster up a wrong etymology.

"Stir Up" Sunday. The last Sunday in Trinity. So called from the first two words of the collect. It announces to schoolboys the near approach of the Christmas holidays.

Stirrup (1). A rope to climb by. (Anglo-Saxon, *sti'g-ra'p*, a climbing rope. The verb *sti'g-an* is to climb, to mount.)

Stirrup Cup. A "parting cup," given in the Highlands to guests on leaving when their feet are in the stirrups. In the north of the Highlands called "cup at the door." (*See COFFEE.*)

"Lord Marmion's bugles blew to horse;
Then came the stirrup-cup in course;
Between the baron and his host
No point of courtesy was lost."

Sir Walter Scott: Marmion, l. 21.

Stirrup Oil. A beating; a variety of "strap oil" (*q.v.*). The French *De l'huile de cotret* (taggot or stick oil).

Stiver. Not a stiver. Not a penny. The stiver was a Dutch coin, equal to about a penny. (Dutch, *stiver*.)

Stock. From the verb to *stick* (to fasten, make firm, fix).

Live stock. The fixed capital of a farm..

Stock in trade. The fixed capital.

The village stocks, in which the feet are stuck or fastened.

A gun stock, in which the gun is stuck or made fast.

It is on the stocks. It is in hand, but not yet finished. The stocks is the frame in which a ship is placed while building, and so long as it is in hand it is said to be or to lie on the stocks.

Stock Exchange Slang. See each article:

Backwardation.	Flutters.
Bears.	Fourteen Hundred.
Berthias.	Kite.
Berwicks.	Lame Duck.
Bruns.	Leeds.
Bulls.	Morgana.
Caleys.	Mutinous.
Claras.	Pota.
Cobens.	Singaporea.
Contango.	Smelt.
Dogs.	Star.
Dovers.	Yorks.

Stock, Lock, and Barrel. Every part, everything. Gun-maker's phrase.

"Everything is to be sold off—stock, lock, and barrel."

Stockdove. The wild pigeon; so called because it breeds in the stocks of hollow trees, or rabbit burrows.

Stockfish. *I will beat thee like a stockfish.* Moffet and Bennet, in their *Health's Improvement* (p. 262), inform us that dried cod, till it is beaten, is called buckhorn, because it is so tough; but after it has been beaten on the stock, it is termed stockfish. (In French, *étriller quelqu'un*, a double carillon, "to a pretty tune.")

"Peace" thou wilt be beaten like a stockfish else. —*Jonson: Every Man in his Humour*, iii. 2.

Stocking. (See BLUE STOCKING.)

Stockwell Ghost. A supposed ghost that haunted the village of Stockwell, near London, in 1772. The real author of the strange noises was Anne Robinson, a servant. (See COCK LANE GHOST.)

Sto'ics. *Founder of the Stoic school.* Zeno of Athens. These philosophers were so called because Zeno used to give his lectures in the *Stoa Poecile* of Athens. (Greek, *stoa*, a porch.)

Epictetus was the founder of the New Stoic school.

"The ancient Stoics in their porch
With fierce dispute maintained their church,
Beat out their brains in fight and study
To prove that virtue is a body,
That bonum is an animal,
Made good with stout polemical bawling."

Butler: *Hudibras*, ii. 2.

Stole (Latin, *stola*). An ecclesiastical vestment, also called the Orarium. "*Deinde circumdat collum suum stola, quæ et Orarium dicitur.*" It indicates "*Obedientiam filii Dei et jugum servitutis, quod pro salute hominum portavit.*" Deacons wear the stole over the left shoulder, and loop the two parts together, that they may both hang on the right side. Priests wear it over both shoulders. (See *Ducange: Stola*.)

Stolen Things are Sweet. A sop filched from the dripping-pan, fruit procured by stealth, and game illicitly taken, have the charm of dexterity to make them the more palatable. Solomon says, "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret [i.e. by stealth] is pleasant."

"From busie cooks we love to steal a bit
Behind their backs, and that in corners eat;
Nor need we here the reason why entreat;
All know the proverb, 'Stolen bread is sweet.'" *History of Joseph*, n. d.

Stomach. Appetite: "He who hath no stomach for this fight." (*Shakespeare: Henry V.*, iv. 3.)

Appetite for honours, etc., or ambition: "Wolsey was a man of an unbowed stomach." (*Henry VIII.*, iv. 2.)

Appetite or inclination: "Let me praise you while I have the stomach." (*Merchant of Venice*, iii. 5.)

Stomach. To swallow, to accept with appetite, to digest.

To stomach an insult. To swallow it and not resent it.

"If you must believe, stomach not all." —*Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra*, iii. 4.

Stomach, meaning "wrath," and the verb "to be angry," is the Latin *stomachus*, *stomachari*.

"Pell'dæ stomachum cedere necesse." *Horace*. ("The stomach [wrath] of relentless Achilles.")

"Stomachatur si quid asperius dixerim." —*Cicero*. ("His stomach rose if I spoke sharper than usual.")

The fourth stomach of ruminating animals is called the *abomasus* or *abomasum* (from *ab-oma'sum*).

Stone (1 syl.). The sacred stone of the Caa'ba (q.v.) is, according to Arab tradition, the guardian angel of Paradise turned into stone. When first built by Abraham into the wall of the shrine it was clear as crystal, but it has become black from being kissed by sinful man.

A hag-stone. A flint with a natural perforation through it. Sometimes hung on the key of an outside door to ward off the hags. Sometimes such a stone used to be hung round the neck "for luck"; sometimes on the bedstead to prevent nightmare; and sometimes on a horse-collar to ward off disease.

Leave no stone unturned. Omit no minutiae if you would succeed. After the defeat of Mardonius at Platæa (B.C. 477), a report was current that the Persian General had left great treasures in his tent. Polycrates (4 syl.) the Theban sought long but found them not. The Oracle of Delphi, being consulted, told him "to leave no stone unturned," and the treasures were discovered.

Stone Age (*The*). The period when stone implements were used. It preceded the bronze age.

Stone Blind. Wholly blind.

Stone Cold. Cold as a stone.

Stone Dead. Dead as a stone.

Stone Jug. Either a stone jar or a prison. The Greek word *κέραμος* (*keramos*) means either an earthen jar or a prison, as in *χαλκίῳ ἐν κέραμῳ* (*chalkiō en keramō*), in a brazen prison. When Venus complained to the immortals that Diomed had wounded her, Diōnē bade

her cheer up, for other immortals had suffered also, but had borne up under their affliction; as Mars, for example, when Otos and Ephialtes bound him . . . and kept him for thirteen months *χωλεῖν ἐν κεράμῳ* (in a brazen prison, or brazen jug). (*Homer: Iliad*, v. 381, etc.; see also ix. 469.) Ewing says *keramos*, potter's earth or pottery, was also a prison, because prisoners were made to work up potters' earth into jugs and other vessels. Thus we say, "He was sent to the treadmill, meaning, to prison to work in the treadmill.

Stone Soup or St. Bernard's Soup.

A beggar asked alms at a lordly mansion, but was told by the servants they had nothing to give him. "Sorry for it," said the man, "but will you let me boil a little water to make some soup of this stone?" This was no novel proceeding, that the curiosity of the servants was aroused, and the man was readily furnished with saucepan, water, and a spoon. In he popped the stone, and begged for a little salt and pepper for flavouring. Stirring the water and tasting it, he said it would be the better for any fragments of meat and vegetables they might happen to have. These were supplied, and ultimately he asked for a little catsup or other sauce. When fully boiled and fit, each of the servants tasted it, and declared that stone soup was excellent. (*La soupe au caillou*.)

• **Stone Still.** Perfectly still; with no more motion than a stone.

"I will not struggle: I will stand stone still."
Shakespeare: King John, iv. 1.

Stone of the Broken Treaty.

Limerick. About a century and a half ago England made a solemn compact with Ireland. Ireland promised fealty, and England promised to guarantee to the Irish people civil and religious equality. When the crisis was over England handed Ireland over to a faction that has ever since bred strife and disunion. (*Address of the Corporation of Limerick to Mr. Bright*, 1868.)

"The 'stone of the broken treaty' is there, and from early in the morning till late at night groups gather round it, and foster the tradition of their national wrongs."—*The Times*.

Stone of Stumbling. This was much more significant among the Jews than it is with ourselves. One of the Pharisaic sects, called *Nikfi* or "Dashers," used to walk abroad without lifting their feet from the ground. They were for ever "dashing their feet against the

stones," and "stumbling" on their way.

Stone of Tongues. This was a stone given to Otnit, King of Lombardy, by his father dwarf Elberich, and had the virtue, when put into a person's mouth, of enabling him to speak perfectly any foreign language. (*The Heldenbuch*.)

Stones.

Aerolites, or stones which have fallen from heaven. J. Norman Lockyer says the number of meteors which fall daily to the earth "exceeds 21 millions." (*Nineteenth Century*, Nov., 1890, p. 787.) The largest aerolith on record is one that fell in Brazil. It is estimated to weigh 14,000 lbs. In 1806 a shower of stones fell near L'Aigle, and M. Biot was deputed by the French Government to report on the phenomenon. He found between two and three thousand stones, the largest being about 17 lbs. in weight.

Eagle stones. (See EAGLE-STONES.)

Health stones. Purites (2 syl.) found in Geneva and Savoy. So called from the notion that it loses its steel-blue colour if the person in possession of one is in ill health.

Square stones. The most ancient idols were square stones. The head and limbs were subsequent additions.

Thuchstones. (q.v.)

Stones. After the Moslem pilgrim has made his seven processions round the Caaba, he repairs to Mount Arafat, and before sunrise enters the valley of Mena, where he throws seven stones at each of three pillars, in imitation of Abraham and Adam, who thus drove away the devil when he disturbed their devotions.

Standing stones. The most celebrated groups are those of Stonehenge, Avebury, in Wiltshire, Stennis in the Orkneys, and Carnac in Brittany.

The Standing Stones of Stennis, in the Orkneys, resemble Stonehenge, and, says Sir W. Scott, furnish an irresistible refutation of the opinion that these circles are Druidical. There is every reason to believe that the custom was prevalent in Scandinavia as well as in Gaul and Britain, and as common to the mythology of Odin as to Druidism. They were places of public assembly, and in the *Eyrbiggja Saga* is described the manner of setting apart the *Holga Feli* (Holy Rocks) by the pontiff Thorolf for solemn meetings.

¶ *Stones fallen down from Jupiter.* Anaxagoras mentions a stone that fell from Jupiter in Thrace, a description of which is given by Pliny. The Ephesians

asserted that their image of Diana came from Jupiter. The stone at Emessa, in Syria, worshipped as a symbol of the sun, was a similar meteorite. At Abydos and Potidaea similar stones were preserved. At Corinth was one venerated as Zeus. At Cyprus was one dedicated to Venus, a description of which is given by Tacitus and Maximus Tyrius. Herodian describes a similar stone in Syria. The famous Caa'ba stone at Mecca is a similar meteor. Livy recounts three falls of stones. On November 27th, 1492, just as Maximilian was on the point of engaging the French army near Ensisheim, a mass weighing 270 lbs. fell between the combatants; part of this mass is now in the British Museum. In June, 1866, at Knyahinya, a village of Hungary, a shower of stones fell, the largest of which weighs above 5 cwt.; it was broken in the fall into two pieces, both of which are now in the Imperial Collection at Vienna. On December 13th, 1795, in the village of Thwing, Yorkshire, an aërolite fell weighing 56 lbs., now in the British Museum. On September 10th, 1813, at Adare, in Limerick, fell a similar stone, weighing 17 lbs., now in the Oxford Museum. On May 1st, 1860, in Guernsey county, Ohio, more than thirty stones were picked up within a space of ten miles by three; the largest weighed 103 lbs. (*Kesselmeier and Dr. Otto Buchner: The Times*, November 14th, 1866.)

¶ *You have stones in your mouth.* Said to a person who stutters or speaks very indistinctly. The allusion is to Demosthenes, who cured himself of stuttering by putting pebbles in his mouth and declaiming on the sea-shore.

"The orator who once
Did fill his mouth with pebble stones
When he harangued."

Butler: Hudibras, l. 1.

Precious stones. Said to be dew-drops condensed and hardened by the sun.

***Stonebrash.** A name given in Wiltshire to the subsoil of the north-western border, consisting of a reddish calcareous loam, mingled with flat stones; a soil made of small stones or broken rock.

Stonehenge, says Geoffrey of Monmouth, was erected by Merlin (the magician) to perpetuate the treachery of Hengist, who desired a friendly meeting with Vortigern, but fell upon him and his 400 attendants, putting them all to the sword. Aurelius Ambrosius asked Merlin to recommend a sensible memento of this event, and Merlin told the king

to transplant the "Giants' Dance" from the mountain of Killaraus, in Ireland. These stones had been brought by the giants from Africa as baths, and all possessed medicinal qualities. Merlin transplanted them by magic. This tale owes its birth to the word "stan-hengist," which means *uplifted stones*, but "hengist" suggested the name of the traditional hero.

"Stonehenge, once thought a temple, you have found
A throne where kings, our earthly gods, were crowned,
When by their wondering subjects they were seen."
Dryden: Kyrielle, ii.

Stonewall Jackson. Thomas J. Jackson, one of the Confederate generals in the American war. The name arose thus: General Bee, of South Carolina, observing his men waver, exclaimed, "Look at Jackson's men; they stand like a stone wall!" (1826-1863.)

Stony Arabia. A mistranslation of *Arabia Petraea*, where Petraea is supposed to be an adjective formed from the Greek *petros* (a stone), and not, as it really is, from the city of Petra, the capital of the Nabathæans. This city was called *Thamud* (rock-built). (*See YEMEN.*)

Stool of Repentance. A low stool placed in front of the pulpit in Scotland, on which persons who had incurred an ecclesiastical censure were placed during divine service. When the service was over the "penitent" had to stand on the stool and receive the minister's rebuke. Even in the present century this method of rebuke has been repeated.

"Colonel Knox . . . tried to take advantage of a merely formal proceeding to set Mr. Gladstone on the stool of repentance."—*The Times*.

Stops. Organs have no fixed number of stops; some have sixty or more, and others much fewer. A stop is a collection of pipes similar in tone and quality, running through the whole or part of an organ. They may be divided into mouth-pipes and reed-pipes, according to structure, or into (1) metallic, (2) reed, (3) wood, (4) mixture or compound stops, according to material. The following are the chief:—

(1) *Metallic.* Principal (so called because it is the first stop tuned, and is the standard by which the whole organ is regulated), the open diapason, dulciana, the 12th, 15th, tierce or 17th, larget or 19th, 22nd, 26th, 28th, 33rd, etc. (being respectively 12, 15, 17, etc., notes above the open diapason).

(2) *Reed* (metal reed pipes). Bassoon,

cremona, hautboy or oboe, trumpet, vox-humana (all in unison with the open diapason), clarion (an octave above the diapason and in unison with principal).

(3) *Wood*. Stopt diapason, double diapason, and most of the flutes.

(4) *Compound or mixture*. Flute (in unison with the principal), cornet, mixture or furniture, sesquialtera, cymbel, and cornet.

7 Grand organs have, in addition to the above, from two to two and a half octaves of pedals.

Stops, strictly speaking, are three-fold, called the *foundation stop*, the *mutation stop*, and the *mixture stop*.

The *foundation stop* is one whose tone agrees with the normal pitch of the digital struck, or some octave of it.

The *mutation stops* produce a tone that is neither the normal pitch nor yet an octave of the digital struck.

The *mixture stop* needs no explanation.

Among varieties of organ-stops may be mentioned the *complete stop*, which has one pipe or reed to a note. The *compound stop*, which has more than one pipe or reed to a note. The *flue stop*, composed of flue-pipes. The *incomplete* (or imperfect) stop, which has less than the full number of pipes. The *manual stop*, corresponding to the manual keyboard. The *open stop*, which has the pipes open at the upper end. The *pedal stop*, as distinguished from the "manual" stop. The *solo stop*, the *string stop*, etc.

Store (1 syl.). *Store is no sore*. Things stored up for future use are no evil. Sore means grief as well as wound, our sorrow.

Stork, a sacred bird, according to the Swedish legend received its name from flying round the cross of the crucified Redeemer, crying *Styrka! styrka!* (Strengthen! strengthen!). (See *Christ*, in CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.)

Storks are the sworn foes of snakes. Hence the veneration in which they are held. They are also excellent scavengers. (Stork, Anglo-Saxon, *store*.)

"Twill profit when the stork, sworn foe of snakes,
Returns, to show compassion to thy plants."

Philips: Cyder, bk. i.

Storks' Law or *Lex Ciconaria*. A Roman law which obliged children to maintain their necessitous parents in old age, "in imitation of the stork." Also called "Antipelargia."

Storm in a Teapot. A mighty to-do about a trifle. "A storm in a puddle."

Storma. The inhabitants of Comacchio, a town in Central Italy, between the two branches of the Po, rejoice in storms because then the fish are driven into their marshes.

"Whose townsmen locate the lazy calm's repose,
And pray that stormy waves may lash the beach."
Rosa's Orlando Furioso, li. 41.

Cape of Storms. So Bartholomew Diaz named the south cape of Africa in 1486,

but King John II. changed it into the *Cape of Good Hope*.

Stormy Petrel (A). An ill omen; a bad augury.

"Dr. von Kamarch is regarded at court as a stormy petrel, and every effort was made to conceal his visit to the German emperor."—*The World*, 6th April, 1867, p. 15.

Stornello Verses are those in which certain words are harped on and turned about and about. They are common among the Tuscan peasants. The word is from *torna're* (to return).

"I'll tell him the white, and the green, and the red,
Mean our country has flung the vile yoke from her head;

I'll tell him the green, and the red, and the white
Would look well by his side as a sword-knot so bright;

I'll tell him the red, and the white, and the green
Is the prize that we play for, a prize we will win."

Notes and Queries.

Storthing (pron. *stor-ling*). The Norwegian Parliament, elected every three years (Norse, *stor*, great; *thing*, court.)

Stovepipe Hat (A). A chimney-pot hat (q.v.).

"High collars, tight coats, and tight sleeves
were worn at home and abroad, and, as though
that were not enough, a stovepipe hat was worn."
—*Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, September, 1891.

Stowe (1 syl.). *The fair majestic
paradise of Stowe* (Thomson's *Autumn*).
The principal seat of the Duke of Buckingham.

Stowe Nine Churches. A hamlet of Stowe, Northamptonshire. The tradition is that the people of this hamlet wished to build a church, and made nine ineffectual efforts to do so, for every time the church was finished the devil came by night and knocked it down again.

Stra'bo (*Walafridus*). A German monk. (807-849.)

Stradivarius (*Antonio*). A famous violin-maker, born at Cremona. Some of his instruments have fetched £400. (1670-1728.) (See CREMONAS.)

• **Straight as an Arrow**. (See SMILES.)

Strain (1 syl.). *To strain courtesy*. To stand upon ceremony. Here, strain is to stretch, as parchment is strained on a drum-head. When strain means to filter, the idea is pressing or squeezing through a canvas or woollen bag.

Strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. To make much fuss about little percadillos, but commit offences of real magnitude. "Strain at" is *strain out* or *off* (Greek, *di-ulizo*). The allusion is to the practice of filtering wine for fear

of swallowing an insect, which was "unclean." Tyndale has "strain out" in his version. Our expression "strain at" is a corruption of *strain-ut*, "ut" being the Saxon form of out, retained in the words *ut-most*, *utter*, *uttermost*, etc.

The quality of mercy is not strained (*Merchant of Venice*, iv. 1)—constrained or forced, but cometh down freely as the rain, which is God's gift.

Stral'enheim (*Count of*). A feudal baron who hunted Werner like a partridge in order to obtain his inheritance. Ulric, Werner's son, saved him from the Oder, but subsequently murdered him. (*Byron: Werner*.)

Strand (London). The bank of the Thames (Saxon for a beach or shore); whence *stranded*, run ashore or grounded.

Strange (1 syl.). Latin, *extra* (without); whence *extra'neus* (one without); old French, *estrangé*; Italian, *strano*, etc. Stranger, therefore, is *extra'neus*, one without.

Stranger of the Gate (*The*). (See under PROSELYTE.)

Strangers Sacrificed. It is said that Busiris, King of Egypt, sacrificed to his gods all strangers that set foot on his territories. Diomed, King of Thrace, gave strangers to his horses for food. (See DIOMEDES.)

"Oh fly, or here with strangers' blood imbued
Busiris' altars thou shalt find renewed:
Amidst his slaughtered guests his altars stood
Obscene with gore, and laked with human blood."
Cinna: Lucius, book ii.

Strap Oil. A beating. A corruption of strap 'eil, i.e. German *theil* (a dole). The play is palpable. The "April fool" asks for a pennyworth of strap 'eil, that is dole of the strap, in French *l'huile de cotret*. (Latin, *stroppus*.)

Strappa'do. A military punishment formerly practised; it consisted of pulling an offender to a beam and then letting him down suddenly; by this means a limb was not unfrequently dislocated. (Italian, *strappa're*, to pull.)

"Were I at the strappa'do or the rack, I'd give no man a reason on compulsion."—*Shakespeare: Henry IV*, ii. 4.

Strasburg Goose (*A*). A goose fattened, crammed, and confined in order to enlarge its liver. Metaphorically, one crammed with instruction and kept from healthy exercise in order to pass examinations.

"The anæmic, myopic, worn-out creature who comes to (the army)—a new kind of Strasburg goose."—*Nineteenth Century*, January, 1896, p. 26.

Stratagem means generalship. (Greek, *stratēgos*, a general; *stratos-ago*, to lead an army.)

Straw. Servants wishing to be hired used to go into the market-place of Carlisle (*Carel*) with a straw in their mouth. (See MOR.)

"At Carl I stuld w' a strae i' my mouth,
The weyves com roun' me in ousers;
'What weage dus to ax, canny lad?' says yon."
Anderson: Cumberland Ballads.

Straw, chopped or otherwise, at a wedding, signifies that the bride is no virgin. Flowers indicate purity or virginity, but straw is only the refuse from which corn has been already taken.

A little straw shows which way the wind blows. Mere trifles often indicate the coming on of momentous events. They are shadows cast before coming events.

A man of straw. A man without means; a Mrs. Harris; a sham. In French, "*Un homme de paille*," like a malkin. (See MAN OF STRAW.)

I have a straw to break with you. I am displeased with you; I have a reproof to give you. In feudal times possession of a fief was conveyed by giving a straw to the new tenant. If the tenant misconducted himself, the lord dispossessed him by going to the threshold of his door and breaking a straw, saying as he did so, "As I break this straw, so break I the contract made between us." In allusion to this custom it is said in *Reynard the Fox*—"The kinge toke up a straw fro' the ground, and pardoned and forgif the Foxe," on condition that the Fox showed King Lion where the treasures were hid (ch. v.).

In the straw. "*Être en couche*" (in bed). The phrase is applied to women in childbirth. The allusion is to the straw with which beds were at one time usually stuffed, and not to the litter laid before a house to break the noise of wheels passing by. The Dutch of Haarlem and Enckhuysen, when a woman is confined, expose a pin-cushion at the street-door. If the babe is a boy, the pin-cushion has a red fringe, if a girl a white one.

Not to care a straw for one. In Latin, "*Aliquem nihili, flacci, nauci, pili, acrimia facere*." To hold one in no esteem; to defy one as not worth your steel.

Not worth a straw. Worthless. In French, "*Je n'en donnerais pas un fétu* (or *un zeste*)." Not worth a rap; not worth a pin's point; not worth a fig (*q.v.*); not worth a twopenny dam, etc.

She wears a straw in her ear. She is looking out for another husband. This is a French expression, and refers to the ancient custom of placing a straw between the ears of horses for sale.

The last straw. The only hope left; the last penny.

'Tis the last straw that breaks the horse's (or camel's) back. In weighing articles, as salt, tea, sugar, etc., it is the last pinch which turns the scale; and there is an ultimate point of endurance beyond which calamity breaks a man down.

To carry off the straw ("Enlever la paille"). To hear off the belle. The pun is between "pal," a slang word for a favourite, and "paille," straw. The French *palot* means a "pal." Thus Gervais says—

"Mais, encore un coup, man palot."
Le Coup d'Œil Paris, p. 64.

To catch at a straw. To hope a forlorn hope. A drowning man will catch at a straw.

To make bricks without straw. To attempt to do something without the proper and necessary materials. The allusion is to the exaction of the Egyptian taskmasters mentioned in Exodus v. 6-14. Even to the present, "bricks" in India, etc., are made of mud and straw dried in the sun. To make plum-puddings without plums.

To stumble at a straw. "*Nodos in scirpo quærere*." To look for knots in a bulrush (which has none). To stumble in a plain way.

To throw straws against the wind. To contend uselessly and feebly against what is irresistible; to sweep back the Atlantic with a besom.

Strawberry means the straying plant that bears berries (Anglo-Saxon, *strewor berie*). So called from its runners, which stray from the parent plant in all directions.

Strawberry Preachers. So Latimer called the non-resident country clergy, because they *strayed* from their parishes, to which they returned only once a year. (Anglo-Saxon, *streworan*, to stray.)

Streak of Silver (*The*). The British Channel. So called in the *Edinburgh Review*, October, 1870.

Street and Walker (*Messrs.*). "In the employ of Messrs. Street and Walker." Said of a person out of employment. A gentleman without means,

whose employment is walking about the streets.

Stretch'er. An exaggeration; a statement stretched out beyond the strict truth. Also a frame on which the sick or wounded are carried; a frame on which painters' canvas is stretched; etc.

Strike (*1*). A federation of workmen to quit work unless the masters will submit to certain stated conditions. *To strike* is to leave off work, as stated above. (Anglo-Saxon, *stric-an*, to go.)

"Co-operation . . . prevents strikes by . . . identifying the interests of labour and capital."—*R. T. Ely: Political Economy*, part iv. chap. iv. 236.

Strike (1 syl.). *Strike, but hear me!* So said Themistocles with wonderful self-possession to Eurybiades, the Spartan general. The tale told by Plutarch is this: Themistocles strongly opposed the proposal of Eurybiades to quit the bay of Salamis. The hot-headed Spartan insultingly remarked that "those who in the public games rise up before the proper signal are scourged." "True," said Themistocles, "but those who lag behind win no laurels." On this, Eurybiades lifted up his staff to strike him, when Themistocles earnestly but proudly exclaimed, "Strike, but hear me!"

To strike hands upon a bargain or strike a bargain. To confirm it by shaking or striking hands.

Strike Amain. Yield or suffer the consequences. The defiance of a man-of-war to a hostile ship. To strike amain is to lower the topsail in token of submission. To wave a naked sword amain is a symbolical command to a hostile ship to lower her topsail.

Strike a Bargain (*To*). In Latin, *foedus ferre*; in Greek, *horkia terein*. The allusion is to the Greek and Roman custom of making sacrifice in concluding an agreement or bargain. After calling the gods to witness, they struck—i.e. slew—the victim which was offered in sacrifice. The modern English custom is simply to strike or shake hands.

Strike Sail. To acknowledge oneself beaten; to eat umble pie. A maritime expression. When a ship in fight or off meeting another ship, lets down her topsails at least half-mast high, she is said to *strike*, meaning that she submits or pays respect to the other.

"Now Margaret
Must strike her sail, and learn awhile to serve
When kings command."
Shakespeare: 3 Henry VI., iii. 2.

Strike while the Iron is Hot. In French, "*Il faut battre le fer pendant qu'il est chaud.*" Either act while the impulse is still fervent, or do what you do at the right time. The metaphor is taken from a blacksmith working a piece of iron, say a horse-shoe, into shape. It must be struck while the iron is red-hot or it cannot be moulded into shape. Similar proverbs are: "Make hay while the sun shines," "Take time by the forelock."

String. *Always harping on one string.* Always talking on one subject; always repeating the same thing. The allusion is to the ancient harpers; some, like Paganini, played on one string to show their skill, but more would have endorsed the Apothecary's apology—"My poverty, and not my will, consents."

Stripes. A tiger. In India a tiger is called Master Stripes.

"Catch old Stripes come near my bullock, if he thought a 'shooting-iron' was anywhere about. Even if there were another Stripes, he would not show himself that night."—*Cornhill Magazine* (*My Tiger Watch*), July, 1883.

Strode. *The babes of Strode are born with tails.*

"As Becket, that good saint, sublimely rude, Thoughtless of insult, through the town of Strode
What did the mob? Attacked his horse's rump
And cut the tail, so flowing, to the stump.
What does the saint? Quoth he, 'For this vile trick
The town of Strode shall heartily be sick.'
And lo! by power divine, a curse prevails—
The babes of Strode are born with horse's tails."
Peter Pingard: Epistle to the Pope.

Stroke. The oarsman who sits on the bench next the coxswain, and sets the stroke of the oars.

Strömkarl. A Norwegian musical spirit. Arndt informs us that the Strömkarl has eleven different musical measures, to ten of which people may dance, but the eleventh belongs to the night-spirit, his host. If anyone plays it, tables and benches, cups and cans, old men and women, blind and lame, babies in their cradles, and the sick in their beds, begin to dance. (See FAIRY.)

Strong—as iron, as a horse, as brandy. (See SMILES.)

Strong-back. One of Fortunio's servants. He was so strong he could carry any weight upon his back without difficulty. (*Grimm's Goblins; Fortunio.*)

Strong-bow. Richard de Clare, Earl of Strigul. Justice of Ireland. (*-1176.)

Stron'tian. This mineral receives its name from Stron'tian, in Argyleshire, where it was discovered by Dr. Hope, in 1792.

Struldbrugs. Wretched inhabitants of Luggnagg, an imaginary island a hundred leagues south-east of Japan. These human beings have the privilege of eternal life without those of immortal vigour, strength, and intellect. (*Swift's Gulliver's Travels.*)

"Many persons think that the picture of the Struldbrugs (sic) was intended to wean us from a love of life . . . but I am certain that the dawn never had any such thing in view."—*Paley's Natural Theology* (Lord Brougham's note, l. k. 1 p. 130).

Stub'ble Geese, called in Devonshire *Arish Geese*. The geese turned into the stubble-fields or arishers, to pick up the corn left after harvest. (See EATING.)

Stuck Pig. *To stare like a stuck pig.* A simile founded on actual observation. Of course, the *stuck pig* is the pig in the act of being killed. (See SMILES.)

Stuck Up. An Australian phrase for robbed on the highway. (See GONE UP.)

Stuck-up People. Pretentious people; parvenus; nobodies who assume to be somebodies. The allusion is to birds, as the peacock, which sticks up its train to add to its "importance" and "awe down" antagonists.

Stuck his Spoon in the Wall. Took up his residence. Sometimes it means took up his long home, or died. In primitive times a leather strap was very often nailed to the wall, somewhere near the fireplace, and in this strap were stuck such things as scissors, spoons for daily use, pen-case, and so on. In Barclay's *Ship of Fools* is a picture of a man stirring a pot on the fire, and on the wall is a strap with two spoons stuck into it.

Stuff Gown. An outer barrister, or one without the bar. (See BARRISTER.)

Stumers, in the language of the turf, are fictitious bets recorded in the books of bookmakers, and published in the papers, to deceive the public by running up the odds on a horse which is not meant to win.

Stump. *To take to the stump.* To roam about the country speechifying.

To stump the country. To go from town to town making [political] speeches.

"The Irish members have already taken to the stump."—*A Daily Journal.*

Stump Orator (in America). A person who harangues the people from

the stump of a tree or other chance elevation; a mob orator. †

Stamp Up. Pay your reckoning; pay what is due. Ready money is called stumpy or stumps. An Americanism, meaning money paid down on the spot—i.e. on the stump of a tree. (See NAIL.)

Stumps. To stir one's stumps. To get on faster; to set upon something expeditiously. The stumps properly are wooden legs fastened to stumps or mutilated limbs. (Icelandic, *stumpr*.)

"This makes him stirre his stumps."
The Two Lancashire Lovers (1640).

Stumped Out. Outwitted; put down. A term borrowed from the game of cricket.

Stupid Boy. St. Thomas Aquinas, nicknamed the Dumb Ox by his school-fellows. (1224-1274.)

Sty or Styx. Christ styed up to heaven. Halliwell gives *sty* = a ladder, and the verb would be to go to heaven, as it were, by Jacob's ladder. The Anglo-Saxon verb *stigan* means to ascend.

"The beast . . .
Thought with his winges to styce above the ground."

Spenser: Faerie Queene, bk. i. canto xl. 25.

Stygian (3 syl.). Infernal; pertaining to Styx, the fabled river of hell.

"At that so sudden blaz the Stygian throng
Bent their aspect."

Milton: Paradise Lost, x. 433.

• **Style** (1 syl.) is from the Latin *stylus* (an iron pencil for writing on waxen tablets, etc.). The characteristic of a person's writing is called his style. Metaphorically it is applied to composition and speech. Good writing is *stylish*, and, metaphorically, smartness of dress and deportment is so called.

"Style is the dress of thought, and a well-dressed thought, like a well-dressed man, appears to great advantage."—*Chesterfield: Letter* cxli. p. 301.

Styles. Tom Styles or John a Styles, connected with John o'Noakes in actions of ejectment. These mythical gentlemen, like John Doe and Richard Roe, are no longer employed.

"And, like a blind Fortune, with a sleight
Convey men's interest and right
From Stiles's pocket into Noakes's."

Burton: Hudibras, III. 3.

• **Stylites or Pillar Saints.** By far the most celebrated are Simeon the Stylite of Syria, and Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople. Simeon spent thirty-seven years on different pillars, each loftier and narrower than the preceding. The last was sixty-six feet high. He died in 460, aged seventy-two. Daniel lived

thirty-three years on a pillar, and was not unfrequently nearly blown from it by the storms from Thrace. He died in 494. Tennyson has a poem on Simeon Stylites.

"I, Simeon of the Pillar by surname,
Stylites among men—I, Simeon,
The watcher on the column till the end."
Tennyson.

Styx. The river of Hate, called by Milton "abhorred Styx, the flood of burning hate" (*Paradise Lost*, ii. 577). It was said to flow nine times round the infernal regions. (Greek, *stug'eu*, to hate.)

"The Styx is a river of Egypt, and the tale is that Isis collected the various parts of Osiris (murdered by Typhon) and buried them in secrecy on the banks of the Styx. The classic fables about the Styx are obviously of Egyptian origin. Charon, as Diodorus informs us, is an Egyptian word for a "ferryman," and styx means "hate."

"The Thames reminded him of Styx."—*M. Taine.*

Styx, the dread oath of gods.

"For by the black infernal Styx I swear
(That dreadful oath which binds the Thunderer)
His fixed!" *Pope: Thebais of Statius*, i.

Suaviter in Modo (Latin). An inoffensive manner of doing what is to be done. *Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re*, doing what is to be done with unflinching firmness, but in the most inoffensive manner possible.

Sub Cultro Liquit. He left me in the lurch, like a toad, under the harrow, or an ox under the knife.

Sub Hasta. By auction. When an auction took place among the Romans, it was customary to stick a spear in the ground to give notice of it to the public. In London we hang from the first-floor window a strip of bed-room carpet.

Sub Jove (Latin). Under Jove; in the open air. Jupiter is the deified personification of the upper regions of the air, Juno of the lower regions, Neptune of the waters of the sea, Vesta of the earth, Ceres of the surface soil, Hades of the invisible or under-world.

Sub-Lapsarian, Supra-Lapsarian. The sub-lapsarian maintains that God devised His scheme of redemption after the "lapse" or fall of Adam, when He elected some to salvation and left others to run their course. The supra-lapsarian maintains that all this was ordained by God from the foundation of the world, and therefore before the "lapse" or fall of Adam.

Sub Rosa. (*See* ROSE.)

Sublime Port. Wine merchants say the port of 1820 is the true "Sublime Port." Of course, the play is on the *Porta Sublima* or Ottoman empire.

Sublime Porte (*The*). The Ottoman empire. It is the French for *Porta Sublima*, the "lofty gate." Constantinople has twelve gates, and near one of these gates is a building with a lofty gateway called "Bab-i-humajun." In this building resides the vizier, in the same are the offices of all the chief ministers of state, and thence all the imperial edicts are issued. The French phrase has been adopted, because at one time French was the language of European diplomacy.

Submerged (*The*) or **The Submerged Tenth.** The proletariat, sunk or submerged in poverty; the gutter-class; the waifs and strays of society.

"All but the 'submerged' were bent upon merry-making."—*Society*, November 12th, 1892, p. 1273.

"If Mr. Booth has not inaugurated remedial work among the submerged tenth, he has certainly set the fashion of writing and talking about them."—*Newspaper paragraph*, October 13th, 1891.

Submit means simply "to lower," and the idea usually associated with the word is derived from a custom in gladiatorial sports: When a gladiator acknowledged himself vanquished he lowered (*submitted*) his arms as a sign that he gave in; it then rested with the spectators to let him go or put him to death. If they wished him to live they held their thumbs down, if to be put to death they held their thumbs upwards.

Subpoena is a writ given to a man commanding him to appear in court, to bear witness or give evidence on a certain trial named in the writ. It is so called because the party summoned is bound to appear *sub pena centum librorum* (under a penalty of £100). We have the verb *to subpoena*.

Subsidy means literally a sediment; that which is on the ground. It is a military term. In battle the Romans drew up their army in three divisions: first, the light-armed troops made the attack, and, if repulsed, the pike-men came up to their aid; if these two were beaten back, the swordsmen (*principes*) advanced; and if they too were defeated, the reserve went forward. These last were called subsidies because they remained resting on their left knee till their time of action. Metaphorically, money

aid is called a subsidy. (Latin, *subsideo*, to subside.)

Substitution of Service (*The*), in Ireland. Instead of serving a process personally, the name of the defaulter was posted on the walls of a Catholic chapel in the parish or barony, or in some other public place.

Subtle Doctor. John Duns Scotus, one of the schoolmen. (1265-1308.)

Subvolvans or Subvolva'ni. The antagonists of the Privolvans in Samuel Butler's satirical poem called *The Elephant in the Moon*.

"The gallant Subvolvani rally,
And from their trenches make a sally."
Verse 83, etc.

Succession Powder. The poison used by the Marquise de Brinvilliers in her poisonings, for the benefit of successors. (*See* POISONERS.)

Succinct means undergirded; hence concise, terse. (Latin, *sub-cinctus*.)

Succoth. The Jewish feast of tabernacles or tents, which began on the 15th Tisri (September), and lasted eight days. It was kept in remembrance of the sojourn in the wilderness, and was a time of grand rejoicing. Those who kept it held in their hands sprigs of myrtle, palm-branches, and willow-twigs. The Pentateuch was read on the last eight days.

Suck the Monkey. (*See* MONKEY.)

Sucking Young Patricians. The younger sons of the aristocracy, who sponge on those in power to get places of profit and employment.

Suckle. *To suckle fools and chronicle small beer.* Iago says women are of no use but to nurse children and keep the accounts of the household. (*Shakespeare: Othello*, ii. 1.)

Sucre. *Manger du sucre.* Applause given by claqueurs to actors is called *sucre* (sugar). French actors and actresses make a regular agreement with the manager for these hired applauders. While inferior artists are obliged to accept a mere murmur of approval, others receive a "salvo of bravos," while those of the highest rôle demand a "furore" or *éclat de rire*, according to their line of acting, whether tragedy or comedy. Sometimes the manager is bound to give actors "sugar to eat" in the public journals, and the agreement is that the announcement of their name shall be preceded with the words "celebrated,"

"admirable," and so on. The following is part of the agreement of a French actor on renewing his engagement (1869):—"Que cinquante claqueurs au moins feroient manger du sucre dès l'entrée en scène, et que l'actrice rivale seroit privée de cet agrément." (*See CLAUQUE.*)

Suds (*Mrs.*). A facetious name for a washwoman or laundress. Of course, the allusion is to soap-suds.

To be in the suds—in ill-temper. According to the song, "Ne'er a bit of comfort is upon a washing day," all are put out of gear, and therefore out of temper.

Suffolk. The folk south of Norfolk.

Suf frage means primarily the hough or pastern of a horse; so called because it bends *under*, and not over, like the knee-joint. When a horse is lying down and wants to rise on his legs, it is this joint which is brought into action; and when the horse stands on his legs it is these "ankle-joints" which support him. Metaphorically, voters are the pastern joints of a candidate, where-by he is supported.

A *suffragan* is a titular bishop who is appointed to assist a prelate; and in relation to an archbishop all bishops are suffragans. The archbishop is the horse, and the bishops are his pasterns.

Sugar-candy. Rhyming slang for "brandy."

Sugar-lip. Häfiz, the great Persian lyricist. (*-1389.)

Sugar and Honey. Rhyming slang for "money." (*See CHIRV.*)

Sugared Words. Sweet, flattering words. When sugar was first imported into Europe it was a very great dainty. The coarse, vulgar idea now associated with it is from its being cheap and common.

Sui Gen'ris (Latin). Having a distinct character of its own; unlike anything else.

Sui Juris. Of one's own right; the state of being able to exercise one's legal rights—*i.e.* freedom from legal disability.

Suicides were formerly buried ignominiously on the high-road, with a stake thrust through their body, and without Christian rites. (*Chambers: Encyclopedia*, ix. p. 184, col. 1.)

"They buried Ben at four cross roads,
With a stake in his inside."
Mood: Faithless Nelly Gray.

Suisse. *Tu fais suisse.* You live alone; you are a misanthrope. Suisse means porter or door-keeper, hence "*Parler au Suisse*" ("Ask the porter," or "Enquire at the porter's lodge"). The door-keeper lives in a lodge near the main entrance, and the solitariness of his position, cut off from the house and servants, gave rise to the phrase. At one time these porters were for the most part Swiss.

Suit (1 syl.). *To follow suit.* To follow the leader; to do as those do who are taken as your exemplars. The term is from games of cards.

Suit of Dittos (*A*). A suit of clothes in which coat, waistcoat, and trousers are all of one cloth.

Sult [*starvation*]. The knife which the goddess Hel (*g.v.*) is accustomed to use when she sits down to eat from her dish Hunger.

Sultan of Persia. Mahmoud Gazni, founder of the Gaznvide dynasty, was the first to assume in Persia the title of Sultan (A.D. 999).

Sultan's Horse, Deadly (*The*).

"Byzantium boast that on the clod
Where once the Sultan's horse had trod
Grows neither grass, nor shrub, nor tree."
Swift: Peder the Great.

Sulta'na. A beautiful bird, allied to the moorhen, with blue feathers, showing beautiful metallic gloss, generally with red beak and legs.

"Some purple-winged sultana"
Moore: Paradise and the Peri.

Summa Diligentia. On the top of a diligence. "Cæsar crossed the Alps 'summa diligentia.'" This is a famous schoolboy joke, and one of the best of the kind.

Summer. The second or autumnal summer, said to last thirty days, begins about the time that the sun enters Scorpio (October 23rd). It is variously called—

(1) St. Martin's summer (*L'été de St. Martin*). St. Martin's Day is the 11th November.

"Expect St. Martin's summer, halcyon days."
Shakespeare: 1 Henry VI., i. 2.

(2) All Saints' summer (All Saints' is the 1st November), or All Hallowen summer.

"Then followed that beautiful season,
Called by the pious Arcadian yeasants the summer of All Saints."
Longfellow: Evangeline.

"Farewell, All Hallowen summer."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV., i. 2.*

(3) St. Luke's little summer (St. Luke's day is 18th October).

Summer King (*The*). Amadeus of Spain.

Summons. Peter and John de Carvajal, being condemned to death on circumstantial evidence, appealed without success to Ferdinand IV. of Spain. On their way to execution they declared their innocence, and summoned the king to appear before God within thirty days. Ferdinand was quite well on the thirtieth day, but was found dead in his bed next morning. (*See* WISHART.)

Summum Bonum. The chief excellence; the highest attainable good.

SOCRATES said knowledge is virtue, and ignorance is vice.

ARISTOTLE said that happiness is the greatest good.

BERNARD DE MANDEVILLE and HELVETIUS contended that self-interest is the perfection of the ethical end.

BENTHAM and MILL were for the greatest happiness of the greatest number.

HERBERT SPENCER places it in those actions which best tend to the survival of the individual and the race.

LETOURNEAU places it in utilitarianism.

Sumpter Horse or Mule. One that carries baggage. (Italian, *sonna*, a burden.) (*See* SOMAGIA.)

Sumptuary Laws. Laws to limit the expenses of food and dress, or any luxury. The Romans had their sumptuary laws (*leges sumptuarii*). Such laws have been enacted in many states at various times. Those of England were all repealed by 1 James I., c. 25.

Sun. Hebrew, *Elohim* (God); Greek, *helios* (the sun); Breton, *heol*; Latin, *sol*; German, *sonne*; Anglo-Saxon, *sunne*. As a deity, called Adonis by the Phœnicians, and Apollo by the Greeks and Romans.

Sun. Harris, in his *Hermès*, asserts that all nations ascribe to the sun a masculine and the moon a feminine gender. For confutation see MOON.

City of the Sun. Rhodes was so called because the sun was its tutelary deity. The Colossus of Rhodes was consecrated to the sun. On or Heliopolis, Egypt.

Sun (*The*), called in Celtic mythology *Sunna* (*fem.*), lives in constant dread of being devoured by the wolf Fenris. It is this contest with the wolf to which eclipses are due. According to this

mythology, the sun has a beautiful daughter who will one day reign in place of her mother, and the world will be wholly renovated.

Horses of the Sun.

Arvakur, Aslo, and Alsvitur. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Brontë (*thunder*), Eo'os (*day-break*), Ethiops (*flushing*), Ethon (*fiery*), Erythre'os (*red-producers*), Philoge'a (*earth-loving*), Pyr'ois (*fiery*). All of them "breathe fire from their nostrils." (*Greek and Latin mythology.*)

The horses of Aurora are Abrax and Pha'eton. (*See* HORSE.)

¶ *More worship the rising than the setting sun*, said Pompey; meaning that more persons pay honour to ascendant than to fallen greatness. The allusion is, of course, to the Persian fire-worshippers.

Hercules cannot support two suns, nor earth two masters. So said Alexander the Great when Darius (before the battle of Arbela) sent to offer terms of peace. Beautifully imitated by Shakespeare:—

"Two stars keep not their motion in one sphere,
Nor can one England brook a double reign,
Of Harry Percy and the Prince of Wales."
1 Henry IV., A. 1

Here lies a she-sun, and a he-moon there (Donne). Epithalamium on the marriage of Lady Elizabeth, daughter of James I., with Frederick, elector palatine. It was through this unfortunate princess, called "Queen of Bohemia" and "Queen of Hearts," that the family of Brunswick succeeded to the British throne. Some say that Lord Craven married (secretly) the "fair widow."

Sun-burst. The fanciful name given by the ancient Irish to their national banner.

"At once, like a sun-burst, her banner unfurled."
Thomas Moore: *Irish Melodies*, No. 6

Sun Inn. In compliment to the ill-named House of York. The *Sun Inn*, Westminster, is the badge of Richard II.

Sun and Moon Falling. By the old heralds the arms of royal houses were not emblazoned by colours, but by sun, moon, and stars. Thus, instead of *or* (*gold*), a royal coat has the *sun*; instead of *argent* (*silver*), the *moon*; instead of the other five heraldic colours, one of the other five ancient planets. In connection with this idea, read Matt. xxiv. 29: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." (*See* PLANETS.)

Sun in one's Eyes (*To have the*). To be tipsy.

Sun of Righteousness. Jesus Christ. (Mal. iv. 3.)

Sunday. *Important battles fought on Sunday*. BARNET, Bull Run, CARBERRY HILL, Friedland, Fuentes d'Onoro, Jarnac, THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE (Lord Howe's great victory), KILLIECRANKIE, KUNERSDORF, Leipsig, Lepanto, Lincoln, Nowbury, RAMILLIES, Ravenna, Saarbrück (the "baptism of fire"), SEDAN, Seringapatam, Stony Creek, of the Thirty, Toulouse, Towton, Vienna, Vimiera, WATERLOO, WORCESTER.

Sunday Saint. One who observes the ordinances of religion, and goes to church on a Sunday, but is worldly, grasping, indifferently honest, and not "too moral" the following six days.

Sundays. *When three Sundays come together*. (See NEVER.)

Sundew, the *Drosera*, which is from the Greek *drosos*, dew. So called from the dew-like drops which rest on the hairy fringes of the leaves.

"By the lone fountain's secret bed,
Where human footsteps rarely tread;
Mid the wild moor or silent glen,
The sundew blooms unseen by men,
And, ere the summer's sun can rise,
Drinks the pure water of the skies."

The Wild Garland.

Sunflower (*The*). Clytie, a water-nymph, was in love with Apollo, but meeting no return, she died and was changed into a sunflower, which still turned to the sun through its daily course.

"The sunflower turns on the god, when he sets,
The same look which she turned when he rose."
T. Moore: (Believe me if all those endearing young charms).

"I will not have the mad Clytie,
Whose head is turned by the sun."

Shoof.

"What we call a sunflower is the *Helianthus*, so called, not because it follows the sun, but because it resembles a picture sun. A bed of these flowers will turn in every direction, regardless of the sun. The Turnsole is the *Heliotropium*, quite another order of plants.

Sunna or Sonna. The Oral Law, or the precepts of Mahomet not contained in the Koran, collected into a volume. Similar to the Jewish Mishna, which is the supplement of the Pentateuch. (Arabic, *sunna*, custom, rule of conduct.)

Sunnites (2 syl.). Orthodox Mahometans, who consider the Sunna or Oral Law as binding as the Koran. They wear white turbans. The heterodox

Moslems are called Shiites or Shi'ahs (*q.v.*).

Suo Jure (Latin). In one's own right.

Suo Marte (Latin). By one's own strength or personal exertions.

Super, Supers. In theatrical parlance, "supers" means supernumeraries, or persons employed to make up crowds, processions, dancing or singing choirs, messengers, etc., where little or no speaking is needed.

Supercilious (5 syl.). Having an elevated eyebrow; hence contemptuous, haughty. (Latin, *super-cilium*.)

Supernaculum. The very best wine. The word is Low Latin for "upon the nail" meaning that the wine is so good the drinker leaves only enough in his glass to make a bead on his nail. The French say of first-class wine, "It is fit to make a ruby on the nail" (*faire rubis sur l'ongle*), referring to the residue left which is only sufficient to make a single drop on the nail. Tom Nash says, "After a man has drunk his glass, it is usual, in the North, to turn the bottom of the cup upside down, and let a drop fall upon the thumb-nail. If the drop rolls off, the drinker is obliged to fill and drink again." Bishop Hall alludes to the same custom: "The Duke Tenterbelly . . . exclaims . . . 'Let never this goodly-formed goblet of wine go jovially through me;' and then he set it to his mouth, stole it off every drop, save a little remainder, which he was by custom to set upon his thumb-nail and lick off."

"'Tis here 'the supernaculum' twenty years—
Of age, if 'tis a day." *Byron: Werner, l. 1.*

Supernaculum. Entirely. To drink supernaculum is to leave no heel-taps; to drink so as to leave just enough not to roll off one's thumb-nail if poured upon it, but only to remain there as a wine-bead. ..

"This is after the fashion of Switzerland. Clear off neat, supernaculum."—*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, bk. I. 5.

"Their feet were supernaculum,
I snatched the rapiers from each thumb,
And in this crystal have them here,
Perhaps you'll like it more than beer."

King: Orpheus and Eurydice.

Superstition. That which survives when its companions are dead. (Latin, *supersto*.) Those who escaped in battle were called *superstitēs*. Superstition is religious credulity, or that religion which remains when real religion is dead.

Paul said to the Athenians that he perceived they were "too superstitious."—*Acts xv. 22.*

Supped all his Porridge (*He has*). Eaten his last meal; he is dead.

Supper of Trimalchio (A). A supper for gourmands of the upper classes in the reign of Nero. It forms a section of *Petronii Arbitri Satyricon*.

Supplication. This word has greatly changed its original meaning. The Romans used it for a thanksgiving after a signal victory (*Livy*, iii. 63). ("His rebus gestis, supplicatio a senatu decreta est" (*Cæsar: Bell. Gall.*, ii.].) The word means the act of folding the knees (*sub-plico*). We now use the word for begging or entreating something.

Sure as Demolivre. Abraham Demolivre, author of *The Doctrine of Chances, or Method of Calculating the Probabilities of Events at Play*, was proverbially accurate in his calculations. It was Pope who said, "Sure as Demolivre, without rule or line."

Sure as a gun, as fate, as death and taxes, etc. (*See SIMILES.*)

"Surest Way to Peace is a constant Preparation for War." Fox, afterwards Bishop of Hereford, to Henry VIII. (In Latin, "*Si vis pacem, para bellum.*")

Surety. One who takes the place of another, a substitute, a hostage.

Surfeit Water. Cordial water to cure surfeits.

"Water that cures surfeits. A little cold distilled poppy water is the true surfeit water."—*Locke*.

Surgeon is the Greek form of the Latin word *manufacturer*. The former is *cheir-ergon* (to work with the hand), and the latter *manu-facere* (to do or make with the hand).

Surloin of Beef. (*See SIRLOIN.*)

Surlyboy. Yellow hair. (Irish, *slugly buie*.)

Surname (2 syl.). The over-name; either the name written over the Christian name, or given over and above it; an additional name. For a long time persons had no family name, but only one, and that a personal name. Surnames are not traced farther back than the latter part of the tenth century.

Surnames of places.

In *ford*, in *ham*, and *by*, and *ton*.
The most of English surnames run.

Surplice (2 syl.). Over the fur robe. (Latin, *super-pellicium*.) The clerical robe worn over the bachelor's ordinary

dress, which was anciently made of sheepskin. The ancient Celts and Germans also wore a garment occasionally over their fur skins.

Durandus says: "The garments of the Jewish priesthood were girt tight about them, to signify the bondage of the law; but the surplice of the Christian priest is loose, to signify the freedom of the gospel."

Surrey. Anglo-Saxon, *Suth-rea* (south of the river—i.e. the Thames), or *Suth-rie* (south kingdom).

Saddle White Surrey for the field tomorrow (*Shakespeare: Richard III.*). Surrey is the Syrian horse, as Roan Barbary in *Richard II.* is the Barbary horse or barb. (*See HOUSE.*)

Surt or Surtur. The guardian of Muspelheim, who keeps watch day and night with a flaming sword. At the end of the world he will hurl fire from his hand and burn up both heaven and earth. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Susan (*St.*). The patron saint who saves from infamy and reproach. This is from her fiery trial recorded in the tale of Susannah and the Elders.

"This wife of Joiachim, being accused of adultery, was condemned to death by the Jewish elders; but Daniel proved her innocence, and turned the fables on her accusers, who were put to death instead. (*The Apocrypha.*)

Sussex. The territory of the South Saxons (*Suth-Seaxe*).

Sutor. *Ne sutor*, etc. (*See COBBLER.*)

Stick to the cow. Boswell, one night sitting in the pit of Covent Garden theatre with his friend Dr. Blair, gave an extempore imitation of a cow, which the house applauded. He then ventured another imitation, but failed, whereupon the doctor advised him in future to "stick to the cow."

Suttee (Indian). A pure and model wife (Sanskrit, *sati*, chaste, pure); a widow who immolates herself on the funeral pile of her deceased husband. Abolished by law in British India.

Svalin. The dashboard placed by the gods before the sun-car to prevent the earth from being burnt up. The word means "cooling." (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Swaddler. A contemptuous synonym for Protestant used by the Roman Catholics. Cardinal Cullen, in 1869, gave notice that he would deprive of the sacrament all parents who sent their children to be taught in mixed Model

schools, where they were associated with "Presbyterians, Socinians, Arians, and Swaddlers." (See *Times*, September 4, 1869.)

The origin of the term is as follows:—"It happened that Cennick, preaching on Christmas Day, took for his text these words from St. Luke's Gospel: 'And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.' A Catholic who was present, and to whom the language of Scripture was a novelty, thought this so ridiculous that he called the preacher a swaddler in derision, and this unmeaning word became a nickname for 'Protestant,' and had all the effect of the most opprobrious appellation." (*Southey: Life of Wesley*, ii. 153.)

Swag. Luggage, knapsack, a bundle; also food carried about one. *Swag-shop*, a store of minor, or cheap-priced goods. (Scotch, *sweg*.)

"(Palliser) began to retrace the way by which he had fled, and, descending carefully to the spot where he had thrown off his swag, found it as he had left it."—*Hutson: The Web of the Spider*, chap. v.

Swag. Plenty. Rhyming slang: A bag-full means plenty, and by omitting full, "bag" remains to rhyme with swag. (See *CHIVV*.)

Swagger. Bluster; noisy boasting.

Swainmote. (See *SWANIMOTE*.)

Swallow. According to Scandinavian tradition, this bird hovered over the cross of our Lord, crying "*Scala! scala!*" (Console! console!) whence it was called *scalow* (the bird of consolation). (See *CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS*.)

The swallow is said to bring home from the sea-shore a stone which gives sight to her fledglings.

"Seeking with eager eyes that wondrous stone which the swallow
Brings from the shore of the sea to restore the
sight of its fledglings."

Longfellow: Evangeline, part I.

It is lucky for a swallow to build about one's house. This is a Roman superstition. Ælian says that the swallow was sacred to the Penates or household gods, and therefore to injure one would be to bring wrath upon your own house.

It is unlucky to kill a swallow.

"Perhaps you failed in your foreseeing skill,
For swallows are unlucky birds to kill."

Dryden: Hind and Panther, part III.

One swallow does not make spring. You are not to suppose winter is past because you have seen a swallow; nor that the troubles of life are over because you have surmounted one difficulty.

Swan. Fionnua'la, daughter of Lir, was transformed into a swan, and condemned to wander for many hundred years over the lakes and rivers of Ireland till the introduction of Christianity into that island. T. Moore has a poem entitled *The Song of Fionnuala*. (*Irish Melodies*, No. 11.)

The male swan is called a *cob*, the female a *pen*; a young swan is called a *cygnet*.

Swan. Erman says of the *Cygnus olor*, "This bird, when wounded, pours forth its last breath in notes most beautifully clear and loud." (*Travels in Siberia*, translated by Cooley, vol. ii.)

Emilia says, "I will play the swan, and die in music." (*Othello*, v. 2.)

"What is that, mother?" The swan, my love,
He is floating down to his native grove.
Death darkens his eyes and unplumes his wings,
Yet the sweetest song is the last he sings.
Live so, my son, that when death shall come,
Swan-like and sweet, it may wait thee home!"
Dr. G. Doane.

Swan. Mr. Nicol says of the *Cygnus musicus* that its note resembles the tones of a violin, though somewhat higher. Each note occurs after a long interval. The music presages a thaw in Iceland, and hence one of its great charms.

Swan. A nickname for a blackamoor. (See *LUCUS A NON LUCENDO*.)

"Ethiopian vocations *cygnus*,"
Juvenal, viii. 32.

A black swan. A curiosity, a *rara avis*. The expression is borrowed from the well known verse—"Rara avis in ferris, nigraque similima cygno."

"What! is it my *rara avis*, my black swan?"—*Sir Walter Scott: The Antiquary*.

Swan. *Swan*, a public-house sign, like the peacock and pheasant, was an emblem of the parade of chivalry. Every knight chose one of these birds, which was associated in his oath with God, the Virgin, or his lady-love. Hence their use as public-house signs.

The *White Swan*, a public-house sign, is in compliment to Anne of Cleves, descended from the Knight of the Swan.

Swan with Two Necks. A corruption of "Swan with Two Nicks." The Vintners' Company mark their swans with two nicks in the beak.

N.B. Royal swans are marked with five nicks—two lengthwise, and three across the bill.

Swan-hopping. A corruption of Swan Upping—that is, taking the swans up the River Thames for the purpose of marking them. (See *above*.)

Swan of Avon (*Tho*), or **Sweet Swan of Avon.** Shakespeare is so

called by Ben Jonson because his home was on the Avon. (1664-1616.)

Swan of Cambray (*The*). Fénelon, Archbishop of Cambray, and author of *Telemachus*. (1651-1715.)

Swan of Mantua (*The*), or **The Mantuan Swan**. Virgil, who was born at Mantua. (B.C. 70-29.)

Swan of Meander (*The*). Homer, who lived on the banks of the Meander, in Asia Minor. (Fl. B.C. 950.)

Swan of Padua (*The*). Count Francesco Algarotti. (1712-1764.)

Swans . . . Geese. *All your swans are geese*. All your fine promises or expectations have proved fallacious. "Hope told a flattering tale." The converse, *All your geese are swans*, means all your children are paragons, and whatever you do is in your own eyes superlative work.

Swan'imote. A court held thrice a year before forest verderers by the steward of the court. So called because the swans or swains were the jurymen. (*Swans, swains, or swains*, freeholders; Anglo-Saxon, *swan* or *swain*, a herdsman, shepherd, youth; our *swain*.)

"This court was incident to a forest, as the court of pie-powder or piepoudre to a fair.

Swarga. The paradise of Indra, and also of certain deified mortals, who rest there under the shade of the five wonderful trees, drink the nectar of immortality called Amrita, and dance with the heavenly nymphs.

Swashbuckler. A ruffian; a swaggerer. "From swashing," says Fuller, "and making a noise on the buckler." The sword-players used to "swash" or tap their shield, as fencers tap their foot upon the ground when they attack. (*Worthies of England*.) (A.D. 1662.) (See SWINGE-BUCKLER.)

"A bravo, a swashbuckler, one that for money and good cheer will follow any man to defend him; but if any danger come, he runs away the first, and leaves him in the lurch."—*Florida*.

Swear now means to take an oath, but the primitive sense is merely to *avow* or *affirm*: when to affirm on oath was meant, the word *oath* was appended, as "I swear by oath." Shakespeare uses the word frequently in its primitive sense; thus Othello says of Desdemona—"She swore, in faith, 'twas strange, 'twas passing strange." (*Othello*, i. 3.)

Swear Black is White (*To*). To swear to any falsehood.

Swear by my Sword (*Hamlet*, i. 5)—that is, "by the cross on the hilt of my sword." Again in *Winter's Tale*, "Swear by this sword thou wilt perform my bidding" (ii. 3). Holinshed says, "Warwick kisses the cross of King Edward's sword, as it were a vow to his promise;" and Decker says, "Ho has sworn to me on the cross of his pure Toledó" (*Old Fortunatus*).

Sweat. *To sweat a client*. To make him bleed; to fleeco him.

To sweat coin. To subtract part of the silver or gold by friction, but not to such an amount as to render the coin useless as a legal tender. The French use *suer* in the same sense, as "*Suer son argent*," to sweat his money by usury. "*Fous faites suer le bonhomme—tel est votre dire quand vous le pillez*." (*Hu-rangur du Capitaine la Carbonnade*.) (1615.)

Sweating Sickness appeared in England about a century and a half after the *Black Death*. (1485.) It broke out amongst the soldiers of Richmond's army, after the battle of Bosworth Field, and lasted five weeks. It was a violent inflammatory fever, without boils or ulcers. Between 1485 and 1529 there were five outbreaks of this pest in England, the first four being confined to England and France; but the fifth spread over Germany, Turkey, and Austria.

Swedenborgians, called by themselves "the New Jerusalem Church" (Rev. xxi. 2). Believers in the doctrines taught by Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772). Their views of salvation, inspiration of Scripture, and a future state, differ widely from those of other Christians; and as to the Trinity, they believe it to be centred in the person of Jesus Christ (Col. ii. 9). (*Supplied by the Auxiliary New Church Missionary Society*.)

Swedish Nightingale. Jenny Lind (Madame Goldschmidt), a native of Stockholm, and previous to her marriage a public singer. (1821-1866.)

Sweep. *To sweep the threshold*. To announce to all the world that the woman of the house is paramount. When the procession called "Skimmington" passed any house where the woman was dominant, each one gave the threshold a sweep with a broom or bunch of twigs. (See SKIMMINGTON.)

Sweepstakes (*A*). A race in which stakes are made by the owners of horses

engaged, to be awarded to the winner or other horse in the race. In all sweepstakes entrance money has to be paid to the race fund. (See PLATE, SELLING-RACE, HANDICAP, WEIGHT-FOR-AGE RACE.)

If the horse runs, the full stake must be paid; but if it is withdrawn, a forfeit only is imposed.

“Also a gambling arrangement by which the successful bettor sweeps up or carries off all the other stakes. It is sometimes applied to a game of cards in which one of the players may win all the tricks or all the stakes.

Sweet as sugar. (See SIMILES.)

Sweet Singer of Israel. King David (B.C. 1074-1001).

Sweet Singers. A puritanical sect in the reign of Charles II., etc., common in Edinburgh. They burnt all story-books, ballads, romances, etc., denounced all unchaste words and actions, and even the printed Bible.

Sweet Voices. Backers, votes. Coriolanus speaks with contempt of the sweet voices of the Roman mob voters.

Sweetheart. A lover, male or female.

Swell Mob. The better-dressed thieves and pickpockets. A “swell” is a person showily dressed; one who puffs himself out beyond his proper dimensions, like the frog in the fable.

Swi Dynasty. The twelfth Imperial dynasty of China, founded by Yang-kien, Prince of Swi, A.D. 587. He assumed the name of Wen-tee (King Wen).

Swift as lightning, as the wind, as an arrow, etc. (See SIMILES.)

Swim (*In the*). In society. The upper crust of society. An angler's phrase. A lot of fish gathered together is called a *swim*, and when an angler can pitch his hook in such a place he is said to be “in a good swim.” To know persons in the swim is to know society folk, who always congregate together.

“Cottonree, who knows nearly everybody in the swim of European society . . . informs him that Lucy Annerley is the daughter of Sir Jous Stevens.”—A. C. Gunter: *Mr. Potter of Texas*, book iii. chap. xiv.

Swindle. To cheat; from the German *schwindeln*, to totter. It originally meant those artifices employed by a tradesman to prop up his credit when it began to totter, in order to prevent or defer bankruptcy.

Swine. Boar or brawn, the sire; spig, the dam; sucklings, the new-born

pigs. A castrated boar-pig is called a hog or shot. Young pigs for the butcher are called *porkers*.

A sow-pig after her first litter becomes a *broad-sow*, and her whole stock of pigs cast at a birth is called a *litter* or *farrow* of pigs.

Swing (*Captain*). The name assumed by certain persons who sent threatening letters to those who used threshing machines: (1830-1833.) The tenor of these letters was as follows:—“Sir, if you do not lay by your threshing machine, you will hear from Swing.”

“Excesses of the Luddites and Swing.”—*The Times*.

Swinge-buckler. A roisterer, a rake. The continuation of *Stow's Annals* tells us that the “blades” of London used to assemble in West Smithfield with sword and buckler, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, on high days and holidays, for mock fights called “bragging” fights. They swashed and swung their bucklers with much show of fury, “but seldom was any man hurt.” (See SWASHBUCKLER.)

“There was I, and little John Dost of Staffordshire, and black George Barnes, and Francis Pickbone, and Will Squele, a Cotswold man; you had not four such swinge-bucklers in all the four-counties, and I may say to you, we knew where the joint-collars were.”—*Shakespeare: 2 Henry IV.*, lit. 2.

Swiss. The nickname of a Swiss is “Colin Tampon” (*q.v.*).

No money, no Swiss—i.e. no servant. The Swiss have ever been the mercenaries of Europe—willing to serve anyone for pay. The same was said of the ancient Carrians. In the hotels of Paris this notice is common: “*Demandez* [or *Parlez*] *au Suisse*” (Speak to the porter).

Swiss Boy (*The*). Music by Moscheles.

Swiss Family Robinson. An abridged translation of a German tale by Jouchin Heinrich Kampe, tutor to Baron Humboldt.

Swithin (*St.*). *If it rains on St. Swithin's day (15th July), there will be rain for forty days.* (See GERVAIS.)

“St. Swithin's day, if ye do rain, for forty days it will remain; St. Swithin's day, an ye be fair, for forty days 'twill rain one mair.”

The French have two similar proverbs—“*S'il pleut le jour de St. Médun*” (8th June), “*il pleut quarante jours plus tard*,” and “*S'il pleut le jour de St. Gervais*” (19th June), “*il pleut quarante jours après*.”

The legend is that St. Swithin, Bishop of Winchester, who died 862, desired to

be buried in the church-yard of the minster, that the "sweet rain of heaven might fall upon his grave." At canonisation the monks thought to honour the saint by removing his body into the choir, and fixed July 15th for the ceremony; but it rained day after day for forty days, so that the monks saw the saints were averse to their project, and wisely abandoned it.

The St. Swithin of Scotland is St. Martin of Bouillous. The rainy saint in Flanders is St. Godelieve; in Germany, the Seven Sleepers.

Switzers. Swiss mercenaries. The king in *Hamlet* says, "Where are my Switzers? Let them guard the door" (iv. 5).

Sword. Owners' names for their swords.

(1) AGRICANE'S was called *Tranchera*. Afterwards BRANDEMAR'S.

(2) ALI'S sword was *Zulfagar*.

(3) ANTONY'S was Philippan, so named from the battle of Philippi. (*Shakspeare: Antony and Cleopatra*, ii. 4.)

(4) ARTEGAL'S was called *Chrysaror*. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*.)

(5) ARTHUR'S was called *Excalibar*, *Excalibur*, or *Caliburn*; given to him by the Lady of the Lake.

(6) SIR BEVIS'S OF HAMPTON was called *Morglay*.

(7) BITEROLF'S was called *Schrit*.

(8) BRAGGADOGLIO'S was called *Saug-lamore*. (*Faerie Queene*.)

(9) CÆSAR'S was called *Crocca Mors* (yellow death). (See *Commentaries*, bk. iv. 4.)

* Erat nomen gladio 'Crocca Mors,' qua nullus evadebat visus qui eo vulnerabatur. — *Geoffrey of Monmouth*, iv. 4.

(10) CHARLEMAGNE'S were *Joyeuse* or *Fusberta Joyosa*, and *Flamberge*; both made by Galas.

(11) THE CIP'S was called *Coldda*; the sword *Tizon* was taken by him from King Bucar.

(12) CLOSMONT'S was called *Haute-claire*, made by Galas.

(13) DIETRICH'S was *Nagelring*.

(14) DOOLIN'S OF MAYENCE was called *Merceilleuse* (wonderful).

(15) ECK'S was called *Sachu*.

(16) EDWARD THE CONFESSOR'S was called *Cwrtana* (the cutter), a blunt sword of state carried before the sovereigns of England at their coronation, emblematical of mercy.

(17) ENGLISH KINGS' (the ancient) was called *Cwrtana*.

(18) FRITHIOF'S was called *Angurval-dol* (stream of anguish).

(19) HACO I.'S OF NORWAY was called *Quern-biter* (foot-breadth).

(20) HIEME'S was called *Blutgang*.

(21) HILDEBRAND'S was *Briming*.

(22) IRING'S was called *Waskke*.

(23) KOLL, THE THRALL, *Greysteel*.

(24) LAUNCELOT OF THE LAKE'S, *Aroundight*.

(25) MAHOMET'S were called *Dhu' l Fakar* (the trenchant), a scimitar; *Al Battar* (the boater); *Medham* (the keen); *Halef* (the deadly).

(26) MAUGIS'S or MALAGIS'S was called *Flamberge* or *Floberge*. He gave it to his cousin Rinaldo. It was made by Wieland.

(27) OGIER THE DANE'S, *Courtain* and *Sauvagine*, both made by Munifican.

* He [Ogier] drew Courtain, his sword, out of its sheath. — *Morris: Earthly Paradise*, 631.

(28) OLIVER'S was *Haute-Claire*.

(29) ORLANDO'S was called *Durandana* or *Duridan*, which once belonged to Hector, and is said to be still preserved at Rocamadour, in France.

(30) OTUEL'S was *Corronque* (2 syl.).

(31) RINALDO'S was called *Fusberta* or *Flamberge* (2 syl.). (See above, MAUGIS.)

(32) ROGERO'S was called *Baluarda*. It was made by a sorceress.

(33) ROLAND'S was called *Durandal*, made by Munifican. This is the French version of *Orlando* and *Durandana*.

(34) SIEGFRIED'S was called *Balmung*, in the *Nibelungen-Lied*. It was made by Wieland. Also *Gram*. *Mimung* was lent to him by Wittich.

(35) SINTHAM'S was called *Welsung*.

(36) STRONG-I-THE-ARM'S, *Baptism*, *Florence*, and *Graban*, by Anias.

(37) THORALF SKOLINSON'S—i.e. Thoralf the Strong, of Norway—was called *Quern-biter* (foot-breadth).

(38) WIELAND. The swords made by the divine blacksmith were *Flamberge* and *Balmung*.

Sword-makers.

ANSIAS, GALAS, and MUNIFICAN made three swords each, and each sword took three years a-making.

ANSIAS. The three swords made by this cutler were *Baptism*, *Florence*, and *Graban*, all made for Strong-i-the-Arm.

GALAS. The three swords made by this cutler were *Flamberge* (2 syl.) and *Joyeuse* for Charlemagne; and *Haute-claire* for Closmont.

MUNIFICAN. The three swords made by this cutler were *Durandal*, for Roland;

Sawagine and Courtain for Ogier the Dane.

WIELAND ("the divine blacksmith") also made two famous swords—viz. *Flamberge*, for Maugis; and *Balmung*, for Siegfried.

N.B. Oliver's sword, called *Glorious*, hacked all the nine swords of Anslas, Galas, and Munifcan "a foot from the pommel." (*Croquemitaine.*)

An alphabetical list of the famous swords:—

Al Battar (the beater), one of Mahomet's swords.

Angura (stream of anguish), Frithiof's sword.

Arundel (? *Eron-dikt*), the sword of Lancelot of the Lake.

Balsarda, Rogero's sword, made by a sorceress.

Balmung, one of the swords of Siegfried, made by Wieland, "the divine blacksmith."

Baptism, one of the swords of Strong-I-the-Arm, which took Anslas three years to make.

Blutgang (blood-fetich), Hume's sword.

Bronze (hammer), Hildebrand's sword.

Caliburn, Arthur's sword.

Chrysaor (sword of gold, i.e. as good as gold), Artaban's sword.

Colada, the Cid's sword.

Corrugan, Otnel's sword.

Courtain (the short sword), one of the swords of Ogier the Dane, which took Munifcan three years to make.

Croceat Mors (yellow death), Caesar's sword.

Curtana (? the short sword). (See *Edward the Confessor* and *English kings.*)

Dha' l Fakar (the trenchant), Mahomet's scimitar.

Durandal, same as *Durandan*, Roland's sword, which took Munifcan three years to make.

Durandan or *Durandana* (the inflexible), Orlando's sword.

Excalibar or *Excalibar*, the sword of King Arthur. (*Ex* called *liber* (are), to liberate from the stone.) (See below, *AWOIN EXCALIBAR.*)

Flamberge or *Flamberge* (3 syl., the flame-cutter), one of Charlemagne's swords, and also the sword of Humalo, which took Galas three years to make.

Flamberge, the sword of Maugis or Malagisi, made by Wieland, "the divine blacksmith."

Florence, one of the swords of Strong-I-the-Arm, which took Anslas three years to make.

Fusherta Joydas, another name for *Jougese* (q.v.).

Glorious, Oliver's sword, which hacked to pieces the nine swords made by Anslas, Galas, and Munifcan.

Gubau (the grave-digger), one of the swords of Strong-I-the-Arm, which took Anslas three years to make.

Gum (arief), one of the swords of Siegfried.

Gustet, the sword of Koll the Thrall.

Haidelclore (2 syl., very bright), both Cloasmon's and Oliver's swords were so called. Cloasmon's sword took Galas three years to make.

Hufc (the deadly), one of Mahomet's swords.

Jougese (3 syl., joyous), one of Charlemagne's swords, which took Galas three years to make.

Mundusian swords (q.v.).

Medham (the keen), one of Mahomet's swords.

Mervellous (the marvellous), Doolin's sword.

Morning, the sword that Withel lent Siegfried.

Morgut, i.e. mor-glait (big glaive), Sir Bevis's sword.

Nailring (nail-ring), Dietrich's sword.

Philippin. The sword of Antony, one of the triumvirs.

Quea-biter (a foot-breadth), both Haco I. and Thoralf Skollinson had a sword so called.

Sacho, Eck's sword.

Samsah, Haroun-al-Raschid's sword.

Sanguinore (the big bloody glaive), Bragradoch's sword.

Sauvaine (3 syl., the relentless), one of the

swords of Ogier the Dane, which took Munifcan three years to make.

Sekrit or *Schritt* (? the lopper), Biterolf's sword.

Tizna (the poker), King Bucar's sword. (See *Clit.*)

Trenchera (the trenchant), Agricane's sword.

Wankers (2 syl.), Irling's sword.

Welaug, both Dietrich and Sintram had a sword so called.

Zufagar, Ali's sword.

Sword Excalibar (*The*). At the death of Uter Pendragon there were many claimants to the crown; they were all ordered to assemble in "the great church of London," on Christmas Eve, and found a sword stuck in a stone and anvil with this inscription: "He who can draw forth this sword, the same is to be king." The knights tried to pull it out, but were unable. One day, when a tournament was held, young Arthur wanted a sword and took this one, not knowing it was a charmed instrument, whereupon he was universally acknowledged to be the God-elected king. This was the sword of Excalibar. (*History of Prince Arthur*, i. 3.)

The enchanted sword (in *Amadis of Gaul*). Whoever drew this sword from a rock was to gain access to a subterranean treasure. (Cap. cxxx. See also caps. lxxii. and xcix.)

Sword of God (*The*). Khaled Ibn al Waled was so called for his prowess at the battle of Muta.

Sword of Rome (*The*). Marcellus, who opposed Hannibal. (B.C. 216-214.)

Sword of the Spirit (*The*). The Word of God (Eph. vi. 17).

¶ **Sword** (phrases and proverbs).

At sword's point. In deadly hostility, ready to fight each other with swords.

Poke not fire with a sword. This was a precept of Pythagoras, meaning add not fuel to fire, or do not irritate an angry man by sharp words which will only increase his rage. (See *Iamblichus: Protreptics*, symbol ix.)

To put to the sword. To slay. ••

Your tongue is a double-edged sword. You first say one thing and then the contrary; your argument cuts both ways. The allusion is to the double-edged sword out of the mouth of the Son of Man—one edge to condemn, and the other to save. (Rev. i. 16.)

Yours is a Delphic sword—it cuts both ways. Erasmus says a Delphic sword is that which accommodates itself to the pro or con. of a subject. The reference is to the double meanings of the Delphic oracles, called in Greek *Delphiké mach-*

Sword and Cloak Plays. So Calderon called topical or modern comedies, because the actors wore cloaks and swords (worn by gentlemen of the period) instead of heraldic, antique, or dramatico-historic dresses, worn in tragedy.

Swords Prohibited. Gaming ran high at Bath, and frequently led to disputes and resort to the sword, then generally carried by well-dressed men. Swords were therefore prohibited by Nash in the public rooms; still they were worn in the streets, when Nash, in consequence of a duel fought by torch-light by two notorious gamblers, made the rule absolute—"That no swords should on any account be worn in Bath."

Sworn Brothers. "in the Old English law, were persons who by mutual oath covenanted to share each other's fortune." (*Burrill*.)

Sworn at Highgate. (*See HIGHGATE*.)

Sybarite (3 syl.). A self-indulgent person; a wanton. The inhabitants of Sybaris, in South Italy, were proverbial for their luxurious living and self-indulgence. A tale is told by Seneca of a Sybarite who complained that he could not rest comfortably at night, and being asked why, replied, "He found a rose-leaf doubled under him, and it hurt him." (*See RIPATILE*.)

"All is calm as would delight the heart
Of Sybarite of old."

Thomson: Cattle of Indolence, canto i.

Sybarite. The Sybarites taught their horses to dance to the sound of a pipe. When the Crotonians marched against Sybaris they began to play on their pipes, whereupon all the Sybarite horses drawn out in array before the town began to dance; disorder soon prevailed in the ranks, and the victory was quick and easy.

Sycamore and Sycomore. Sycamore is the plane-tree of the maple family (*Acer pseudo-platanus*, or Greater maple). The sycomore is the Egyptian fig-tree (Greek, *sukomoros*, *sukos*, a fig). The tree into which Zachæus climbed (Luke xix. 4) to see Christ pass is wrongly called a sycamore or maple, as it was the sycomore or wild fig. The French have translated the word correctly—" [*Il*] montait sur un sycomore pour le voir."

Sycophant, from the Greek *sukophantês*, "fig-blabbler." The men of Athens passed a law forbidding the

exportation of figs; the law was little more than a dead letter, but there were always found mean fellows who, for their own private ends, impeached those who violated it; hence sycophant came to signify first a government toady, and then a toady generally.

"I here use 'sycophant' in its original sense, as a wretch who flatters the prevailing party by informing against his neighbours, under pretence that they are exporters of prohibited figs."—*Coleridge: Biography*, vol. iii. chap. x. p. 286.

Sycorax. A witch, whose son was Caliban. (*Shakespeare: The Tempest*.)

Syenite. A granite so called from Syene, in Egypt, its great quarry.

Syllogism. The five hexameter verses which contain the symbolic names of all the different syllogistic figures are as follow:—

"Barbara, Celarent, Darii, Fer'que prœdixit,
Cesàre, Camestres, Festino, Baroko secundum.
Tertia, Darapti, Disamis, Datis, Felapton,
Bokardo, Ferison, habet Quarta insuper addita
Dramantibus, Camenæs, Dindaris, Fesapo, Festison

N.B. The vowel

A universal affirmative.

E universal negative.

I particular affirmative.

O particular negative.

Taking the first line as the standard, the initial letters of all the words below it show to which standard the syllogism is to be reduced; thus, Baroko is to be reduced to "Barbara," Cesàre to "Celarent," and so on.

Sylphs, according to Middle Age belief, are the elemental spirits of air; so named by the Rosicrucians and Cabalists, from the Greek *αἰψή* (a butterfly or moth). (*See GNOMES*.)

Sylphs. Any mortal who has preserved inviolate chastity may enjoy intimate familiarity with these goodly spirits. All coquettes at death become sylphs, "and sport and flutter in the fields of air."

"Whoever, fair and chaste

Rejects mankind, is by some sylph embraced."
Pope: Rape of the Lock, l.

Sylvan Lignum Ferre (In). To carry coals to Newcastle. The French say, "*Porter de l'eau à la rivière*." To do a work of supererogation; to paint the lily, or add another perfume to the violet, or perform any other superfluous or ridiculous excess.

Sylvester (St.). The pope who converted Constantine the Great and his mother by "the miracle of restoring to life a dead ox." The ox was killed by a magician for a trial of skill, and he who restored it to life was to be accounted the servant of the true God. This tale

is manifestly an imitation of the Bible story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. (1 Kings xviii.)

Sylvius Bonus. Supposed to be Coil the Good, a contemporary of Ausonius, who often mentions him; but not even the titles of his works are known. He was a British writer.

Symbol originally meant the corresponding part of a tally, ticket, or coin cut in twain. The person who presented the piece which fitted showed a "symbol" of his right to what he claimed. (Greek, *sun ballo*, to put or cast together.)

Symbols of Saints.

SAINTS.	SYMBOLS.
<i>Agatha</i> ..	Carrying her breasts in a dish.
<i>Agathon</i> ..	A book and crozier.
<i>Agnes</i> ..	A lamb at her side.
<i>Anastasia</i> ..	A palm branch.
<i>Andrew</i> ..	A saltire cross.
<i>Anne</i> ..	A book in her hand.
<i>Anthony</i> ..	A red cross, with a bell at the end, and a pig by his side.
<i>Apolonia</i> ..	A tooth and palm branch. She is applied to by those who suffer from toothache.
<i>Asaph and Lydan</i>	A crozier.
<i>Barbara</i> ..	A book and palm branch.
<i>Bartholus</i> ..	A staff in one hand and an open book in the other; or a rake.
<i>Bartholomew</i> ..	A knife or a processional cross.
<i>Blaise</i> ..	Iron combs, with which his body was torn to pieces.
<i>Bridget</i> ..	A crozier and book.
<i>Cuthbert</i> ..	An inverted sword, or large wheel.
<i>Cecilia</i> ..	Playing on a harp or organ.
<i>Christopher</i> ..	A gigantic figure carrying Christ over a river.
<i>Clare</i> ..	A palm branch.
<i>Clement</i> ..	A papal crown, or an anchor. He was drowned with an anchor tied round his neck, also a pot.
<i>Crispin and Crispian</i> ..	Two shoemakers at work.
<i>Cuthbert</i> ..	St. Oswald's head in his hand.
<i>David</i> ..	A leek, in commemoration of his victory over the Saxons.
<i>Demus</i> ..	Holding his mitred head in his hand.
<i>Dorothea</i> ..	Carrying a basket of fruit.
<i>Edward the Confessor</i> ..	Crowned with a mitulus, and holding a sceptre.
<i>Elizabeth</i> ..	St. John and the lamb at her feet.
<i>Feith</i> ..	A gridiron.
<i>Felix</i> ..	An anchor.
<i>Flower</i> ..	Her head in her hand, and a flower sprouting out of her neck.
<i>Francis</i> ..	A scratch inflicting the five wounds of Christ; or a lily on a trampled globe.
<i>Fyacre</i> ..	Arrayed in a long robe, praying and holding his beads in one hand.
<i>Gabriel</i> ..	A flower-pot full of lilies between him and the Virgin.
<i>Georgy</i> ..	Mounted on horseback, and transfixing a dragon.
<i>Giles</i> ..	A hind, with its head in the saint's lap.
<i>Ignatius</i> ..	The iconogram I.H.S. on the breast or in the sky, circled with a glory. Fairhold says the mystery of the Trinity was thus revealed to him.
<i>James the Greater</i> ..	A pilgrim's staff; or a scallop shell.

SAINTS.	SYMBOLS.
<i>James the Less</i> ..	A fuller's pole. He was killed by Simon the fuller.
<i>John Baptist</i> ..	A camel-hair garment, small rude cross, and a lamb at his feet.
<i>John Evangelist</i> ..	A chalice, out of which a dragon or serpent issues, and an open book; or a young man with an eagle in the background. (Ezekiel vii. 1-10.)
<i>Jerome</i> ..	A blue hat, and studying a large folio volume.
<i>Jude</i> ..	With a club or baton.
<i>Julian</i> ..	Ferrying travellers across a stream.
<i>Lawrence</i> ..	A book and gridiron.
<i>Louis</i> ..	A king kneeling, with the arms of France at his feet; a bishop blessing him, and a dove descending on his head.
<i>Loy</i> ..	A crozier and hammer. He is the patron saint of smiths.
<i>Lucy</i> ..	With a short staff in her hand, and the devil behind her; or with eyes in a dish. (See LUCY.)
<i>Luke</i> ..	Sitting at a reading-desk, beneath which appears an ox's head; or pictorially executed upon a Bambino. (Ezekiel vii. 1-10.)
<i>Margaret</i> ..	Treading on a dragon, or piercing it with the cross.
<i>Mark</i> ..	A man seated writing, with a lion couchant at his feet.
<i>Martin</i> ..	On horseback, dividing his cloak with a beggar behind him on foot.
<i>Mary the Virgin</i> ..	Carrying the child Jesus, and a lily is somewhere displayed.
<i>Mary Magdalen</i> ..	A box of ointment.
<i>Matthias</i> ..	With a halberd, with which Nadabar killed him. As an evangelist, he holds a pen, with which he is writing on a scroll. The most ancient symbol is a man's face. (Ezekiel vii. 1-10.)
<i>Michael</i> ..	In armour, with a cross, or else holding scales, in which he is weighing souls.
<i>Nicholas</i> ..	A tub with naked infants in it. He is patron saint of children.
<i>Paul</i> ..	A sword and a book. Dressed as a Roman.
<i>Peter</i> ..	Keys and a triple cross; or a fish; or a cock.
<i>Philip</i> ..	A pastoral staff, surmounted with a cross. He was hung on a tall pillar.
<i>Roche</i> ..	A wallet, and a dog with a loaf in its mouth sitting by. He shows a boil in his thigh.
<i>Sebastian</i> ..	Bound to a tree, his arms tied behind him, and his body transfixing with arrows. Two archers stand by his side, sometimes presenting a sheaf of arrows to the Lord.
<i>Simon</i> ..	A saw, because he was sawn asunder.
<i>Stephen</i> ..	A book and a stone in his hand.
<i>Theodora</i> ..	The devil holding her hand, and tempting her.
<i>Theodore</i> ..	Armed with a halberd in his hand, and with a sabre by his side.
<i>Thomas</i> ..	With a builder's rule, or a stone in his hand, or holding the lance with which he was slain at Melipour.
<i>Thomas of Canterbury</i> ..	Kneeling, and a man behind him striking at him with a sword.
<i>Ursula</i> ..	A book and arrows. She was shot through with arrows by the Prince of the Huns. (See APOSTLES, EVANGELISTS, etc.)

Symbols of other sacred characters.

Abraham	An old man grasping a knife, ready to strike his son Isaac, who is bound on an altar. An angel arrests his hand, and a ram is caught in the thicket.
David	Kneeling, above is an angel with a sword. Sometimes he is represented playing a harp.
Esau	With bow and arrows, going to meet Jacob.
Joh	Sitting naked on the ground, with three friends talking to him.
Joseph	Conversing with his brothers. Benjamin is represented as a mere boy.
Judas Iscariot ..	With a money bag. In the last supper he has knocked over the salt with his right elbow.
Judith	With Holofernes' head in one hand, and a sabre in the other.
Nouh	Is represented as looking out of the ark window at a dove, which is flying to the ark, olive branch in its beak.
King Saul	Is represented as arrayed in a rich tunic and crowned. A harp is placed behind him.
Solomon	Is represented in royal robes, standing under an arch.

Symbolism of Colours, whether displayed in dresses, the background of pictures, or otherwise:

Black typifies grief, death.

Blue, hope, love of divine works; (in dresses) divine contemplation, piety, sincerity.

Pale blue, peace, Christian prudence, love of good works, a serene conscience.

Gold, glory and power.

Green, faith, gladness, immortality, the resurrection of the just; (in dresses) the gladness of the faithful.

Pale green, baptism.

Grey, tribulation.

Purple, justice, royalty.

Red, martyrdom for faith, charity; (in dresses) divine love.

Rose-colour, martyrdom. Innocent III. says of martyrs and apostles, "*Hi et illi sunt flores rosarum et lilia convallium.*" (*De Sac. alt. Myst.*, i. 64.)

Saffron, confessions.

•• *Scarlet*, the fervour and glory of witnesses to the Church.

Silver, chastity and purity.

Violet, penitence.

White, purity, temperance, innocence, chastity, faith; (in dresses) innocence and purity.

Symbolism of Metals and Gems.

Amethyst typifies humility.

Diamond, invulnerable faith.

Gold, glory, power.

Sardonyx, sincerity.

Sapphire, hope.

Silver, chastity, purity.

Syrrens of the Ditch. Frogs. So called by Tasso.

Syr'ia, says Richardson, derives its name from *Surt* (a delicate rose); hence *Suristan* (the land of roses). The Jews called Syria *Aram*.

Syrtis. A quicksand. Applied especially to a part of the African coast (Greek *syrtis*.)

T

T, in music, stands for *Tutti* (all), meaning all the instruments or voices are to join. It is the opposite of *S* for *Solo*.

-*t*- inserted with a double hyphen between a verb ending with a vowel and the pronouns *elle*, *il*, or *on*, is called "t epheleystic," as, *aime-t-il*, *dire-t-on*. (See N, MARKS IN GRAMMAR.)

Marked with a T. Criminals convicted of felony, and admitted to the benefit of clergy, were branded on the brawn of the thumb with the letter *T* (*thief*). The law was abolished by 7 and 8 George IV., c. 27.

It fits to a T. Exactly. The allusion is to work that mechanics square with a T-rule, especially useful in making right angles, and in obtaining perpendiculars on paper or wood.

The saintly T's. *Sin Tander*, *Sin T Antony*, *Sin Tawdry*, *Sin Tausin*, *Sin Tedmund*, and *Sin Telders*; otherwise *St. Andrew*, *St. Anthony*, *St. Audry*, *St. Austin* [Augustine], *St. Edmund*, and *St. Ethelred*. *Tooley* is *St. Olaf*.

T.Y.C., in the language of horse-racing, means the Two-Year-Old Course stables. Under six furlongs.

T-Rule (*A*). A ruler shaped like a Greek *T*. (See above.)

Tab. *An old Tab*. An old maid; an old tabby or cat. So called because old maids usually make a cat their companion.

Tab'ard. The *Tabard*, in Southwark, is where Chaucer supposes his pilgrims to have assembled. The tabard was a jacket without sleeves, whole before, open on both sides, with a square collar, winged at the shoulder like a cape, and worn by military nobles over their armour. It was generally emblazoned with heraldic devices. Heralds still wear a tabard.

"Item . . . A chascun ung grand tabart
de cordellor, jusques aux pieds."
Le Petit Traictement de Maître François Villon.

Tab'ardar. A sizar of Queen's College, Oxford. So called because his gown has tabard sleeves—that is, loose sleeves, terminating a little below the elbow in a point.

Tab'arin. *He's a Tabarin*—a merry Andrew. Tabarin was the fellow of Mondor, a famous vendor of quack medicines in the reign of Charles IX. By his antics and coarse wit he collected great crowds, and both he and his master grew rich. Tabarin bought a handsome chateau in Dauphiné, but the aristocracy out of jealousy murdered him.

Tabby, a cat, so called because the brindlings of the tabby were thought to resemble the waterings of the silk of the name. (French, *tabis*; Italian, etc., *tati*; Persian, *retabi*, a rich figured silk.)

"Denures of the tabby kind,
The pensive Selima reclined," *Gon.*

Tabula Rasa (Latin). A clean slate on which anything can be written.

"When a girl has been taught to keep her mind a *tabula rasa* till she comes to years of discretion, she will be more free to act on her own natural impulses."—*W. S. R.*

Table. *Apelles' table.* A pictured table, representing the excellency of sobriety on one side, and the deformity of intemperance on the other.

Tables of Cebes. Cebes was a Theban philosopher, a disciple of Socrates, and one of the interlocutors of Plato's *Phædo*. His *Tables or Tableaux* supposes him to be placed before a tableau or panorama representing the life of man, which the philosopher describes with great accuracy of judgment and splendour of sentiment. This tableau is sometimes appended to *Epicætus*.

Table of Pythagoras. The common multiplication table, carried up to ten. The table is parcelled off into a hundred little squares or cells. (See **TABULE**.)

Knights of the Round Table. A military order instituted by Arthur, the "first king of the Britons," A.D. 516. Some say they were twenty-four in number, some make the number as high as 150, and others reduce the number to twelve. They were all seated at a round table, that no one might claim a post of honour.

The Twelve Tables. The tables of the Roman laws engraved on brass, brought from Athens to Rome by the decemvirs.

Turning the tables. Rebutting a charge by bringing forth a counter-charge. Thus, if a husband accuses his wife of extravagance in dress, she

"turns the tables upon him" by accusing him of extravagance in his club. The Romans prided themselves on their tables made of citron wood from Mauritanian, inlaid with ivory, and sold at a most extravagant price—some equal to a senator's income. When the gentlemen accused the ladies of extravagance, the ladies retorted by reminding the gentlemen of what they spent in tables. Pliny calls this taste of the Romans *mensarum insaniam*.

It is also used for "*audi alteram partem*," and the allusion is then slightly modified—"We have considered the wife's extravagance; let us now look to the husband's."

"We will now turn the tables, and show the hexameters in all their vigour."—*The Times*.

Table d'Hôte [*the host's table*]. An ordinary. In the Middle Ages, and even down to the reign of Louis XIV., the landlord's table was the only public dining-place known in Germany and France. The first restaurant was opened in Paris during the reign of the *Grand Monarque*, and was a great success.

Table Money. Money appropriated to the purposes of hospitality.

Table-Turning. The presumed art of turning tables without the application of mechanical force. Said by some to be the work of departed spirits, and by others to be due to a force akin to mesmerism. Jackson Davis (the Seer of Poughkeepsie), a cobbler, professed, in 1848, to hear "spirit voices in the air." (See **SPIRITUALISM**.)

Tableaux Vivants (French, *living pictures*). Representations of statuary groups by living persons, invented by Madame Geullis while she had charge of the children of the Duc d'Orléans.

Tabooed. Devoted. Forbidden. This is a Polynesian term, and means consecrated or set apart. Like the Greek *anathema*, the Latin *sacer*, the French *sacre*, etc., the word has a double meaning—one to consecrate, and one to incur the penalty of violating the consecration. (See **TAPU**.)

Taborites (3 syl.). A sect of Hussites in Bohemia. So called from the fortress Tabor, about fifty miles from Prague, from which Nicholas von Hussinecz, one of the founders, expelled the Imperial army. They are now incorporated with the Bohemian Brethren.

Tabouret. The right of sitting in the presence of the queen. In the

ancient French court certain ladies had the *droit de tabouret* (right of sitting on a tabouret in the presence of the queen). At first it was limited to princesses; but subsequently it was extended to all the chief ladies of the queen's household; and later still the wives of ambassadors, dukes, lord chancellor, and keeper of the seals, enjoyed the privilege. Gentlemen similarly privileged had the *droit de fauteuil*.

"Qui ne résisterait
La marquise à la tabouret."
Journaux: Le Marquis de Corbas.

Tabulæ Toleta'næ. The astronomical tables composed by order of Alphonso X. of Castile, in the middle of the thirteenth century, were so called because they were adapted to the city of Toledo.

"His Tables Toletanas forth he brought,
Full well corrected, ne ther lacked nought"
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, II, 55.

Tacce (2 syl.). *Latin for candle.* Silence is most discreet. *Tace* is Latin for "be silent," and candle is symbolical of light. The phrase means "keep it dark," do not throw light upon it. Fielding, in his *Amelia* (chap. x.), says, "*Tace*, madam, is Latin for candle." There is an historical allusion worth remembering. It was customary at one time to express disapprobation of a play or actor by throwing a candle on the stage, and when this was done the curtain was immediately drawn down. Oulton (vol. i. p. 6), in his *History of the Theatres of London*, gives us an instance of this which occurred January 25th, 1772, at Covent Garden theatre, when the piece before the public was *An Hour Before Marriage*. Someone threw a candle on the stage, and the curtain was dropped at once.

"There are some odd stories that cannot be ripped up again with entire safety to all concerned. *Tace* is Latin for candle."—*W. B. Yeats: Fairy Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 250.

"Mum, William, mum. *Tace* is Latin for candle."—*W. B. Yeats: Fairy Tales of the Irish Peasantry*, p. 250.

N.B. We have several of these old phrases; one of the best is, "Brandy is Latin for goose" (*q.v.*).

Tache-brune (2 syl.). The horse of Ogier le Dane. The word means "brown-spot." (*See Horse.*)

Tapia Rationis. Show of argument. Argument which seems *prima facie* plausible and specious, but has no real depth or value.

"Mr. Spencer is again afflicted with his old complaint *tapia rationis*, and takes big words for real things."—*Pro Olio: Mr. Spencer's First Principles.*

Taö'-pings. Chinese rebels. The word means *Universal Peace*, and arose thus: Hung-sew-tseuen, a man of humble birth, and an unsuccessful candidate for a government office, was induced by some missionary tracts to renounce idolatry, and found the society of Tac-ping, which came into collision with the imperial authorities in 1850. Hung now gave out that he was the chosen instrument in God's hands to uproot idolatry and establish the dynasty of Universal Peace; he assumed the title of Taö-ping-wang (*Prince of Universal Peace*), and called his five chief officers princes. Nankin was made their capital in 1860, but Colonel Gordon (called Chinese Gordon) in 1864 quelled the insurrection, and overthrew the armies of Hung.

Taffata or Taffety. A fabric made of silk; at one time it was watered; hence Taylor says, "No taffaty more changeable than they." "*Notre mot taffeta est formé, par onomatopée, du bruit que fait cette étoffe.*" (Francisque-Michel.)

"The fabric has often changed its character. At one time it was silk and linen, at another silk and wool. In the eighteenth century it was lustrous silk, sometimes striped with gold."

Taffata phrases. Smooth sleek phrases, euphemisms. We also use the words fustian, stuff, silken, shoddy, buckram, velvet, satin, lutestring, etc., etc., to qualify phrases and literary compositions spoken or written.

"Taffata phrases, silken terms, precious,
Threes-piled hyperboles."

Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost, v. 2

Taffy. A Welshman. So called from David, a very common Welsh name. David, familiarly Davy, becomes in Welsh Taffid, Taffy.

Tag Rag, and Bobtail. The *culques ignobilis*. A "tag" is a doe in the second year of her age; a "rag," a herd of deer at rutting time; "bobtail," a fawn just weaned.

"According to Halliwell, a sheep of the first year is called a *tag*. Tag is sometimes written *shag*.

"It will swallow us all up, ships and men, shag, rag, and bobtail."—*Rabelais: Pantagruel, iv. 33.*

Taghairm (2 syl.). A means employed by the Scotch in inquiring into futurity. A person wrapped up in the hide of a fresh-slain bullock was placed beside a waterfall, or at the foot of a precipice, and there left to meditate on the question propounded. Whatever his fancy suggested to him in this wild

situation passed for the inspiration of his disembodied spirit.

"Last evening-tide
Brian an aughty bath tried,
Of that kind which must not be
Unless in dread extremity,
The Tachyarrn called."
Sir Walter Scott: Lady of the Lake, iv. 4.

Taherites (3 syl.). A dynasty of five kings who reigned in Khorassan for fifty-two years (820-872). So called from the founder, Taher, general of the Calif's army.

Tail. *Lion's tail.* Lions, according to legend, wipe out their footsteps with their tail, that they may not be tracked.

Twisting the lion's tail. (See TWISTING.)

He has no more tail than a Manx cat. There is a breed of cats in the Isle of Man without tails.

Tails. The men of Kent are born with tails, as a punishment for the murder of Thomas a Becket. (*Lambert: Peramb.*) (See the *Spectator*, 173.)

"For Becket's sake, Kent always shall have tails."
Andrew Marvell.

Tails. It is said that the Ghilue race, which number between 30,000 and 40,000, and dwell "far beyond the Sen-nar," have tails three or four inches long. Colonel du Corret tells us he carefully examined one of this race named Belfai, the slave of an emir in Mecca, whose house he frequented. (*World of Wanderers*, p. 206.)

The Niam-niams of Africa are tailed, so we are told.

Tails. The Chinese men were made to shave their heads and wear a queue or tail by the Manchu Tartars, who, in the seventeenth century, subdued the country, and compelled the men to adopt the Manchu dress. The women were allowed to compress their feet as before, although the custom is not adopted by the Tartars.

"*Auglicus a tergo caudam gerit*" probably refers to the pigtails once worn.

Tailors. *The three tailors of Tooley Street.* Canning says that three tailors of Tooley Street, Southwark, addressed a petition of grievances to the House of Commons, beginning—"We, the people of England." (See VAUGHAN.)

Nine tailors make a man. The present scope of this expression is that a tailor is so much more feeble than another man that it would take nine of them to make a man of average stature and strength: There is a tradition that an

orphan lad, in 1742, applied to a fashionable London tailor for alms. There were nine journeymen in the establishment, each of whom contributed something to set the little orphan up with a fruit barrow. The little merchant in time became rich, and adopted for his motto, "Nine tailors made me a man," or "Nine tailors make a man." This certainly is not the origin of the expression, inasmuch as we find a similar one used by Taylor a century before that date, and referred to as of old standing, even then.

"Some foolish knave, I thinke, at first began
The slander that three taylors are one man."
Taylor: Works, iii. 73 (1630).

"Another suggestion is this: At the death of a man the tolling bell is rung thrice three tolls; at the death of a woman it is rung only three-two tolls. Hence nine tolls indicate the death of a man. Halliwell gives *telled* = told, and a tolling-bell is a teller. In regard to "make," it is the French *faire*, as *On le faisait mort*, i.e. some one gave out or made it known that he was dead.

"The fourme of the Trinitie was founded in manne".—Adam our forefather, and Eve of Adam the seconde persone, and of them both was the third persone. At the death of a manne three bellis schuld be rung as his knyl, in wor-scheppe of the Trinitie—for a womanne, who is the seconde persone of the Trinitie, two bellis schulde be runggen.—*An old English Homily for Trinity Sunday.* (See Strutt: *Manners and Customs*, vol. iii. p. 176.)

Tailor's Sword (A), or A Tailor's Dagger. A needle.

"The tailors cross-legged on their boards,
Sculls-armed, hand-extended, prepared
To stich the black cloth with their swords [to make up mourning]."

The instant that death is declared."
Peter Pindar: Great Cry and Little Wool, Epist. I.

Take a Back Seat (To). To be set aside; to be deferred for the present. A parliamentary phrase.

"When there seemed to be a tendency . . . to make the Irish question, in the east of the city, 'take a back seat,' I noticed indignation knew no bounds."—*The Daily Graphic*, February 24th, 1881.

Take a Hair of the Dog that Bit You. After a debauch, take a little wine the next day. Take a cool draught of ale in the morning, after a night's excess. The advice was given literally in ancient times, "If a dog bites you, put a hair of the dog into the wound," on the homœopathic principle of "*Similia similibus curantur*" (like cures like).

Take in Tow (To). Take under guidance. A man who takes a lad in tow acts as his guide and director. To tow a ship or barge is to guide and draw it along by tow-lines.

"Too proud for birds to take in tow my name."
Peter Pindar: Future Laureate, Part II.

Take Mourning (*To*). Attending church the Sunday after a funeral. It is the custom, especially in the northern counties, for all the mourners, and sometimes the bearers also, to sit in a specific pew all together the Sunday after a funeral. It matters not what place of worship they usually attend—all unite in the "taking mourning."

Take Tea with Him (*I*), *i.e.* I floor my adversary by winning every rubber. If he beats me in billiards, he "has me on toast." (*Indian slang*.)

Takin' the Beuk. A Scotch phrase for family worship.

Taking On. Said of a woman in hysterics; to fret; to grieve passionately, as, "Come, don't take on so!"

"Lance, who . . . took upon himself the whole burden of Dame Debbitch's . . . 'taking on,' as such fits of *passion hysterica* are usually termed." —*Sir W. Scott: Peril of the Peak*, chap. xxvi.

Taking a Slight. Putting the right thumb to the nose and spreading the fingers out. This is done as much as to say, "Do you see any green in my eye?" "Tell that to the marines;" "Credat Judæis, non ego." Captain Marryat tells us that some "of the old coins of Denmark represent Thor with his thumb to his nose, and his four fingers extended in the air;" and Faunurge (says Rabelais, *Pantagruel*, book ii. 19) "suddenly lifted his right hand, put his thumb to his nose, and spread his fingers straight out" to express incredulity.

"The saristan he says no word that indicates a doubt,

But puts his thumb unto his nose, and spreads his fingers out." *Ingoby: Nell Gwyn*.

Taking Time by the Forelock. Seize the present moment; "*Crype diem*." Time personified is represented with a lock of hair on his forehead but none on the rest of his head, to signify that time past cannot be used, but time present may be seized by the forelock.

Tal'botype (3 syl.). A photographic process invented in 1839 by Fox Talbot, who called it "the Calotype Process." (See *DAGUERRETYPE*.)

Tale (1 syl.). A tally; a reckoning. In *Exod. v.* we have *tale of bricks*. A measure by number, not by weight.

An old wife's tale. Any marvellous legendary story.

To tell tales out of school. To utter abroad affairs not meant for the public ear.

Tale of a Tub (*The*). A ridiculous narrative or tale of fiction. The reference is to Dean Swift's tale so called.

Talent, meaning cleverness or "gift" of intelligence, is a word borrowed from Matt. xxv. 14-30.

Ta'les (2 syl.). Persons in the court from whom the sheriff or his clerk makes selections to supply the place of jurors who have been empanelled, but are not in attendance. It is the first word of the Latin sentence which provides for this contingency. (*Tales de circumstantibus*.)

"To serve for jury men or tales."

Butler: Hudibras, part iii. 8.

To pray a tale. To pray that the number of jurymen may be completed. It sometimes happens that jurymen are challenged, or that less than twelve are in the court. When this is the case the jury can request that their complement be made up from persons in the court. Those who supplement the jury are called *talesmen*, and their names are set down in a book called a *talesbook*.

Tal'gol (in *Hudibras*), famous for killing flies, was Jackson, butcher of Newgate Street, who got his captain's commission at Naseby.

Tal'isman. A figure cut or engraved on metal or stone, under the influence of certain planets. In order to free any place of vermin, the figure of the obnoxious animal is made in wax or consecrated metal, in a planetary hour, and this is called the talisman. (*Warburton*.)

"He swore that you had robbed his house,

And stole his talismanic house."

S Butler: Hudibras, part iii. 1.

Talisman. The Abraxas Stone is a most noted talisman. (See *ABRAXAS*.) In Arabia a talisman is still used, consisting of a piece of paper, on which are written the names of the Seven Sleepers and their dog, to protect a house from ghosts and demons. The talisman is supposed to be sympathetic, and to receive an influence from the planets, which it communicates to the wearer.

Talk. *To talk over.* To discuss, to debate; also to gain over by argument.

Talk Shop. (See *SHOP*.)

Talkee Talkee. (A reduplication of *talk* with termination *ee*, borrowed in ridicule from some attempt of dark races to speak English.) A copious effusion of talk with no valuable result.

Talking Bird. A bird that spoke with a human voice, and could call all other birds to sing in concert. (*The Sisters who Enraved their Younger Sister; Arabian Nights*.) (See *GREEN BIRD*.)

Tall Men. Champions (a Welsh phrase); brave men.

"You were good soldiers, and tall fellows."—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, II. 2.

"The undaunted resolution and stubborn ferocity of Gwenwyn . . . had long made him beloved among the 'Tall Men,' or champions of Wales."—*Sir W. Scott: The Betrothed*, chap. 16.

Talleyrand, anciently written *Tail-leran*, is the sobriquet derived from the words "*tailleur les rangs*," "cut through the ranks."

Tally (A). The price paid for picking a bushel of hops. It varies (1891) from 1½d. to 2½d.

Tally. To correspond. The tally used in the Exchequer was a rod of wood, marked on one face with notches corresponding to the sum for which it was an acknowledgment. Two other sides contained the date, the name of the payer, and so on. The rod was then cleft in such a manner that each half contained one written side and half of every notch. One part was kept in the Exchequer, and the other was circulated. When payment was required the two parts were compared, and if they "tallied," or made a tally, all was right; if not, there was some fraud, and payment was refused. Tallies were not finally abandoned in the Exchequer till 1834. (French, *tailleur*, to cut.)

* In 1834 orders were issued to destroy the tallies. There were two cartloads of them, which were set fire to at six o'clock in the morning, and the conflagration set on fire the Houses of Parliament, with their offices, and part of the Palace of Westminster.

To *break one's tally* (in Latin, "*Confingere tesseram*"). When public houses were unknown, a guest entertained for a night at a private house had a tally given him, the corresponding part being kept by the host. It was expected that the guest would return the favour if required to do so, and if he refused he "violated the rites of hospitality," or *confregisse tesseram*. The "white stone" spoken of in the Book of the Revelation is a tessera which Christ gives to His disciples.

To *live tally* is to live unwed as man and wife. A tally-woman is a concubine, and a tally-man is the man who keeps a mistress. These expressions are quite common in Cheshire, Yorkshire, and Lancashire. In mines a tin label is attached to each tub of coals, bearing the name of the man who sent it to the bank, that the weighman may credit it to the right person. As the tallies of

the miner and weighman agree, so the persons who agree to live together tally with each other's taste.

Tally-ho! is the Norman hunting cry *Tallus au!* (To the coppice). The tally-ho was used when the stag was viewed in full career making for the coppice. We now cry "Tally-ho!" when the fox breaks cover. The French cry is "*Tâut!*"

Tallyman (A). A travelling draper who calls at private houses to sell wares on the tally system—that is, part payment on account, and other parts when the man calls again.

Talmud (The). About 120 years after the destruction of the Temple, the rabbi Judah began to take down in writing the Jewish traditions; his book, called the *Mishna*, contains six parts: (1) Agriculture and seed-sowing; (2) Festivals; (3) Marriage; (4) Civil affairs; (5) Sacrifices; and (6) what is clean and what unclean. The book caused immense disputation, and two Babylonish rabbis replied to it, and wrote a commentary in sixty parts, called the *Babylonian Talmud*, (*Gemara* imperfect). This compilation has been greatly abridged by the omission of Nos. 5 and 6.

Talpot or Talipot Tree. A gigantic palm. When the sheath of the flower bursts it makes a report like that of a cannon.

"They burst, like Zeilan's giant palm,
Whose buds fly open with a sound
That shakes the plume-far-land round."
Memoir: Fair Weathering, etc.

Zeilan is Portuguese for Ceylon.

Talus. Sir Artegal's iron man. Spenser, in his *Fairie Queene*, makes Talus run continually round the island of Crete to chastise offenders with an iron flail. He represents executive power—swift as a swallow, and as lion strong. In Greek mythology, *Talos* was a man of brass, the work of Hephestos (Vulcan), who went round the island of Crete thrice a day. Whenever he saw a stranger draw near the island he made himself red-hot, and embraced the stranger to death.

Tam-o'-Shanter's Mare. Remember *Tam-o'-Shanter's mare*. You may pay too dear for your whistle, as Meg lost her tail, pulled off by Nannie of the "Cutty-sark."

"Think, ye may buy the joys owre dear—
Remember Tam-o'-Shanter's mare."
Burns.

Tamarisk, from a Hebrew word meaning to cleanse, so called from its austere qualities. The Romans wreathed the brows of criminals with tamarisk. The Arabs make cakes called *manna* of the hardened juice extracted from this tree.

Tame Cat (A). A harmless dangler after a married woman; a cavalier servant; a cicisbeo.

"He soon installed himself as a tame cat in the MacMungo mansion."—*Truth (Queer Story)*, October, 1883.

Tam'rlane (3 syl.). A corruption of *Timour Lengh* (Timour the Lame), one of the greatest warrior-kings that ever lived. Under him Persia became a province of Tartary. He modestly called himself *Amcer* (chief), instead of sultan or shah. (1380-1405.)

Taming of the Shrew. The plot was borrowed from a drama of the same title, published by S. Leacroft, of Charing Cross, under the title of *Six Old Plays on which Shakespeare Founded his Comedies*. The induction was borrowed from Heuterus' *Rerum Burgundarum* (lib. iv.), a translation of which was published in 1607 by E. Grimstone, and called *Admirable and Memorable Histories*. Dr. Percy thinks that the ballad of *The Frolicsome Duke, or the Tinker's Good Fortune*, published in the Pepys Collection, may have suggested the induction. (See *SLX*.)

Tammany (St.). Tammany was of the Delaware nation in the seventeenth century, and became a chief, whose rule was wise and pacific. He was chosen by the American democrats as their tutelary saint. His day is May 1st. Cooper calls him Tammendund, but the correct word is *Tunamend*.

Tammany Ring. A cabal or powerful organisation of unprincipled officials, who enriched themselves by plundering the people. So called from Tammany Hall, the head-quarters of the high officials of the U.S., whose nefarious practices were exposed in 1871.

Tammuz. (See *THAMMUZ*.)

Tan'cred (in *Jerusalem Delivered*) shows a generous contempt of danger. Son of Eudes and Emma (sister of Robert Guiscard), Bermond or Bohemond was his cousin. Tancred was the greatest of all the Christian warriors except Rinaldo. His one fault was "woman's love," and that woman Clorinda, a Pagan (bk. i.). He brought

800 horse from Tuscany and Campania to the allied Christian army. He slew Clorinda (not knowing her) in a night combat, and lamented her death with great lamentation (bk. xii.). Being wounded, he was nursed by Erminia, who was in love with him (bk. xix.).

Tan'dem. At length. A pun applied to two horses driven one before the other. This Latin is of a similar character to *plenum sed* (full butt).

Tandem D.O.M. *Tandem Deo optimo maximo* (Now at the end ascribe we praise to God, the best and greatest).

Tangle. The water sprite of the Orkneys; from Danish *tang* (sea-weed), with which it is covered. The tangie sometimes appears in a human form, and sometimes as a little apple-green horse.

Tanist (A). One who held lands in Ireland under the Celtic law of tanistry. The chief of a sept. (Irish, *taniste*, heir apparent to a chief.)

"Whoever stood highest in the estimation of the class was nominated 'Tanist,' or successor." E. Lambson. *Story of Ireland*, chap. iii. p. 27.

Tanist Stone. A monolith erected by the Celts at a coronation. We read in the Book of Judges (ix. 6) of Abimelech, that a "pillar was erected in Shechem" when he was made king; and (2 Kings xi. 14) it is said that a pillar was raised when Joash was made king, "as the manner was." The *Lia Fail* of Ireland was erected in Icolmkill for the coronation of Fergus Eric. This stone was removed to Scone, and became the coronation chair of Scotland. It was taken to Westminster by Edward I., and is the coronation chair of our sovereigns. (Celtic, *Tanist*, the heir-apparent.)

Tankard of October (A). A tankard of the best and strongest ale, brewed in October.

"He was in high favour with Sir Geoffrey, not merely on account of his sound orthodoxy and deep learning, but (also for) his excellent skill in playing at bowls, and his facetious conversation over a pipe and tankard of October."—*Sir W. Scott: Peccoli of the Isles*, chap. iv.

Tanner. Sixpence. (The Italian *danaro*, small change; Gipsy, *tauno*, little one. Similarly a *thaler* is called a dollar.)

Tanner. A proper name. (See *BREWER*.)

Tanner of Tamworth. Edward IV. was hunting in Drayton Basset when a tanner met him. The king asked him several questions, and the tanner, taking him for a highway robber, was very

chary. At last they swapped horses; the tanner gave the king his gentle mare Brocke, which cost 4s., and the king gave the tanner his hunter, which soon threw him. Upon this the tanner paid dearly for changing back again. Edward now blew his horn, and when his courtiers came up in obedience to the summons, the tanner, in great alarm, cried out, "I hope I shall be hanged to-morrow" (i.e. I expect); but the king gave him the manor of Plumpton Park, with 300 marks a year. (*Percy: Reliques, etc.*)

Tannhäuser (3 syl.). A legendary hero of Germany, who wins the affections of Lisaura; but Lisaura, hearing that Sir Tannhäuser has set out for Venusberg to kiss the queen of love and beauty, destroys herself. After living some time in the cave-palace, Sir Tannhäuser obtains leave to visit the upper world, and goes to Pope Urban for absolution. "No," said his holiness, "you can no more hope for mercy than this dry staff can be expected to bud again." On this the knight returned to Venusberg. In a few days the papal staff actually did bud, and Urban sent for Sir Tannhäuser, but the knight was nowhere to be found.

Tansy. A corruption of the Greek word *athanasia*, immortality, as *thansa*, *tansy*. So called because it is "a sort of everlasting flower." (*Hortus Anglicus*, vol. ii. p. 366.)

Tan'talise. To excite a hope and disappoint it. (*See next article.*)

Tan'talos (Latin, *Tantalus*), according to fable, is punished in the infernal regions by intolerable thirst. To make his punishment the more severe, he is plunged up to his chin in a river, but whenever he bends forward to slake his thirst the water flows from him.

"So bends tormented Tantalus to drink,
While from his lips the reflux waters shrink;
Again the rising stream his bosom lavas,
And thirst consumes him 'mid circumfluent waves."

Darwin: Loves of the Plants, ii. 419.

Tantalus. Emblematical of a covetous man, who the more he has the more he craves. (*See COVETOUS.*)

Tantulus. A parallel story exists among the Chipewyans, who inhabit the deserts which divide Canada from the United States. At death, they say, the soul is placed in a stone ferry-boat, till judgment has been passed on it. If the judgment is averse, the boat sinks in the stream, leaving the victim chin-deep in water, where he suffers endless thirst,

and makes fruitless attempts to escape to the Islands of the Blessed. (*Alexander Mackenzie: Voyages in the Interior of America.*) (1769, 1792, 1793.)

Tanthony (*St. Anthony*). In Norwich are the churches called *Sin Telder's* (*St. Ethelred's*), *Sin Tedmund's* (*St. Edmund's*), *Sin Tander's* (*St. Andrew's*), and *Sin Tausin's* (*St. Austin's*). (*See TAWDRY.*)

Tantum Ergo. The most popular of the Eucharistic hymns sung in the Roman Catholic churches at Benediction with the Holy Sacrament. So called from the first two words of the last stanza but one of the hymn *Pange Lingua*.

Taou. The sect of Reason, founded in China by Laou-Tsze, a contemporary of Confucius. He was taken to heaven on a black buffalo. (B.C. 523.)

Tap the Admiral. To suck liquor from a cask by a straw. Hotten says it was first done with the rum-cask in which the body of Admiral Lord Nelson was brought to England, and when the cask arrived the admiral was found "high and dry."

Tap the Tull (*Tv*). To pilfer from a till.

Tap-up Sunday. The Sunday preceding the fair held on the 2nd October, on St. Catherine's Hill, near Guildford, and so called because any person, with or without a licence, may open a "tap," or sell beer on the hill for that one day.

Tapis. *On the tapis.* On the carpet; under consideration; now being ventilated. An English-French phrase, referring to the tapis or cloth with which the table of the council-chamber is covered, and on which are laid the motions before the House.

"My business comes now upon the tapis." — *Farragut: The Dana Stratem*, iii. 3.

Tapiserie. *Faire tapiserie.* To play gooseberry-picker; to be *nez* chaperon for the sake of "propriety." "*Se dit des personnes qui assistent à un bal ou à quelque autre grande réunion sans y prendre part.*"

"You accepted out of pure kindness *faire tapiserie*; Mrs. Archibut, you are too amiable." — *Mrs. Fawcette: A Girl on a Girl*, chap. xxvi.

Tappit-hen (*A*). A huge pewter measuring-pot, containing at least three English quarts. Readers of *Waverley* will remember (in chap. xi.) the Baron Bradwardine's tappit-hen of claret from Bordeaux. To have a tappit-hen under the belt is to have swallowed three quarts

of claret. *A hen and chickens* means large and small drinking mugs or pewter pots. A tappit was served from the tap. (See JEROBOAM.)

"Weel she lo'd a Hawick gill,
And leugh to see a tappit-hen."

Tapster, says E. Adams (*English Language*), properly means a bar-maid; "-ster" is the Anglo-Saxon feminine suffix -estre, which remains in *spin-ster* (a female spinner).

"This is only a half-truth. After the thirteenth century, the suffix -ster was used for an agent of either sex. We have *barriator, gamaster, punkster*, etc., and Wicliffe uses *sempster* for a male singer. (See Dr. Morris: *Historic Outlines*, p. 89.)

Tapu, among the South Sea Islanders, means "devoted" in a religious sense. Thus, a temple is *tapu*, and he who violates a temple is *tapu*. Not only so, but everyone and everything connected with what is *tapu* becomes *tapu* also. Thus, Captain Cook was *tapu* because some of his sailors took rails from a "temple" of the Hawaiians to supply themselves with fuel, and, being devoted, he was slain. Our *taboo* is the same word.

Tarabolus or **Tantrabolus**. *We shall live till we die, like Tarabolus* (or *Tantrabolus*). Tarabolus, Ali Pacha, was grand vizier in 1693, and was strangled in 1695 by order of Mustapha II.

We shall die till we die, like Tantrabolus, is said to be a Cornish proverb. There is a cognate saying, "Like Tantrabolus, who lived till he died."

Tantarabobs means the devil. Noisily playful children are called *Tantrabols*.

Tarakee, the Brahmin, was the model of austere devotion. He lived 1,100 years, and spent each century in some astounding mortification.

1st century. He held up his arms and one foot towards heaven, fixing his eyes on the sun the whole time.

2nd century. He stood on tiptoe the whole time.

3rd century. He stood on his head, with his feet towards the sky.

9th century. He rested woefully on the palm of one hand.

11th century. He hung from a tree with his head downwards.

"One century he lived wholly on water, another wholly on air, another steeped to the neck in earth, and for another century he was always enveloped in fire. I don't know that the world has been benefited by such devotion."—*Maurice: History of Hindoostan*.

Tarantism. The dancing mania, extremely contagious. It broke out in Germany in 1374, and in France in the Great Revolution, when it was called

the *Carmagnole*. Clergymen, judges, men and women, even the aged, joined the mad dances in the open streets till they fell from exhaustion.

Tarantula. This word is derived from Taranto the city, or from Tharu the river in Apulia, in the vicinity of which the venomous hairy spiders abound. (*Kircher: De Arte Mag.*)

Tarentella or **Tarantella**. Tunes and dances in triplets, supposed to cure the dancing mania.

Tariff. A list in alphabetical order of the duties, drawbacks, bounties, etc., charged or allowed on exports and imports. The word is derived from *Tarif*, a seaport of Spain about twenty miles from Gibraltar, where the Moors, during the supremacy in Spain, levied contributions according to a certain scale on vessels entering the Mediterranean Sea. (French, *tarif*; Spanish, *tarifa*.)

Tarpaulins or **Tars**. Sailors: more frequently called *Jack Tars*. Tarpaulins are tarred cloths used commonly on board ship to keep articles from the sea-spray, etc.

The more correct spelling is *tur-pallins* from *pall*, Latin *pallium*, a cloak or cloth.

Tarpeian Rock. So called from Tarpeia, a vestal virgin, the daughter of Spurius Tarpeius, governor of the citadel on the Capitoline Hill. Tarpeia agreed to open the gates to the Sabines if they would give her "what they wore on their arms" (meaning their bracelets). The Sabines, "keeping their promise to the ear," crushed her to death with their shields, and she was buried in that part of the hill called the Tarpeian Rock. Subsequently, traitors were cast down this rock and so killed.

"Bear him to the rock Tarpeian, and from thence
Into destruction cast him."

Shakespeare: Coriolanus, III. 1.

Tarred. *All tarred with the same brush*. All alike to blame; all sheep of the same flock. The allusion is to the custom of distinguishing the sheep of any given flock by a common mark with a brush dipped in tar.

Tarring and Feathering. The first record of this punishment is in 1189 (1 Rich. I.). A statute was made that any robber voyaging with the crusaders "shall be first shaved, then boiling pitch shall be poured upon his head, and a cushion of feathers shook over it." The wretch was then to be put on shore at the very first place the ship came to. (*Rymer: Fœdera*, i. 65.)

Tarrinzeau Field. The bowling-green of Southwark. So called because it belonged to the Bafons Hastings, who were Barons Tarrinzeau and Mauchline.

Tartan Plaid. A plaid is a long shawl or scarf—some twelve yards of narrow cloth wrapped round the waist, or over the chest and one shoulder, and reaching to the knees. It may be chequered or not; but the English use of the word in such a compound as Scotch-plaids, meaning chequered cloth, is a blunder for Scotch tartans. The tartan is the chequered pattern, every clan having its own tartan. A tartan-plaid is a Scotch scarf of a tartan or checked pattern.

Tartar, the deposit of wine, means "infernal stuff," being derived from the word Tartaros (q.v.). Paracelsus says, "It is so called because it produces oil, water, tincture, and salt, which burn the patient as the fires of Tartarus burn."

Tartaros (Greek), **Tartarus** (Latin). That part of the infernal regions where the wicked are punished. (*Classic mythology.*)

The word "Hell" occurs seventeen times in the English version of the New Testament. In seven of these the original Greek is "Gehenna," in nine "Hades," and in one instance it is "Tartaros" (2 Peter ii. 4) *αἰεταῖς κόφου ταρταρώσας, παρδύκεν*. It is a very great pity that the three words are translated alike, especially as Gehenna and Hades are not synonymous, nor should either be confounded with Tartarus. The Anglo-Saxon verb *hel-an* means to cover, hence *hell* = the grave or Hades.

Tartuffe (2 syl.). The principal character of Molière's comedy so called. The original was the Abbé de Roquette, a parasite of the Prince de Condé. It is said that the name is from the Italian *tartuffoli* (truffles) and was suggested to Molière on seeing the sudden animation which lighted up the faces of certain monks when they heard that a seller of truffles awaited their orders. Bickerstaff's play, *The Hypocrite*, is an English version of *Tartuffe*.

Tassel-Gentle. The *tiercel* is the male of the goshawk. So called because it is a *tierce* or third less than the female. This is true of all birds of prey. The tiercel-gentle was the class of hawk appropriate to princes. (See HAWK.)

"O for a falconer's voice

To lure this tassel-gentle back again!"

Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet*, II. 2.

Tasselled Gentleman. A fop; a man dressed in fine clothes. A corruption of *Tiercel-gentle* by a double blunder: (1) Tiercel, erroneously supposed to be *tassel*, and to refer to the tags and tassels worn by men on their dress; and (2) gentle corrupted into gentlemen, according to the Irish exposition of the verse, "The gentle shall inherit the earth."

Tat'ianists. The disciples of Tatian, who, after the death of Justin Martyr, "formed a new scheme of religion; for he advanced the notion of certain invisible sons, branded marriage with the name of fornication, and denied the salvation of Adam." (*Irenæus: Adv. Hereses* (ed. Grabe), pp. 105, 106, 262.)

Two Tatians are almost always confounded as one person in Church history, although there was at least a century between them. The older Tatian was a Platonic philosopher, born in Syria, and converted to Christianity by Justin the Martyr. He was the author of a *Discourse to the Greeks*, became a Gnostic, and founded the sect of the Tatianists. The other Tatian was a native of Mesopotamia, lived in the fourth century, and wrote in very bad Greek a book called *Diatessaron*, supposed to be based on four Gospels, but what four is quite conjectural.

Tatterdemal'ion. A ragamuffin.

Tattoo. A beat on the drum at night to recall the soldiers to their barracks. It sounded at nine in summer and eight in winter. (French, *tapoter* or *tapotez-tous*.)

The devil's tattoo. Drumming with one's finger on the furniture, or with one's toe on the ground—a monotonous sound, which gives the listener the "blue devils."

Tattoo (Tv). To mark the skin, especially the face, with indelible pigments rubbed into small punctures. (Tahitian, *tatu*; from *ta*, mark.)

Tau. Marked with a tau, i.e. with a cross. Tertullian says, "*Hæc est litera Græcorum τ, nostra autem T, species crucis.*" And Cyprian tells us that the sign of the cross on the forehead is the mark of salvation.

"This reward (Rzek. ix. 4) is for those whose foreheads are marked with Tau."—*Dp. Andrews: Sermons* (Luke xvii. 32).

Taurus [the Bull] indicates to the Egyptians the time for ploughing the earth, which is done with oxen.

Mount Taurus, in Asia. In Judges xv. 3-19 we have an account of Samson

and the jawbone, but probably Chamor (translated an *ass*) was the name of a hill or series of hills like Taurus, and should not have been translated. Similarly, Lehi (translated a *jaubone*) is probably a proper name also, and refers to a part of Chamor. If so, the meaning is, When he (Samson) came to Lehi, the summit of Mount Chamor, seeing a moist boulder, he broke it off and rolled it on his foci. Down it bounded, crushing "heaps upon heaps" of the Philistines. Where the boulder was broken off a spring of water jetted out, and with this water Samson quenched his thirst.

What is now called the Mountain of St. Patrick was previously called "Mount Eagle"—in Irish, *Cruachan Aiche*.

Tawdry. Showy, worthless finery; a corruption of St. Audrey. At the annual fair of St. Audrey, in the isle of Ely, showy lace called St. Audrey's lace was sold, and gave foundation to our wowl tawdry, which means anything gaudy, in bad taste, and of little value. (See TANTHONY.)

"Tawdry, 'Astrimentis, timbris, seu fasciis, empta mundanis & tholofredis.'" *Hansard*.
"Come, you promised me a tawdry lace and a pair of sweet gloves."—*Water's Tale*, iv. 4.

Tawny (Tho). Alexandre Bouvici'no the historian, called *Il Moretto*. (1514-1564.)

Taylor, called *The Water-Poet*, who confesses he never learnt so much as the accident. He wrote fourscore books, and afterwards opened an ale-house in Long Acre. (1580-1654.)

"Taylor, their better Charon, lends an oar,
Once swan of Thames, though now he swims no more."
Drumond, iiii.

Taylor's Institute. The Fitzwilliam Museum of Oxford. So called from Sir Robert Taylor, who made large bequests towards its erection. (1714-1788.)

Tchin. The military system adopted in the municipal and monastic regimen of Russia.

"Peter the Great established what is here [in Russia] the 'tchin,' that is to say, he applied the military system to the general administration of the empire."—*De Custine: Russia*, chap. vii.

Tchow Dynasty. The third imperial dynasty of China, which gave thirty-four kings, and lasted 866 years (B.C. 1122-256). It was so called from the seat of government.

Te Deum, etc., is usually ascribed to St. Ambrose, but is probably of a much later date. It is said that St. Ambrose

improvised this hymn while baptising St. Augustine. In allusion to this tradition, it is sometimes called "the Ambrosian Hymn."

Te Deum (of ecclesiastical architecture) is a "theological series" of carved figures in niches: (1) of angels, (2) of patriarchs and prophets, (3) of apostles and evangelists, (4) of saints and martyrs, (5) of founders. In the restored west front of Salisbury cathedral there is a "Te Deum," but the whole 123 original figures have been reduced in number.

Te Igitur. One of the service-books of the Roman Catholic Church, used by bishops and other dignitaries. So called from the first words of the canon, "*Te igitur, clementissime Pater.*"

Oaths upon the Te Igitur. Oaths sworn on the *Te Igitur* service-book, regarded as especially solemn.

Teague (A). An Irishman, about equal to Pat or Paddy. Sometimes we find the word Teague-lunder. Teague is an Irish servant in Farquhar's *Two Rivals*; in act iii. 2 we find the phrase "a downright Teague," meaning a regular Irish character—blundering, witty, fond of whisky, and lazy. The name is also introduced in Shadwell's play, *The Lancashire Witches*, and *Teague O'Driscoll, the Irish Priest* (1688).

"Was't Carwell, brother James, or Teague,
That made three break the Triple League?"
Rochester: History of Iniquity.

Teakettle Broth consists of hot water, bread, and a small lump of butter, with pepper and salt. The French *soup maigre*.

Tean or Telan Poet. Anacron, who was born at Teos, in India. (B.C. 563-478.)

Teanlay Night. The vigil of All Souls, or last evening of October, when bonfires were lighted and revels held for succouring souls in purgatory.

Tear (to rhyme with "snare"). *To tear Christ's body.* To use imprecations. The common oaths of mediæval times were by different parts of the Lord's body; hence the preachers used to talk of "tearing God's body by imprecations."

"Her othes been so greet and so daupnable,
That it is grisly for to here hem swere.
Our blisful Lordes body thay to-tere."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 1389.

Tear (to rhyme with "fear"). *Tear and larme.* (Anglo-Saxon, *tæher*; Gothic, *tæg*; Greek, *dakru*; Latin, *lacrima*; French, *larmes*.)

Tears of Eos. The dew-drops of the morning were so called by the Greeks. Eos was the mother of Memnon (*q.v.*), and wept for him every morning.

St. Lawrence's tears. Falling stars. St. Lawrence was roasted to death on a gridiron, and wept that others had not the same spirit to suffer for truth's sake as he had. (See LAWRENCE.)

Tear Handkerchief (*The*). A handkerchief blessed by the priest and given, in the Tyrol, to a bride, to dry her tears. At death, this handkerchief is laid in her coffin over the face of the deceased.

Teaspoon (*A*). £5,000. (See SPOON.)

Teazle (*Lady*). A lively, innocent country maiden, married to Sir Peter, who is old enough to be her father. Planted in the hotbed of London gaiety, she formed a *liaison* with Joseph Surface, but, being saved from disgrace, repented and reformed. (*Sheridan: School for Scandal*.) (See TOWNLEY.)

• **Teazle** (*Sir Peter*). A man who had remained a bachelor till he had become old, when he married a girl from the country, who proved extravagant, fond of pleasure, selfish, and vain. Sir Peter was always gibing his wife for her inferior rank, teasing her about her manner of life, and yet secretly liking what she did, and feeling proud of her. (*Sheridan: School for Scandal*.)

Teck (*A*). A defective. Every suspicious man is a "teck" in the eyes of a thief. Of course, the word is a contraction of [de]tec[ive].

Teeth.

From the teeth outwards. Merely talk; without real significance.

"Much of the . . . talk about General Gordon lately was only from the teeth outwards."—*The Daily News*, 1885.

To set one's teeth on edge. (See EDGE.)

He has cut his eye-teeth. He is "up to snuff;" he has "his weather-eye open." •
The eye-teeth are cut late—

Months.

First set—5 to 8, the four central incisors.

7 " 10 " lateral incisors.

12 " 18 " anterior molars.

14 " 20 " the eye-teeth.

Years.

Second set—5 to 6, the anterior molars.

7 " 8 " incisors.

9 " 10 " deciduous.

11 " 12 " eye-teeth.

In spite of his teeth. In opposition to his settled purpose of resolution. Holinshed tells us of a Bristol Jew, who suffered a tooth to be drawn daily for

seven days before he would submit to the extortion of King John. (See JEW'S EYE.)

"In despite of the teeth of all the rhyme and reason."—*Shakespeare: Merry Wives of Windsor*, v. 4.

To cast into one's teeth. To utter reproaches.

"All his faults observed. Set in a note-book, learned, and conned by rote, To cast into my teeth."

Shakespeare: Julius Caesar, ii. 3.

The skin of his teeth. (See SKIN.)

Teeth. The people of Ceylon and Malabar used to worship the teeth of elephants and monkeys. The Siamese once offered to a Portuguese 700,000 ducats to redeem a monkey's tooth.

Wolf's tooth. An amulet worn by children to charm away fear.

Teeth are Drawn (*His*). His power of doing mischief is taken from him. The phrase comes from the fable of *The Lion in Love*, who consented to have his teeth drawn and claws cut, in order that a fair damsel might marry him. When the teeth were drawn and claws cut off, the father of the maid fell on the lion and slew him.

Teeth of the Wind (*In the*). With the wind dead against us, with the wind blowing in or against our teeth.

"To strive with all the tempest in my teeth." *Pope*.

Tectotal. Those who sign the abstinence pledge are entered with O. P. (*old pledge*) after their name. Those who pledge themselves to abstain wholly from alcoholic drinks have a T (*total*) after their name. Hence, T = total abstainer.

"The tale about Dick Turner, a plasterer or fish-hawker at Preston, in Lancashire, who stammered forth, 'I'll have nowt to do with the moderation botheration pledge; I'll be reet down t—total, that or nowt,' is not to be relied on. ••

It is said that Turner's tombstone contains this inscription: "Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of Richard Turner, author of the word *Tectotal* as applied to abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, who departed this life on the 27th day of October, 1816, aged 56 years."

Tectotum (*A*). A working-man's club in which all intoxicants are prohibited.

"You can generally depend upon getting your money's worth if you go to a tectotum."—*Stephen Remond, chap. v.*

Teian Muse (*The*). Anacreon, a native of Teion, in Paphlagonia. (S.C. 563-478.)

Teinds. Tithes.

"Taking down from the window-seat that amusing folio (*The Scottish Coke upon Littleton*), he opened it, as if instinctively, at the tenth title of Book Second, 'of Teinds or Tythes.'"—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. xxxv.

N.B. Those entitled to tithes were called in Scotland "teind-masters."

Telamônēs. Supporters. (Greek, *telamôn*.) Generally applied to figures of men used for supporters in architecture. (See ATLANTES.)

Telegram. *Milking a telegram.* A telegram is said to be "milked" when the message sent to a specific party is surreptitiously made use of by others.

"They receive their telegrams in cipher to avoid the risk of their being 'milked' by rival journals."—*The Times*, August 15th, 1884.

Telémachos. The only son of Ulysses and Penelope. After the fall of Troy he went, under the guidance of Mentor, in quest of his father. He is the hero of Fénelon's prose epic called *Télémaque*.

Tell (William). The boldest of the Swiss mountaineers. The daughter of Leuthold having been insulted by an emissary of Albrecht Gessler, the enraged father killed the ruffian and fled. William Tell carried the assassin across the lake, and greatly incensed the tyrannical governor. The people rising in rebellion, Gessler put to death Melch'tal, the patriarch of the district, and, placing the ducal cap of Austria on a pole, commanded the people to bow down before it in reverence. Tell refused to do so, whereupon Gessler imposed on him the task of shooting an apple from his little boy's head. Tell succeeded in this perilous trial of skill, but, letting fall a concealed arrow, was asked with what object he had secreted it. "To kill thee, O tyrant," he replied, "if I had failed in the task imposed on me." Gessler now ordered the bold mountaineer to be put in chains and carried across the lake to Küssnacht Castle "to be devoured alive by reptiles," but, being rescued by the peasantry, he shot Gessler and liberated his country. (*Rossini: Guglielmo Tell*, an opera.)

* Kissling's monument at Altorf (1892) has four reliefs on the pedestal: (1) Tell shooting the apple; (2) Tell's leap from the boat; (3) Gessler's death; and (4) Tell's death at Schachenbach.

William Tell. The story of William Tell is told of several other persons:

(1) Egil, the brother of Wayland Smith. One day King Nidung commanded him to shoot an apple off the

head of his son. Egil took two arrows from his quiver, the straightest and sharpest he could find. When asked by the king why he took two arrows, the god-archer replied, as the Swiss peasant to Gessler, "To shoot thee, tyrant, with the second if the first one fails."

(2) Saxo Grammaticus tells nearly the same story respecting Toki, who killed Harald.

(3) Roginald Scot says, "Puncher shot a pennie on his son's head, and made ready another arrow to have slain the Duke Remgrave, who commanded it." (1584.)

(4) Similar tales are told of Adam Bell, Clym of the Clough, William of Cloudeston and Henry IV., Olaf and Eindridi, etc.

Tellers of the Exchequer. A corruption of *talliers*—i.e. tally-men, whose duty it was to compare the tallies, receive money payable into the Exchequer, give receipts, and pay what was due according to the tallies. Abolished in the reign of William IV. The functionary of a bank who receives and pays bills, orders, and so on, is still called a "teller."

Tem'ora. One of the principal poems of Ossian, in eight books, so called from the royal residence of the kings of Connaught. Cairbar had usurped the throne, having killed Cormac, a distant relative of Fingal; and Fingal raised an army to dethrone the usurper. The poem begins from this point with an invitation from Cairbar to Oscar, son of Ossian, to a banquet. Oscar accepted the invitation, but during the feast a quarrel was vamped up, in which Cairbar and Oscar fell by each other's spears. When Fingal arrived a battle ensued, in which Filian, son of Fingal, the Achilles of the Caledonian army, and Cathmor, brother of Cairbar, the bravest of the Irish army, were both slain. Victory crowned the army of Fingal, and Ferad-Arthor, the rightful heir, was restored to the throne of Connaught.

Temper. *Tó make trim.* The Italians say, *temperare la lira*, to tune the lyre; *temperare una penna*, to mend a pen; *temperare l'orologio*, to wind up the clock. In Latin, *temperare columen* is "to mend a pen." Metal well tempered is metal made trim or meet for its use, and if not so it is called *ill-tempered*. When Otway says, "Woman, nature made thee to temper man," he means to make him trim, to soften his nature, to mend him.

Templars or Knights Templars.

Nine French knights bound themselves, at the beginning of the twelfth century, to protect pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land, and received the name of Templars, because their arms were kept in a building given to them for the purpose by the abbot of the convent called the Temple of Jerusalem. They used to call themselves the "Poor Soldiers of the Holy City." Their habit was a long white mantle, to which subsequently was added a red cross on the left shoulder. Their famous war-cry was "Bauseant," from their banner, which was striped black and white, and charged with a red cross; the word *Bauseant* is old French for a black and white horse.

Seal of the Knights Templars (two knights riding on one horse). The first Master of the Order and his friend were so poor that they had but one horse between them, a circumstance commemorated by the seal of the order. The order afterwards became wealthy and powerful.

Temple (London) was once the seat of the Knights Templars. (*See above*.)

Temple. The place under inspection, from the Latin verb *tæor*, to behold, to look at. It was the space marked out by the Roman augurs as the field of observation. When augurs made their observations they marked out a space within which the sign was to occur. Rather remarkable is it that the Greek *theos* and Latin *deus* are nouns from the verbs *theomai* and *tæor*, meaning the "presence" in this space marked out by the augurs.

Temple (A). A kind of stretcher, used by weavers for keeping Scotch carpeting at its proper breadth during weaving. The weaver's temple is a sort of wooden rule with teeth of a pothook form.

• **Temple Bar,** called "the City Gogotha," because the heads of traitors, etc., were exposed there. • (Removed 1878.)

Temple of Solomon. Timbs, in his *Notabilia*, p. 192, tells us that the treasure provided by David for this building exceeded 900 millions sterling (!). The building was only about 150 feet long and 105 wide. Taking the whole revenue of the British empire at 100 millions sterling annually, the sum stated by Timbs would exhaust nine years of the whole British revenue. The kingdom of David was not larger than Wales, and by no means populous.

Temples (Pagan) in many respects resembled Roman Catholic churches. There was first the vestibule, in which were the piscina with lustral water to sprinkle those who entered the edifice; then the nave (or *naos*), common to all comers; then the chancel (or *adytum*) from which the general public was excluded. In some of the temples there was also an *apsis*, like our apse; and in some others there was a portico, which not unfrequently was entered by steps or "degrees"; and, like churches, the Greek and Roman temples were consecrated by the pontiff.

• The most noted temples were that of Vulcan, in Egypt; of Jupiter Olympus, and of Apollo, in Delphos; of Diana, in Ephesus; the Capitol and the Pantheon of Rome; the Jewish temple, built by Solomon, and that of Herod the Great.

Tempora Mutantur. (*See MUTANTUR.*)

Ten. Gothic, *tai-hun* (two hands); Old German, *ze-hen*, whence *zehn*, *zen*.

Ten Commandments (The). The following rhyme was written under the two tables of the commandments:—

"PRSVR Y PRFCT MN
VR KP THS PRCPIS TN.

The vowel R
Supplies the key."

Ten Commandments (The). Scratching the face with the ten fingers of an angry woman; or a blow with the two fists of an angry man, in which the "ten commandments are summarised into two."

• Could I come near your beauty with my nails,
I'd set my ten commandments in your face!"
Shakespeare: 2 Henry VI., i. 3.

"I dares you to touch him, spreading abroad her
long and muscular fingers, garnished with claws,
which a victim might have feared. 'I'll set my
ten commandments on the face of the first fool
that lays a finger on him.'—*Sir W. Scott: Waverley, chap. xxx.*

Tench is from the Latin *tinc-a*, so called, says Aulus Gellius, because it is *tincta* (tinted).

Tend in the Eyes. Dutch, "*Iemand naar de oogen te zien*." The English equivalent is, "to wait on his nod" or beck.

"Her gentlewomanlike the Nereides,
So many mermaids, tended her i' the eyes."
Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra, ii. 2.

Tendon. (*See ACHILLES.*)

Ten'gild. A river in Lapland on whose banks roses grow.

"I was surprised to see upon the banks of this river roses of as lovely a red as any that are in our own gardens."—*M. de Maupequiot.*

Teniers. Malplaquet, in France, famous for the victory of the Duke

of Marlborough and Prince Eugene over the French under Marshal Villars on September 11, 1709.

"Her courage tried
On Toulers' dreadful field."
Thomson: Autumn.

The Scottish Teniers. Sir David Wilkie (1785-1841).

Tenner (A). A ten-pound note. A "five" is a five-pound note.

Tennis Ball of Fortune. Pertinax, the Roman emperor, was so called. He was first a seller of charcoal, then a schoolmaster, then a soldier, and lastly an emperor, but in three months he was dethroned and murdered.

Tennyson (Alfred). Bard of *Arthurian Romance*. His poems on the legends of King Arthur are—(1) *The Coming of Arthur*; (2) *Geraunt and Enid*; (3) *Martin and Vivien*; (4) *Lancelot and Elaine*; (5) *The Holy Grail*; (6) *Pellus and Eltore*; (7) *Gunnerere*; (8) *The Passing of Arthur*. Also *The Morte d'Arthur*, *Sir Galahad*, *The Lady of Shalott*. (1810-1892.)

Tenpenny Nails. Very large nails, 1,000 of which would weigh 10 lbs. Four-penny nails are those which are much smaller, as 1,000 of them would weigh only 4 lbs.; two-penny nails, being half the size, 1,000 of them would weigh only 2 lbs. Then we come to the ounce nails, 1,000 weighing only 8, 12, or 16 ounces, the standard unit being always 1,000 nails. Penny is a corruption of pounder, *poun'er*, *pun'er*, penny, as two-penny nails, four-penny nails, ten-penny nails, etc., according to the weight of 1,000 of them.

Tenson. A subdivision of the *chanzons* or poems of love and gallantry by the Troubadours. When the public jousts were over, the lady of the castle opened her "court of love," in which the combatants contended with harp and song.

Tent. Father of such as dwell in tents. Jabal. (Genesis iv. 20.)

Tent (Skidbladnir's) would cover a whole army, and yet fold up into a parcel not too big for the pocket. (*Arabian Nights*.)

Tenterden. *Tenterden steeple was the cause of Goodwin Sands.* The reason alleged is not obvious; an apparent non-sequitur. Mr. More, being sent with a commission into Kent to ascertain the cause of the Goodwin Sands, called together the oldest inhabitants to ask their opinion. A very old man said, "I

believe Tenterden steeple is the cause." This reason seemed ridiculous enough, but the fact is, the Bishop of Rochester applied the revenues for keeping clear the Sandwich haven to the building of Tenterden steeple. (See GOODWIN SANDS.)

Some say the stone collected for strengthening the wall was used for building the church tower.

Tenterhooks. *I am on tenterhooks, or on tenterhooks of great expectation.* My curiosity is on the full stretch, I am most curious or anxious to hear the issue. Cloth, after being woven, is stretched or "tentered" on hooks passed through the selvages. (Latin, *tentus*, stretched, hence "tent," canvas stretched.)

"He was not kept an instant on the tenterhooks of impatience longer than the appointed moment."—Sir W. Scott: *Redgauntlet*, chap. xvi.

Tenth Legion (The), or the *Submerged Tenth*. The lowest of the proletariat class. A phrase much popularised in the last quarter of the nineteenth century by "General" Booth's book, *In Darkest England*. (See SUBMERGED.)

Tenth Wave. It is said that every tenth wave is the biggest. (See WAVE.)

"At length, vomiting from the Gallic coast, the victorious tenth wave shall ride, like the bear, over all the rest."—Burke.

Tereol. The male hawk. So called because it is one-third smaller than the female. (French, *terre*.)

Terence. *The Terence of England, the mender of hearts,* is the exquisite compliment which Goldsmith, in his *Retaliation*, pays to Richard Cumberland, author of *The Jew*, *The West Indian*, *The Wheel of Fortune*, etc. (1732-1811.)

Teresa (St.). The reformer of the Carmelites, canonised by Gregory XV. in 1621. (1515-1582.) (See SANCIO PANZA.)

Term Time, called, since 1873, LAW SESSIONS.

Michaelmas Sessions begin November 2nd, and end December 21st.

Hilary Sessions begin January 11th, and end the Wednesday before Easter.

Easter Sessions begin the Tuesday after Easter-week, and end the Friday before Whit-Sunday.

Trinity Sessions begin the Tuesday after Whit-sun-week, and end August 24th.

Term Time of our Universities. There are three terms at Cambridge in a year, and four at Oxford, but the two middle Oxford terms are two only in name, as they run on without a break. The three Cambridge terms are Lent, Easter, and Michaelmas. The four

Oxford terms are Lent, Easter + Trinity, and Michaelmas.

LENT—

Cambridge, begins January 15th, and ends on the Friday before Palm Sunday.

Oxford, begins January 14th, and ends on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

EASTER—

Cambridge, begins on the Friday of Easter-week, and ends Friday nearest June 24th.

Oxford, begins on the Wednesday of Easter-week, and ends Friday before Whit-Sunday. The continuation, called "Trinity term," runs on till the second Saturday of July.

MICHAELMAS—

Cambridge, begins October 1st, and ends December 10th.

Oxford, begins October 10th, and ends December 17th.

Termagant. The author of *Junius* says this was a Saxon idol, and derives the word from *tyr magan* (very mighty); but perhaps it is the Persian *tr-magian* (Magian lord or deity). The early Crusaders, not very nice in their distinctions, called all Pagans *Saracens*, and muddled together Magianism and Mahometanism in wonderful confusion, so that Termagant was called the god of the Saracens, or the co-partner of Mahound. Hence Ariosto makes Ferrau "blaspheme his Mahound and Termagant" (*Orlando Furioso*, xii, 59); and in the legend of *Syr Guy* the Soudan or Sultan is made to say—

"S chelc me, Mahounde, of might,
and Termagant, my God so bright."

Termagant was at one time applied to men. Thus Massinger, in *The Picture*, says, "A hundred thousand Turks assailed him, every one a Termagant [Pagan]." At present the word is applied to a boisterous, brawling woman. Thus Arbuthnot says, "The eldest daughter was a termagant, an imperious profligate wretch." The change of sex arose from the custom of representing Termagant on the stage in Eastern robes, like those worn in Europe by females.

"'Twas time to counterfeit, or that hot termagant Scot (Douglas) had paid me scot and lot too."—*Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV.*, v. 1.

Outdoing Termagant (*Hamlet*, iii. 2). In the old play the degree of rant was the measure of villainy. Termagant and Herod, being considered the *beau-ideal* of all that is bad, were represented as settling everything with club law, and bawling so as to split the ears of the groundlings. Bully Bottom, having ranted to his heart's content, says, "That is Eracles' vein, a tyrant's vein." (See *HEROD*.)

Terpsichore (properly *Terp-sik'-o-re*, but often pronounced *Terp-si-core*).
*The goddess of dancing. *Terpsichorean*,

relating to dancing. Dancers are called "the votaries of Terpsichore."

Terra Firma. Dry land, in opposition to water; the continents as distinguished from islands. The Venetians so called the mainland of Italy under their sway; as, the Duchy of Venice, Venetian Lombardy, the March of Treviso, the Duchy of Friuli, and Istria. The continental parts of America belonging to Spain were also called by the same term.

Terrestrial Sun (*That*). Gold, which in alchemy was the metal corresponding to the sun, as silver did to the moon. (*Sir Thomas Browne: Religio Medici*, p. 149, 3.)

Terrible (*The*). Ivan IV. [or II.] of Russia. (1529, 1533-1584.)

Terrier is a dog that "takes the earth," or unearths his prey. Dog Tray is merely an abbreviation of the same word. Terrier is also applied to the hole which foxes, badgers, rabbits, and so on, dig under ground to save themselves from the hunters. The dog called a *terrier* creeps into these holes like a ferret to rout out the victim. (Latin, *terra*, the earth.) Also a land-roll or description of estates.

* There are short- and long-haired terriers.
(1) *Short-haired*: the black-and-tan, the schipperke, the bull-terrier, and the fox-terrier.
(2) *Long-haired*: the Bedlington, the Dandy Dismont, and the Irish, Scotch, and Yorkshire terrier.

Terry Alts. Insurgents of Clare, who appeared after the Union, and committed numerous outrages. These rebels were similar to "the Thrashers" of Connaught, "the Carders," the followers of "Captain Rock" in 1822, and the Fenians (1869).

Tertium Quid. A third party which shall be nameless. The expression originated with Pythagoras, who, declining bipeds, said—

"Sunt bipes homo, et avis, et tertium quid."
"A man is a biped, so is a bird, and a third thing (which shall be nameless)."

Iamblichus says this third thing was Pythagoras himself. (*Vita Pyth.*, cxxvii.)

In chemistry, when two substances chemically unite, the new substance is called a *tertium quid*, as a neutral salt produced by the mixture of an acid and alkali.

Terza Rima. A poem in triplets, in which the second or middle line rhymes with the first and third lines of the succeeding triplets. In the beginning of

the poem lines 1 and 3 rhyme independently, and the poem must end with the first line of a new triplet. Dante's *Divine Comedy* is in this metre, and Byron has adopted it in *The Prophecy of Dante*. The scheme is as follows:—

—1a -
x2b - feel - - - - - (a new rhyme for 1b and 3b).
—3a -
1b - heal
x2b - - - - - cries - - - - - (a new rhyme for 1c and 3c).
3b - - - - - steal
1c - - - - - skies
x2c - - - - - place - (a new rhyme for 1d and 3d).
3c - - - - - arise
1d - - - - - raise
x2d - - - - - - - - - (a new rhyme for 1e and 3e).
3d - - - - - space
etc. etc.

Tesserarian Art. The art of gambling. (Latin, *tessera*, a die.)

Tester. A sixpence. Called *testone* (*teste*, a head) because it was stamped on one side with the head of the reigning sovereign. Similarly, the head canopy of a bed is called its tester (Italian, *testa*; French, *teste*, *tête*). Copstick in Dutch means the same thing. Worth 12d. in the reign of Henry VIII., but 6d. in the reign of Elizabeth.

"Hold, there's a tester for thee."—*Shakespeare*: *Henry IV.*, iii. 2.

Testers are gone to Oxford, to study at Brasenose. When Henry VIII. debased the silver testers, the alloy broke out in red pimples through the silver, giving the royal likeness in the coin a blotchy appearance; hence the punning proverb.

Tête-à-tête. A confidential conversation.

Tête Bottée [*Booted Head*]. The nickname of Philippe des Comines.

"You, Sir Philip des Comines, were at a hunting-match with the duke your master; and when he alighted after the chase, he required your services in drawing off his boots. Reading in your looks some natural resentment, he ordered you to sit down in turn, and rendered you the same office. . . . but . . . no sooner had he plucked one of your boots off than he brutally beat it about your head. . . . and his privileged fool Le Gorieux gave you the name of *Tête Bottée*."—*Sir W. Scott*: *Quentin Durward*, chap. xxx.

Tête du Pont. The barbican or watch-tower placed on the head of a drawbridge.

Tether. *He has come to the end of his tether.* He has outrun his fortune; he has exhausted all his resources. The reference is to a cable run out to the bitter end (*see BITTER END*), or to the lines upon lines in whale fishing. If the whale runs out all the lines it gets away and is lost.

Horace calls the end of life "*ultima linea rerum*," the end of the goal, referring to the white chalk mark at the end of a racecourse.

Tethys. The sea, properly the wife of Oceanos.

"The golden sun above the watery bed
Of hoary Tethys raised his beamy head."
Hooke's Ariosto, bk. viii.

Tetragrammaton. The four letters, meaning the four which compose the name of Deity. The ancient Jews never pronounced the word Jehovah composed of the four sacred letters JHVH. The word means "I am," or "I exist" (Exod. iii. 14); but Rabbi Bechini says the letters include the three times—past, present, and future. Pythagoras called Deity a Tetrad or Tetractys, meaning the "four sacred letters."

The words in different languages:—

Arabic, ALHA.
Assyrian, ADAD.
Brahmin, JOSH.
Danish, GODH.
Dutch, GODT.
East Indians, ZEUT and ESAT.
Egyptian, ZEUT, AUMS, AMON.
French, DIEU.
German, GOTT.
Greek, ZEUS.
Hebrew, JHVH, ADON.
Irish, DICH.
Italian, IDIO.
Japanese, KAIS.
Latin, DEUS.
Malayan, KES-F.
Persian, SORU, MYRA.
Persian, ILAN.
Scandinavian, ODIN.
Spanish, DIOS.
Swedish, ODDH, GODH.
Syriac, ADAD.
Tahitian, ATUA.
Tatarian, TYAN.
Turkish, ADHI.
Yrudois, DIODU.
Wallachian, SEUE.

"Such was the sacred Tetragrammaton.
Things worthy silence must not be revealed."
Dryden: *Britannia Rediviva*.

[We have the Egyptian *Osse*, like the Greek *Osos*.]

Tetrapla. The Bible, disposed by Origen under four columns, each of which contained a different Greek version. The versions were those of Aquila, Symmachus, Theodosian, and the Septuagint.

Teneer. Brother of Ajax the Greater, who went with the allied Greeks to the siege of Troy. On his return home, his father banished him the kingdom for not avenging on Ulysses the death of his brother. (*Homer*: *Iliad*.)

Teutons. Thuath-*duin* (north men). Our word *Dutch* and the German *Deutsch* are variations of the same word, originally written *Theodisk*.

Teutonic Knights. An order which the Crusades gave birth to. Originally only Germans of noble birth were admissible to the order. (Abolished by Napoleon in 1800.)

Th (*Θ, theta*). The sign given in the verdict of the Areopagus of condemnation to death (*θάνατος*).^a

^a *El potis es vitlo nigrum præfigere theta.*—*Perkins.*

∴ *T* (*τελευτος*) meant absolution, and *A* = *non liquet*. In the Roman courts *C* meant condemnation, *A* absolution, and *N L* (*non liquet*) remanded.

Tha'is (2 syl.). An Athenian courtesan who induced Alexander, when excited with wine, to set fire to the palace of the Persian kings at Persepolis.

"The king seized a flambeau with zeal to destroy ;
Thais led the way to light him to his prey ;
And, like another Helen, fired another Troy."
Dryden: Alexander's Feast.

Thal'aba. The Destroyer, son of Hodeirah and Zeir'ub (*Zenshia*); hero of a poem by Southey, in twelve books.

Thalos. (See SEVEN SAGES.)

Thalot'ris. Queen of the Am'azons, who went with 300 women to meet Alexander the Great, under the hope of raising a race of Alexanders.

"This was no Thalestris from the fields, but a quiet domestic character from the fireside."—*C. Hamlet's Shirlen, chap. xxviii.*

Thall'a. One of the muses, generally regarded as the patroness of comedy. She was supposed by some, also, to preside over husbandry and planting, and is represented leaning on a column holding a mask in her right hand, etc.

Thames (1 syl.). The Latin *Tham'is* (the broad *Isis*, where *isis* is a mere variation of *esk, aus, usg*, etc., meaning water). The river Churn unites with the Thames at Cricklade, in Wiltshire, where it was at one time indifferently called the Thames, Isis, or Thamesis. Thus, in the Saxon Chronicle we are told the East Anglians "overran all the land of Mercia till they came to Cricklade, where they forded the Thames." In Camden's *Britannia* mention is made of Summerford, in Wiltshire, on the east bank of the "Isis" (*cujus vocabulum Temis juxta radum, qui appellatur Summerford*). Canute also forded the Thames in 1016 in Wiltshire. Hence Thames is not a compound of the two rivers Thame and Isis at their junction, but of Thamesis. Thame is a variety of the Latin *amnis*, seen in such words as North-ampton, South-ampton, Tam-worth, etc. Pope perpetuates the notion that Thames = Thame and Isis in the lines—

"Around his throne the sea-born brothers stood ;
Who swell with tributary rivers his flood :—
First the famed authors of his ancient name,
The winding Isis and the fruitful Thame !
The Kennet swift, for silver cells renowned ;
• The Loddon slow, with verdant ajders crowned ;

Cole, whose dark streams his flowery islands lave ;
And chalky Wey that rolls a milky wave ;
The blue transient Vandalis appears ;
The gulphy Lee his soddy tresses roars ;
And sullen Mole that hides his diving flood ;
And silent Darent stained with Danial's blood."
Pope: Windsor Forest.

He'll never set the Thames on fire. He'll never make any figure in the world; never plant his footsteps on the sands of time. The popular explanation is that the word *Thames* is a pun on the word *tense*, a corn-sieve; and that the parallel French locution *He will never set the Seine on fire* is a pun on *seine*, a drag-net; but these solutions are not tenable. There is a Latin saw, "*Tiberim accendere nunquam potest*," which is probably the *sons et origo* of other parallel sayings. Then, long before our proverb, we had "To set the Rhine on fire" (*Den Rhein anzünden*), 1630, and *Er hat den Rhein und das Meer angezündet*, 1580.

∴ There are numerous similar phrases; as "He will never set the ladder on fire," "to set the Trent on fire," "to set the Hammer on fire," etc. Of course it is possible to set water on fire, but the scope of the proverb has the other way, and it may take its place beside such sayings as "if the sky falls we may catch larks."

Tham'muz. The Syrian and Phœnician name of Adonis. His death happened on the banks of the river Adonis, and in summer-time the waters always become reddened with the hunter's blood. (See Ezekiel viii. 14.)

"Thammuz came next behind,
Whose annual wound on Lebanon allured
The Syrian damsels to lament his fate
In amorous ditties all a summer's day;
While smooth Adonis from his native rock
Ran purple to the sea, supposed with blood
Of Thammuz yearly wounded."
Milton: Paradise Lost, bk. iv. 446-452.

Tham'yris. A Thracian bard mentioned by Homer (*Iliad*, ii. 595). He challenged the Muses to a trial of skill, and, being overcome in the contest, was deprived of them of his sight and power of song. He is represented with a broken lyre in his hand.

"Blind Tham'yris and blind Maenonides (Homer),
And Tiresias and Phineus, prophete old."
Milton: Paradise Lost, iii. 35-36.

∴ "Tiresias" pronounce *Ti'-re-sas* ;
• "Phineus," pronounce *Fi'-nue*.

That. Seven "thats" may follow each other, and make sense.

"For he it known that we may safely write
Or say that 'that' that 'that' that man wrote was
right ;
Nay, even that that that, that 'that' THAT' has
followed.
Through six repeats, the grammar's rule has
hallowed ;
And that that that that that 'that' THAT'
began

Repeated seven times is right, deny't who can."
"My lords, with humble submission that that I
say is this: That that 'that' that that that that
gentleman has advanced is not that that he
should have proved to your lordships."—*Spectator*,
No. 86.

That's the Ticket. That's the right thing to do; generally supposed to be a corruption of "That's the etiquette," or proper mode of procedure, according to the programme; but the expanded phrase "That's the ticket for soup" seems to allude to the custom of showing a ticket in order to obtain a basin of soup given in charity.

Thatch. A straw hat. A hat being called a tile, and the word being mistaken for a roof-tile, gave rise to several synonyms, such as roof, roofing, thatch, etc.

Thaumaturgus. A miracle-worker; applied to saints and others who are reputed to have performed miracles. (Greek, *thauma ergon*.)

Prince Alexander of Hohenlohe, whose power was looked upon as miraculous.

Apollonius of Tyana, Cappadocia (A.D. 3-98). (See his *Life*, by Philostratus.)

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, called "the Thaumaturgus of the West." (1091-1153.)

St. Francis d'Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order. (1182-1226.)

J. Joseph Gassner, of Bratz, in the Tyrol, who, looking on disease as a possession, exorcised the sick, and his cures were considered miraculous. (1727-1779.)

Gregory, Bishop of Neo-Cesarea, in Cappadocia, called emphatically "the Thaumaturgus," from the numerous miracles he is reported to have performed. (212-270.)

St. Isidorus. (See his *Life*, by Damascius.)

James and Jambres, the magicians of Pharaoh who withstood Moses.

Blaise Pascal. (1623-1662.)

Plotinus, and several other Alexandrine philosophers. (205-270.) (See the *Life of Plotinus*, by Porphyry.)

Proclus. (412-415.) (See his *Life*, by Marinus.)

Simon Magus, of Samaria, called "the Great Power of God." (Acts viii. 10.)

Several of the *Sophists*. (See *Lucas of the Philosophers*, by Eunapius.)

Somptura possessed the omniscient power of seeing all that was done in every part of the globe. (Eunapius: *Edæseus*.)

Vindict de Paul, founder of the "Sisters of Charity." (1576-1660.)

Peter Schott has published a treatise on natural magic called *Thaumaturgus Physicus*. (See below.)

Thaumaturgus. Filumena is called

Thaumaturga, a saint unknown till 1802, when a grave was discovered with this inscription on tiles: "LUMENA PAXTE CYMET, which, being rearranged, makes *Pax tecum Filumena*. Filumena was at once accepted as a saint, and so many wonders were worked by "her" that she has been called *La Thaumaturge du Dix-neuvième Siècle*.

Theagenes and Chariclea. The hero and heroine of an erotic romance in Greek by Heliodorus, Bishop of Trikkia (fourth century).

Theban Bard or Eagle. Pindar, born at Thebes. (B.C. 518-439.)

Theban Legion. The legion raised in the Thebais of Egypt, and composed of Christian soldiers, led by St. Maurice. This legion is sometimes called "the Thundering Legion" (q.v.).

Thebes (1 syl.), called *The Hundred-Gated*, was not Thebes of Boeotia, but of Thebais of Egypt, which extended over twenty-three miles of land. Homer says out of each gate the Thebans could send forth 200 war-chariots. (Egyptian, *Taape* or *Tuonub*, city of the sun.)

"The world's great empress on the Egyptian plain."

That spreads her conquests o'er a thousand states,
And pours her heroes through a hundred gates,
Two hundred horsemen and two hundred cars
From each wide portal issuing to the wars.
Pope: *Ibid.*, l.

Thecla (St.), styled in Greek martyrologies the *proto-martyress*, as St. Stephen is the *proto-martyr*. All that is known of her is from a book called the *Periods*, or *Acts of Paul and Thecla*, pronounced apocryphal by Pope Gelasius, and unhappily lost. According to the legend, Thecla was born of a noble family in Iconium, and was converted by the preaching of St. Paul.

Theist, Deist, Atheist, Agnostic. A *theist* believes there is a God who made and governs all creation; but does not believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, nor in a divine revelation.

A *deist* believes there is a God who created all things, but does not believe in His superintendence and government. He thinks the Creator implanted in all things certain immutable laws, called the *Laws of Nature*, which act *per se*, as a watch acts without the supervision of its maker. Like the theist, he does not believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, nor in a divine revelation.

The *atheist* disbelieves even the existence of a God. He thinks matter is

eternal, and what we call "creation" is the result of natural laws.

The *agnostic* believes only what is knowable. He rejects revelation and the doctrine of the Trinity as "past human understanding." He is neither theist, deist, nor atheist, as all these are *past* understanding.

Thelusson Act. The 39th and 40th George III., cap. 98. An Act to prevent testators from leaving their property to accumulate for more than twenty-one years. So called because it was passed in reference to the last will and testament of the late Mr. Thelusson, in which he desired his property to be invested till it had accumulated to some nineteen millions sterling.

The'not. An old shepherd who relates to Cuddy the fable of *The Oak and the Briar*, with the view of curing him of his vanity. (*Spenser: Shepherd's Calendar.*)

Theocritus. The *Scottish Theocritus*. Allan Ramsay, author of *The Gentle Shepherd*. (1685-1758.)

Theod'omas. A famous trumpeter at the siege of Thebes.

"At every court there can loud menstraleye
That never trouped death for to beere,
So he Theodomas it half so cleere
At Thebes, when the cite was in drede."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 9, 202.

Theodora (in *Orlando Furioso*), sister of Constantine, the Greek Emperor. Greatly enraged against Rogerio, who slew her son, she vowed vengeance. Rogerio, captured during sleep, being committed to her hands, she cast him into a foul dungeon, and fed him on the bread of affliction till Prince Leon released him.

Theodoric. One of the heroes of the *Nyctingale*, a legend of the Sagas. This king of the Goths was also selected as the centre of a set of champions by the German minnesingers (*minstrels*), but he is called by these romancers Diderick of Bern (*Vero'na*).

Theon's Tooth. The bite of an ill-natured or carping critic. "*Dente Theonino circumrodi*," to be nastily aspersed. (*Horace: Epistles*, i. 18, 82.) Theon was a carping grammarian of Rome.

Theosophy (the society was founded in November, 1875). It means divine wisdom, the "wisdom religion," the "hidden wisdom." It is borrowed from Ammonius Saccas of the third century A.D. Theosophists tell us there has ever been a body of knowledge, touching the

universe, known to certain sages, and communicated by them in doles, as the world was able to bear the secrets. Certainly Esdras supports this hypothesis. Of the two hundred books Jehovah said:—

"The first that thou hast written publish openly, that the worthy (esoterics) and the unworthy (exoterics) may read it; but keep the seventy last that thou mayst deliver them *only* to such as be wise among the people, for in them is wisdom and the stream of knowledge."—2 Esdras xlv. 45-47.

"At my first approach to the 'Wisdom Religion' I rather resented the necessity of having to master the profusion of technical terms which Madame Blavatsky very freely sprinkles about her *Key to Theosophy*, such as DAVATHAN BUDDI, ATMA, MANAS, SAMADHI, etc."—E. J. Gould.

Therapeutæ. The Therapeutæ of Philo were a branch of the Essenes. The word Essenes is Greek, and means "doctors" (*essanoi*), and Therapeutæ is merely a synonym of the same word.

Theresa. Daughter of the Count Palatine of Pado'lia, beloved by Mазeppa. The count, her father, was very indignant that a mere page should presume to fall in love with his daughter, and had Mазeppa bound to a wild horse and set adrift. As for Theresa, Mазeppa never knew her future history. Theresa was historically not the daughter, but the young wife, of the fiery count. (*Byron: Mазeppa.*)

Thermidorians. Those who took part in the *coup d'état* which effected the fall of Robespierre, with the desire of restoring the legitimate monarchy. So called because the Reign of Terror was brought to an end on the ninth Thermidor of the second Republican year (July 27th, 1794). Thermidor or "Hot Month" was from July 19th to August 18th. (*Dumas: Souvenirs Thermidorians.*)

Thersites. A deformed, scurrilous officer in the Greek army which went to the siege of Troy. He was always railing at the chiefs, and one day Achilles felled him to the earth with his fist and killed him. (*Homer: Iliad.*)

"He squinted, halting, gibbons was behind,
And pinched before, and on his tapering head
Grew patches only of the sunniest down.
... Him Greece had sent to Troy;
The miscreant, who shame'd his country most."
Cooper's Translation, book II.

A Thersites. A dastardly, malevolent, impudent railer against the powers that be. (*See above.*)

Thesous (2 syl.). Lord and governor of Athens, called by Chaucer Duke Thesous. He married Hippolita, and as he returned home with his bride, and Emily her sister, was accosted by a crowd of

female suppliants, who complained of Creon, King of Thebes. The Duke forthwith set out for Thebes, slew Creon, and took the city by assault. Many captives fell into his hands, amongst whom were the two knights named Palamon and Arcite (*q.v.*). (*Chaucer: The Knight's Tale.*)

The Christian Thescus. Roland the Paladin.

Thes'pians. Actors. (*See below.*)

Thes'pis, Thes'pian. Dramatic. Thes'pis was the father of Greek tragedy.

"The race of learned men,
... oft they snatch the pen,
As if inspired, and in a Thes'pian rago;
Then write."

Thomson: Oastle of Indolence, c. 1. 52.

"Thespi, the first professor of our art,

At country wags sang ballads from a cart."

Dryden: Prologue to Sophonisba.

Thessalian. Deceitful, fraudulent; hence *Θεσσαλὸν νόμισμα* = fraud or decoit. *Θεσσαλὸν νόμισμα* = double dealing, referring to the double-dealing of the Thessalians with their confederates, a notable instance of which occurred in the Peloponnesian War where, in the very midst of the battle, they turned sides, deserting the Athenians and going over to the Lacedæmonians. The Locris had a similar bad repute, whence *Λοκρὸν σύνθημα*; but of all people, the Spartans were most noted for treachery.

Thes'tylis. Any rustic maiden. In the *Idyls* of Theocritus, Thestylis is a young female slave.

"And then to haste her lower she leaves,
With Thestylis to bind the sheaves."

Milton: L'Allegro.

Thick. *Through thick and thin* (Dryden). Through evil and through good report; through stoggy mud and stones only thinly covered with dust.

"Through perils both of wind and limb
She followed him through thick and thin."

Butler: Hudibras.

"Thick and thin blocks" are pulley-blocks with two sheaves of different thickness, to accommodate different sizes of ropes.

Thick-skinned. Not sensitive; not irritated by rebukes and slanders. **Thin-skinned,** on the contrary, means impatient of reproof or censure; their skin is so thin it annoys them to be touched.

Thief. (*See* AUTOLYOUS; CAGUS, etc.)

Thieves' Latin. Slang; dog, or dog's Latin; gibberish.

"What did actually reach his ears was disguised so completely by the use of cant words and the thieves' Latin, called slang, that he could make no sense of the conversation."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xii.

"He can vent Greek and Hebrew as fast as I can thieves' Latin."—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. xlix.

Thieves on the Cross, called Gernas (the impenitent) and Desmas (afterwards "St. Desmas," the penitent thief) in the ancient mysteries. Hence the following charm to scare away thieves:

"Impartibus meritis pendent tria corpora ramis
Desmas et Gernas, iuncta est divina potestas;
Alta petit Desmas, infelix, infima, Gernas;
Nos et res nostras conservet summa potentia,
Hos versus dicas, ne tu furto tua perdis."

Thimble. Scotch, *Thummie*, originally "Thumb-bell," because it was worn on the thumb, as sailors still wear their thimbles. It is a Dutch invention, introduced into England in 1695 by John Lofting, who opened a thimble manufactory at Islington.

Thimble-rig. A cheat. The cheating game so called is played thus: A pea is put on a table, and the conjurer places three or four thimbles over it in succession, and then sets the thimbles on the table. You are asked to say under which thimble the pea is, but are sure to guess wrong, as the pea has been concealed under the man's nail.

Thin-skinned. (*See above, THICK-SKINNED.*)

Thin Red Line (*The*). The old 93rd Highlanders were so described at the battle of Balaclava by Dr. W. H. Russell, because they did not take the trouble to form into square. "Balaclava" is one of the honour-names on their colours, and their regimental magazine is named *The Thin Red Line*.

Thin as a Whipping-post. As a lath; as a wafer. (*See* SIMILES.)

"I assure you that, for many weeks afterwards, I was as thin as a whipping-post."—*Kingston: The Three Admirals*, chap. vi.

"I wish we had something to eat," said Tom. "I shall grow as thin as a whipping-post . . . I suspect."—*Kingston: The Three Admirals*, chap. xi.

Think about It (*I'll*). A courteous refusal. When the sovereign declines to accept a bill, the words employed are *Le roi (or la reine) s'avisera*.

Thirteen Unlucky. The Turks so dislike the number that the word is almost expunged from their vocabulary. The Italians never use it in making up the numbers of their lotteries. In Paris no house bears the number, and persons, called *Quartorziennes* (*q.v.*), are reserved to make a fourteenth at dinner parties.

"Jamais on ne devrait
Se mettre a table treize."
Mais douze c'est parfait."

La Mascotte (an opera), l. 5.

Sitting down thirteen at dinner, in old Norse mythology, was deemed unlucky, because at a banquet in the Valhalla

Loki once intruded, making thirteen guests, and Baldur was slain.

In Christian countries the superstition was confirmed by the Last Supper of Christ and His twelve apostles, but the superstition itself is much anterior to Christianity.

Twelve at a dinner table, supposing one sits at the head of the table and one at the bottom, gives a party to these two, provided a couple is divided; but thirteen, like any other odd number, is a unicorn.

Thirteens. *Throwing the thirteens about.* A thirteen is an Irish shilling, which, prior to 1825, was worth 13 pence, and many years after that date, although reduced to the English standard, went by the name of "thirteens." When Members of Parliament were chaired after their election, it was by no means unusual to carry a bag or two of "thirteens," and scatter the money amongst the crowd.

Thirteenpence-halfpenny. A hangman. So called because thirteenpence-halfpenny was at one time his wages for hanging a man. (*See HANGMAN.*)

Thirty. A man at thirty must be either a fool or a physician. (*Tiberius.*)

Thirty Tyrants. The thirty magistrates appointed by Sparta over Athens, at the termination of the Peloponnesian war. This "reign of terror," after one year's continuance, was overthrown by Thrasybulos (B.C. 403).

The Thirty Tyrants of the Roman empire. So those military usurpers are called who endeavoured, in the reigns of Valerian and Gallienus (253-268), to make themselves independent princes. The number thirty must be taken with great latitude, as only nineteen are given, and their resemblance to the thirty tyrants of Athens is extremely fanciful. They were—

In the East.

- (1) Cyriades.
- (2) Maerianus.
- (3) Jullia.
- (4) Diomedius.
- (5) Zenobius.

In the West.

- (6) Posthumus.
- (7) Lollianus.
- (8) Victorinus and his mother Victoria.
- (9) Marius.
- (10) Tetricus.

Illyricum.

- (11) Iugurinus.
- (12) Gethilianus.
- (13) Aureolus.

Promiscuous.

- (14) Saturninus in Pontus.
- (15) Trebellianus in Isauria.
- (16) Piso in Thessaly.
- (17) Valerius in Achaia.
- (18) Emilianus in Egypt.
- (19) Celsus in Africa.

Thirty Years' War. A series of wars between the Catholics and Protestants of Germany in the seventeenth century. It began in Bohemia in 1618, and ended in 1648 with the "peace of Westphalia."

Thisbe. A Babylonish maiden beloved by Piramus. They lived in contiguous houses, and as their parents would not let them marry, they contrived to converse together through a hole in the garden wall. On one occasion they agreed to meet at Ninus' tomb, and Thisbe, who was first at the spot, hearing a lion roar, ran away in a fright, dropping her garment on the way. The lion seized the garment and tore it. When Piramus arrived and saw the garment, he concluded that a lion had eaten Thisbe, and he stabbed himself. Thisbe returning to the tomb, saw Piramus dead, and killed herself also. This story is travestied in the *Midsummer Night's Dream*, by Shakespeare.

Thistle (The). The species called *Silybum Marianum*, we are told, owes the white markings on its leaves to the milk of the Virgin Mary, some of which fell thereon and left a white mark behind. (*See CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.*)

Thistles are said to be a cure for stich in the side, especially the species called "Our Lady's Thistle." According to the *Doctrine of Signatures*, Nature has labelled every plant, and the prickles of the thistle tell us the plant is efficacious for prickles or stiches in the side. (*See TURMERIC.*)

Thistle Beds. Withoos, a Dutch artist, is famous for his homely pictures where thistle-beds abound.

Thistle of Scotland. The Danes thought it cowardly to attack an enemy by night, but on one occasion deviated from their rule. (On they crept, barefooted, noiselessly, and unobserved, when one of the men set his foot on a thistle, which made him cry out. The alarm was given, the Scotch fell upon the night-party, and defeated them with terrible slaughter. Ever since the thistle has been adopted as the insignia of Scotland, with the motto "*Nemo me impune lacessit*." This tradition reminds us of Brennus and the geese. (*See also STARS AND STRIPES.*)

Thistle. The device of the Scotch monarchs was adopted by Queen Anne; hence the riddle in Pope's pastoral proposed by Daphnis to Strephon:

"Tell me . . . in what more happy fields
The thistle springs, to which the lily yields?"
Pope: Spring.

In the reign of Anne the Duke of Marlborough made the "lily" of France yield to the thistle of Queen Anne. The lines are a parody of Virgil's *Eclogue*, iii. 104-108.

Thomas (St.). Patron saint of architects. The tradition is that Gondoforus, king of the Indies, gave him a large sum of money to build a palace. St. Thomas spent it on the poor, "thus erecting a superb palace in heaven."

The symbol of St. Thomas is a builder's square, because he was the patron of masons and architects.

Christians of St. Thomas. In the southern parts of Malabar there were some 200,000 persons who called themselves "Christians of St. Thomas" when Gama discovered India. They had been 1,300 years under the jurisdiction of the patriarch of Babylon, who appointed their materene (archbishop). When Gama arrived the head of the Malabar Christians was Jacob, who styled himself "Metropolitan of India and China." In 1625 a stone was found near Sigantū with a cross on it, and containing a list of the materenes of India and China.

Sir Thomas. The dogmatical prating squire in Crabbe's *Borough* (letter x.).

Thomas-a-Kempis. Thomas Hammerlein of Kempen, an Augustinian, in the diocese of Cologne. (1380-1471.)

Thomas the Rhymer. Thomas Learmont, of Erildoune, a Scotchman, in the reign of Alexander III., and contemporary with Wallace. He is also called Thomas of Erildoune. Sir Walter Scott calls him the "Merlin of Scotland." He was magician, prophet, and poet, and is to return again to earth at some future time when Shrove Tuesday and Good Friday change places.

* Care must be taken not to confound "Thomas the Rhymer" with Thomas Rymer, the historiographer and compiler of the *Fœdera*.

Thomasing. In some rural districts the custom still prevails of "Thomasing"—that is, of collecting small sums of money or obtaining drink from the employers of labour on the 21st of December—"St. Thomas's Day." December 21st is still noted in London as that day when every one of the Common Council has to be either elected or re-elected, and the electors are wholly without restriction except as to age and sex. The aldermen and their officers are not elected on St. Thomas's Day.

Thom'ists. Followers of Thomas Aquinas, who denied the doctrine of the immaculate conception maintained by Duns Scotus.

* Scotists and Thomists now in peace remain.
* *Pope's Essay on Criticism*. 444.

Thomson (James), author of *The Seasons* and *Castle of Indolence*, in 1729 brought out the tragedy of *Sophonisba*, in which occurs the silly line: "O Sophonisba, Sophonisba, O!" which a wag in the pit parodied into "O Jenny Thomson, Jenny Thomson, O!" (1700-1748.)

Thone (1 syl.) or **Thonia.** Governor of a province of Egypt. His wife was Polydamnia. It is said by post-Homeric poets that Paris took Helen to this province, and that Polydamnia gave her a drug named nepenthes to make her forget her sorrows, and fill her with joy.

"Not that nepenthes which the wife of Thone
In Egypt gave to love-dorn Helen,
Is of such power to stir up joy as this."
Milton's Comus, 605-607.

Tho'pas (Sir). Native of Popering in Flanders; a capital sportsman, archer, wrestler, and runner. He resolved to marry no one but an "elf queen," and set out for fairy-land. On his way he met the three-headed giant Olifaunt, who challenged him to single combat. Sir Tho'pas got permission to go back for his armour, and promised to meet him next day. Here mine host interrupts the narrative as "intolerable nonsense," and the "rime" is left unfinished.

"An elf queen wot I have, I wis,
For in this world no woman is
Worthy to be my mate."

Chaucer: Rime of Sir Tho'pas.

Thor. Son of Odin, and god of war.

His attendant was THIAFF, the swift runner. His belt was MEKINGJARDIR or MEKINGJARD, which doubled his strength whenever he put it on.

His goats were CRACK, GRIND, CRASH, and CHURV.

His hammer or mace was MJOLESIR.

His petname was BLISKINISIR (Bright Spear), where he received the warriors who had fallen in battle.

His realm was THURVYANG.

His wife was SIF (Love).

* He is addressed as *Asa Thor* or *Ring Thor* (Winged Thor, i.e. Lightning). (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

The word enters into many names of places, etc., as Thorsby in Cumberland, Thunderhill in Surrey, Thurso in Caithness, Torthorwald (i.e. "Hill of Thor-in-the-wood") in Dumfriesshire, Thursday, etc.

Thorn. *The Conference of Thorn* met October, 1645, at Thorn, in Prussia, to remove the difficulties which separate Christians into sects. It was convoked by Ladislas IV. of Poland, but no good result followed the conference.

Thorn in the Flesh (A). Something to mortify; a skeleton in the cupboard. The allusion is to a custom, common

amongst the ancient Pharisees, one class of which used to insert thorns in the borders of their gabergines to prick their legs in walking and make them bleed. (See PHARISEES.)

Thorne. Calvin (*Admonitio de Reliquiis*) gives a long list of places claiming to be one or more of the thorns which composed the Saviour's crown. To his list may be added Glastonbury Abbey, where was also the spear of Longinus or Longinus, and some of the Virgin's milk.

The thorns of Dauphiné will never prick unless they prick the first day. This proverb is applied to natural talent. If talent does not show itself early, it will never do so—the truth of which application is very doubtful indeed.

"Si l'épine non pique quand naît,
A peine peut piquer jamais."

Proverb in Dauphiné.

Thorpe-men. Villagers. This very pretty Anglo-Saxon word is worth restoring. (*Thorpe*, Anglo-Saxon, a village.)

Thoth. The Hermes of Egyptian mythology. He is represented with the head of an ibis on a human body. He is the inventor of the arts and sciences, music and astronomy, speech and letters. The name means "Logos" or "the Word."

Though Lost to Sight, to Memory Dear. A writer in *Harper's Magazine* tells us that the author of this line was Ruthven Jenkyns, and that the poem, which consists of two stanzas each of eight lines, begins each stanza with "Sweetheart, good-bye," and ends with the line, "Though lost to sight, to memory dear." The poem was published in the *Greenwich Magazine for Marines* in 1701 or 1702.

Thousand. Everyone knows that a dozen may be either twelve or thirteen, a score either twenty or twenty-one, a hundred either one hundred or one hundred and twenty, and a thousand either one thousand or one thousand two hundred. The higher numbers are the old Teutonic computations. Hickee tells us that the Norwegians and Icelandic people have two sorts of decads, the lesser and the greater called "Tolfred." The lesser thousand = 10×100 , but the greater thousand = 12×100 . The word *tolf*, equal to *tole*, is our *twelve*. (*Institutiones Grammaticæ*, p. 43.)

"Five score of men, money, or pins,
Six score of all other things." *Old Saw.*

Thousand Years as One Day (A). (1 Peter iii. 8.) Precisely the same is said of Brahma. "A day of Brahma is as a thousand revolutions of the Yooos, and his might extendeth also to a thousand more." (*Kreeshna : Bhagavat Geeta.*)

Thrall. A slave; bondage; wittily derived from *drill*, in allusion to the custom of drilling the ear of a slave in token of servitude, a custom common to the Jews. (Deut. xv. 17.) Our Saxon forefathers used to pierce at the church-door the ears of their bond-slaves. (Anglo-Saxon, *thrael*, slave or bondman.)

Thread. The thread of destiny—i.e. that on which destiny depends. The Greeks and Romans imagined that a grave maiden called Clotho spun from her distaff the destiny of man, and as she spun one of her sisters worked out the events which were in store, and Atropos cut the thread at the point when death was to occur.

A St. Thomas's thread. The tale is that St. Thomas planted Christianity in China, and then returned to Malabar. Here he saw a huge beam of timber floating on the sea near the coast, and the king endeavouring, by the force of men and elephants, to haul it ashore, but it would not stir. St. Thomas desired leave to build a church with it, and, his request being granted, he dragged it easily ashore with a piece of packthread. (*Faria y Sousa.*)

Chief of the Triple Thread. Chief Brahmin. Oso'rius tells us that the Brahmins wore a symbolical Tessera of three threads, reaching from the right shoulder to the left. Faria says that the religion of the Brahmins proceeded from fishermen, who left the charge of the temples to their successors on the condition of their wearing some threads of their nets in remembrance of their vocation; but Oso'rius maintains that the triple thread symbolises the Trinity.

"Terna fila ab humero dextero in latus sinisterum gerunt, ut designent trinam in natura divina naturam."

Threadneedle Street. A corruption of *Thryddanen* or *Thryddenal Street*, meaning third street from "Chepeyside" to the great thoroughfare from London Bridge to "Bushop Gate" (consisting of New Fyshe Streate, Gracious Streate, and Bushop Gate Streate). (Anglo-Saxon, *thrydda* or *thrydde*, third.)

Another etymology is *Thrig-needle* (three-needle street), from the three needles which the Needle-maker's Company bore in their arms. It begins from

the Mansion House, and therefore the Bank stands in it.

The Old Lady in Threadneedle Street. The directors of the Bank of England were so called by William Cobbett, because, like Mrs. Partington, they tried with their broom to sweep back the Atlantic waves of national progress.

"A silver curl-paper that I myself took off the shining locks of the ever-beautiful old lady of Threadneedle Street [a bank-note]."—*Dickens: Dr. Marigold.*

Three. Pythagoras calls three the perfect number, expressive of "beginning, middle, and end," wherefore he makes it a symbol of Deity. The world was supposed to be under the rule of three gods, viz. Jupiter (heaven), Neptune (sea), and Pluto (Hades). Jove is represented with three-forked lightning, Neptune with a trident, and Pluto with a three-headed dog. The Fates are three, the Furies three, the Graces three, the Harpies three, the Sibylline books three; the fountain from which Hylas drew water was presided over by three nymphs, and the Muses were three times three; the pythoness sat on a tripod. Man is three-fold (body, soul, and spirit); the world is three-fold (earth, sea, and air); the enemies of man are three-fold (the world, the flesh, and the devil); the Christian graces are three-fold (Faith, Hope, and Charity); the kingdoms of Nature are threefold (mineral, vegetable, and animal); the cardinal colours are three in number (red, yellow, and blue), etc. (See NINE, which is three times three.)

"Even the Bible consists of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Apocrypha. Our laws have to pass the Commons, Lords, and Crown."

Three Bishoprics (*Thr*). So the French call the three cities of Lorraine, Metz, and Verdun, each of which was at one time under the lordship of a bishop. They were united to the kingdom of France by Henri II. in 1552. Since the Franco-German war they have been attached to Germany.

Three-Decker (*A*). The pulpit, reading-desk, and clerk's desk arranged in a church, towering one above the other. Now an obsolete arrangement.

"In the midst of the church stands . . . the offensive structure of pulpit, reading-desk, and clerk's desk: in fact, a regular old three-decker in full sail westward."—*The Christian Remembrancer*, July, 1832, p. 92.

Three Chapters (*Thr*). Three books, or parts of three books—one by Theodoret of Mopsuestia, one by Theodoret of Cyprus, and the third by Ibas, Bishop

of Edessa. These books were of a Nestorian bias on the subject of the incarnation and two natures of Christ. The Church took up the controversy warmly, and the dispute continued during the reign of Justinian and the pope of Vigilius. In 553 the *Three Chapters* were condemned at the general council of Constantinople.

Three Estates of the Realm are the nobility, the clergy, and the commonalty. In the collect for *Gunpowder Treason* we thank God for "preserving (1st) the king, and (2nd) the three estates of the realm;" from which it is quite evident that the sovereign is not one of the three estates, as nine persons out of ten suppose. These three estates are represented in the two Houses of Parliament. (See FOURTH ESTATE.)

Three Holes in the Wall (*Thr*), to which Macaulay alluded in his speech, September 20th, 1831, are three holes or niches in a ruined mound in the borough of Old Sarum, which before the Reform sent two members to Parliament. Lord John Russell (March, 1831) referred to the same anomaly. (See *Notes and Queries*, March 14th, 1885, p. 213.)

Three Kings' Day. Epiphany or Twelfth Day, designed to commemorate the visit of the "three kings" or Wise Men of the East to the infant Jesus. (See under KINGS.)

Three-pair Back (*Living up a*). Living in a garret, which is got at by mounting to the third storey by a back staircase.

Three-quarters or $\frac{3}{4}$. Rhyming slang for the neck. This certainly is a most ingenious perversion. "Three-quarters of a peck" rhymes with neck, so, in writing, an expert simply sets down $\frac{3}{4}$. (See CHIVY.)

Three R's (*Thr*). (See under R.)

Three Sheets in the Wind. Unsteadily from over-drinking, as a ship when its sheets are in the wind. The sail of a ship is fastened at one of the bottom corners by a rope called a "tack;" the other corner is left more or less free as the rope called a "sheet" is disposed; if quite free, the sheet is said to be "in the wind," and the sail flaps and flutters without restraint. If all the three sails were so loosened, the ship would "reef and stagger like a drunken man."

"Captain Cuttle looking, candle in hand, at Bunoby more attentively, perceived that he was three sheets in the wind, or, in plain words, drunk."—*Dickens: Dombey and Son.*

Three-tailed Bashaw. (See BASHAW.)

Three Tuns. A fish ordinary in Billingsgate, famous as far back as the reign of Queen Anne.

Threshers. Members of the Catholic organisation instituted in 1806. One object was to resist the payment of tithes. Their threats and warnings were signed "Captain Thresher."

Threshold. Properly the door-sill, but figuratively applied to the beginning of anything; as, the threshold of life (*infancy*), the threshold of an argument (*the commencement*), the threshold of the inquiry (*the first part of the investigation*). (Saxon, *thærscweld*, door-wood; German, *thürschwelle*; Icelandic, *throsulldur*. From *thür* comes our door.)

Thrift-box. A money-box, in which thrifths or savings are put. (See SPENDTHRIFT.)

Throgmorton Street (London). So named from Sir Nicholas Throckmorton, head of the ancient Warwickshire family, and chief banker of England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Through-stone (A). A flat grave-stone, a stone coffin or sarcophagus, also a bond stone which extends over the entire thickness of a wall. In architecture, called "Perpent" or "Perpend Stones" or "Throughs." (French, *Pierre purpaigne*.)

"O! he is not stirring yet, nair than he were a through-stone."—*Sir W. Scott: The Monastery* (Introduction).

Throw. To throw the helve after the hatchet. (See HELVE.)

Throw. Throw lots of dirt, and some will stick. Find plenty of fault, and some of it will be believed. In Latin, *Fortiter calumniari, aliquid adhærebit*.

Throw Up the Sponge (To). (See SPONGE.)

Throw your Eye on. Give a glance at. In Latin, *oculus [in aliquem] conjicere*. "Hubert, Hubert, throw thine eye On you young lay."

Shakespeare: King John, iii. 3.

Throwing an Old Shoe for Luck. (See under SHOE.)

"Now, for good luck cast a old shoe after me."—*Maywood* (1693-1756).

"Ay, with all my heart, there's an old shoe after you."—*The Parson's Wedding* (Dodsley, vol. ix. p. 499)

Thrum. Weaver's ends and fag-ends of carpet, used for common rugs. (The word is common to many languages, as Icelandic, *thraum*; German, *trumm*;

Dutch, *drom*; Greek, *thrumma*; all meaning "fag-ends" or "fragments.")

"Come, sisters, come, cut thread and thrum;

Quail, crush, conclude, and quell!"

Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, v. 1.

Thread and thrum. Everything, good and bad together.

Thrummy Cap. A sprito described in Northumberland fairy tales as a "queer-looking little auld man," whose exploits are generally laid in the cellars of old castles.

Thug [a cheat]. So a religious fraternity in India was called. Their patron goddess was Devi or Kālī, wife of Śiva. The Thugs lived by plunder, to obtain which they never halted at violence or even murder. In some provinces they were called "strangers" (*phansigars*), in the Tamil tongue "noosers" (*arutlukar*), in the Canarese "caught thieves" (*tanti kallern*). They banded together in gangs mounted on horse-back, assuming the appearance of merchants; some two or more of these gangs converted to meet as if by accident at a given town. They then ascertained what rich merchants were about to journey, and either joined the party or lay in wait for it. This being arranged, the victim was duly caught with a lasso, plundered, and strangled. (Hindu, *thuga*, deceive.)

Thuggee (2 syl.). The system of secret assassination preached by Thugs, the practice of Thugs.

Thuiq or Tuig (Norse). The mounds raised by the old Scandinavians where their courts were held. The word is met with in Iceland, in the Shetlands, and elsewhere in Scotland.

Thule (2 syl.). Called by Drayton *Thuly*. Pliny, Solinus, and Mela take it for Iceland. Pliny says, "It is an island in the Northern Ocean discovered by Pytheas, after sailing six days from the Orcadæ." Others, like Camden, consider it to be Shetland, still called Thylens-el (isle of Thylē) by seamen, in which opinion they agree with Marinus, and the descriptions of Ptolemy and Tacitus. Bochart says it is a Syrian word, and that the Phœnician merchants who traded to the group called it *Gezirat Thulē* (isles of darkness). Its certain etymology is unknown; it may possibly be the Gothic *Thule*, meaning the "most remote land," and connected with the Greek *telos* (the end).

"Where the Northern Ocean, in vast whirls,
Balls round the naked melancholy isles
Of farthest Thule." *Thomson: Autumn*.

Ultima Thule. The end of the world; the last extremity. Thule was the most northern point known to the ancient Romans.

"Tibi serviat Ultima Thule."

Virgil: Georgics, l. 20.

"Peshawar cantonment is the Ultima Thule of British India."—*Nineteenth Century*, Oct., 1863, p. 633.

Thumb. When a gladiator was vanquished it rested with the spectators to decide whether he should be slain or not. If they wished him to live, they shut up their thumbs in their fists (*police compresso favor judicabatur*); if to be slain, they turned out their thumbs. Adam, in his *Roman Antiquities* (p. 287), says, "If they wished him to be saved, they pressed down their thumbs; if to be slain, they turned up [held out] their thumbs." (*Pliny*, xxviii. 2; *Juvenal*, iii. 36; *Horace*: 1 *Epist.*, xviii. 66.)

"It is not correct to say, if they wished the man to live they held their thumbs downwards; if to be slain, they held their thumbs upwards. '*Police compressio*' means to hold their thumbs close."

"Where, influenced by the rabble's bloody will,
With thumbs bent back, they popularly kill."
Dryden: Third Satire.

By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes. Another proverb says, "My little finger told me that." When your ears turn hot and red, it is to indicate that someone is speaking about you. When a sudden fit of "shivering" occurs, it is because someone is treading on the place which is to form your grave. When the eye itches, it indicates the visit of a friend. When the palm itches, it shows that a present will shortly be received. When the bones ache, it prognosticates a coming storm. Plautus says, "*Timeo quod rerum gesserim hic ita dorsus totus prurit.*" (*Miles Gloriosus*.) All these and many similar superstitions rest on the notion that "coming events cast their shadows before," because our "angel," ever watchful, forewarns us that we may be prepared. Sudden pains and prickings are the warnings of evil on the road; sudden glows and pleasurable sensations are the couriers to tell us of joy close at hand. These superstitions are relics of demonology and witchcraft.

In ancient Rome the augurs took special notice of the palpitation of the heart, the flickering of the eye, and the pricking of the thumb. In regard to the last, if the pricking was on the left hand it was considered a very bad sign, indicating mischief at hand.

Do you bite your thumb at me? Do you mean to insult me? The way of

expressing defiance and contempt was by snapping the finger or putting the thumb in the mouth. Both these acts are termed a *flea*, whence our expressions "Not worth a fig," "I don't care a fig for you." Decker, describing St. Paul's Walk, speaks of the biting of thumbs to beget quarrels. (*See GLOVE.*)

"I see Contempt marching forth, giving meo the flea with his thombe in his mouth."—*Wits Miserie* (1500).

"I will bite my thumb at them; which is a disgrace to them, if they hear it."—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, l. 1.

Every honest miller has a thumb of gold. Even an honest miller grows rich with what he prigs. Thus Chaucer says of his miller—

"Wel cowde he stele and tollen thries,
And yet he had a thumb of gold, yarde [was what is called an 'honest miller']"
Canterbury Tales (Prologue, 765).

Rule of thumb. Rough measure. Ladies often measure yard lengths by their thumb. Indeed the expression "sixteen nails make a yard" seems to point to the thumb-nail as a standard. Countrymen always measure by their thumb.

Tom Thumb. (*See TOM.*)

Under one's thumb. Under the influence or power of the person named.

Thumb-nail Legacies. Legacies so small that they could be written on one's thumb-nail.

"Tis said, some men may make their wills
On their thumb-nails, for aught they can
bestow."

Peter Pinder: Lord D. and his Motions.

Thumbkins or Thumbscrew. An instrument of torture largely used by the Inquisition. The torture was compressing the thumb between two bars of iron, made to approach each other by means of a screw. Principal Carstairs was the last person put to this torture in Britain; he suffered for half an hour at Holyrood, by order of the Scotch Privy Council, to wring from him a confession of the secrets of the Argyll and Monmouth parties.

Thunder. The giant who fell into the river and was killed, because Jack cut the ropes that suspended the draw-bridge, and when the giant ventured to cross it the bridge fell in. (*Jack the Giant Killer.*)

Thunder (Sons of) [*Boanerges*]. James and John, the sons of Zebedee (Mark iii. 17). So called because they asked to be allowed to consume with lightning those who rejected the mission of Christ. (Luke ix. 54; Mark iii. 17.)

Thunder and Lightning or Tonant. Stephen II. of Hungary (1100, 1114-1131).

Thunders of the Vatican. The anathemas and denunciations of the Pope, whose palace is the Vatican of Rome.

Properly speaking, the Vatican consists of the Papal palace, the court and garden of Belvedere, the library, and the museum, all on the right bank of the Tiber.

Thunderbolt of Italy. Gaston de Foix, nephew of Louis XII. (1489-1512.)

Thunderbolts. Jupiter was depicted by the ancients as a man seated on a throne, holding a sceptre in his left hand and thunderbolts in his right. Modern science has proved there are no such things as thunderstones, though many tons of bolides (2 syl.), aërolites (3 syl.), meteors, or shooting stars (of stony or metallic substance) fall annually to our earth. These "air-stones," however, have no connection with thunder and lightning.

"Be ready, gods, with all your thunderbolts;

Push him to pieces!"

Shakespeare: *Julius Cæsar*, iv. 3.

Thunderer (The). A name applied to *The Times* newspaper, in allusion to an article by Captain Ed. Sterling, beginning thus:—

"We thundered forth the other day an article on the subject of social and political reform."

• *The Times*.

Thundering Legion. Under cover of a thunderstorm which broke over them they successfully attacked the Marcomanni. (See **LEGION**, **THEBAN LEGION**.)

• This is a mere legend of no historic value. The legion was so called at least a century before the reign of Aurelius; probably because it bore on its shields or ensigns a representation of Jupiter Tonans.

Thun'stone. The successor of King Arthur. (*Nursery Tale*: *Tom Thumb*.)

Thursday. That is, Thor's day. In French, *Judi*—i.e. Jove's day.

Thursday. (See **BLACK**.)
When three Thursdays meet. Never (q.v.). In French, "*Cela arrivera la semaine des trois jeudis*."
• *Maundy Thursday*. (See **MAUNDY THURSDAY**.)

Tiara. A composite emblem. Its primary meaning is purity and chastity—the foundation being of fine linen. The gold band denotes supremacy. The first cap of dignity was adopted by Pope Damasus II. in 1018. The cap was

surmounted with a high coronet in 1295 by Boniface VIII. The second coronet was added in 1335 by Benedict XII., to indicate the prerogatives of spiritual and temporal power combined in the Papacy. The third coronet is indicative of the Trinity, but it is not known who first adopted it; some say Urban V., others John XXII., John XXIII., or Benedict XII.

"The symbol of my threefold dignity, in heaven, upon earth, and in purgatory."—*Pope Pius IX.* (1871).

• The triple crown most likely was in imitation of that of the Jewish high priest.

"On his head was a white turban, and over this a second striped with dark blue. On his forehead he wore a plate of gold, on which the name of Jehovah was inscribed. And, being at once high priest and prince, this was connected with a triple crown on the temples and back of the head."—*Edith the Pilgrim*, chap. x.

Tib. St. Tib's Eve. Never. A corruption of St. Ubes. There is no such saint in the calendar as St. Ubes, and therefore her eve falls on the "Greek Kalends" (q.v.), neither before Christmas Day nor after it.

Tib and Tom. Tib is the ace of trumps, and Tom is the knave of trumps in the game of *Gluck*.

"That gamester needs must overcome,

That can play both Tib and Tom."

Randolph: *Heraclitode*, p. 640.

Tiber, called *The Yellow Tiber*, because it is discoloured with yellow mud.

"Verticillus rapidi, et multa flavus arena."
Virgil: Æneid, vii. 31.

Tibul'ius. *The French Tibullus.* Evariste Désiré Desforges, Chevalier du Parny (1753-1814).

Tibur'ce (3 syl.) or **Tiburce** (2 syl.). Brother of Valirian, converted by the teaching of St. Cecilia, his sister-in-law, and baptised by Pope Urban. Being brought before Almachius the prefect, and commanded to worship the image of Jupiter, both the brothers refused, and were decapitated. (*Chaucer: Second Nunnes Tale*.)

"All this thing sche unto Tiburce told (2 syl.).
And after this Tiburce, in good entente (2 syl.),
With Valirian to Pope Urban wente."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 12, 276.

Tiburtius's Day (St.). April 14th. The cuckoo sings from St. Tiburtius's Day (April 14th) to St. John's Day (June 24th).

This most certainly is not correct, as I have heard the cuckoo even in August; but without doubt July is the month of its migration generally.

The proverb says:

"July, prepares to fly; August, go he must."

• It is said that he migrates to Egypt.

Tick. *To go on tick*—on ticket. In the seventeenth century, *ticket* was the ordinary term for the written acknowledgment of a debt, and one living on credit was said to be *living on tick*. Betting was then, and still is to a great extent, a matter of tick—i.e. entry of particulars in a betting-book. We have an Act of Parliament prohibiting the use of betting tickets: "Be it enacted, that if any person shall play at any of the said games . . . (otherwise than with and for ready money), or shall bet on the sides of such as shall play . . . a sum of money exceeding £100 at any one time . . . upon ticket or credit . . . he shall," etc. (16 Car. II. cap. 16.)

"If a servant usually buy for the master upon tick, and the servant buy some things without the master's order . . . the master is liable." *Chief Justice Hall* (Blackstone, climp. xv. p. 468).

Ticket. *That's the ticket* or *That's the ticket for soup*. That's the right thing. The ticket to be shown in order to obtain something. Some think that the word "ticket" in this phrase is a corruption of *etiquette*.

What's the ticket? What is the arrangement?

"Well," said Bob Cross, "what's the ticket, youngster? Are you to go aboard with us?"—*Captain Marryat*.

Ticket of Leave (*A*). A warrant given to convicts to have their liberty on condition of good behaviour.

Trickie the Public (*To*). When an actor introduces some gag to make the audience laugh, "*il chatouille le public*." One of the most noted chatouilleurs was Odry, a French actor.

Tide-rode, in seaman phrase, means that the vessel at anchor is swung about by the force of the tide. Metaphorically, a person is tide-rode when circumstances over which he has no control are against him, especially a sudden glut in the market. Tide-rode, ridden at anchor with the head to the tide; *wi-d-rode*, with the head to the wind.

Tide-waiters. Those who vote against their opinions. S. G. O. (the Rev. Lord Osborne), of the *Times*, calls the clergy in Convocation whose votes do not agree with their convictions "ecclesiastical tide-waiters."

Tidy means in *tide*, in season, in time. We retain the word in even-tide, spring-tide, and so on. Tusser has the phrase, "If the weather be fair and tidy," meaning seasonable. Things done punctually and in their proper season are sure to be done orderly, and what is

orderly done is neat and well arranged. Hence we get the notion of methodical, neat, well-arranged, associated with tidy. (Danish, *tidig*, seasonable, favourable.)

How are you getting on? Oh! pretty tidily—favourably. (See above.)

A tidy fortune. A nice little bit of money. Tidy means neat, and a tidy fortune means comfortable.

Tied. *Tied to your mother's apron-strings*. Not yet out of nursery government; not free to act on your own responsibility. The allusion is to tying naughty young children to the mother's or nurse's apron.

Tied House (*A*). A retail shop, stocked by a wholesale dealer, and managed by some other person not the owner of the stock. The wholesale dealer appoints the manager.

"There are tied houses in the drapery, grocery, dairy, boot and shoe, hardware, liquor, and book trades. Whiteley's, if rumour is to be trusted, is a tied house; and the majority of Italian restaurants in London begin by being tied to the Gattai."—*Liberty Review*, 11th April, 1904, p. 350, col. 1.

Tied-up. Married; tied up in the marriage-knot.

"When first the marriage-knot was tied
Between my wife and me."

Walkingame's Arithmetic.

Tiffin (Indian). Luncheon; refreshment. (*Tiff*, a draught of liquor.)

Tiger (*A*) properly means "a gentleman's attendant, and *page* a lady's attendant; but the distinction is quite obsolete, and any servant in livery who rides out with his master or mistress is so called; also a boy in buttons attendant on a lady, like a *page*; a *parasite*."

"Yes," she cried gaily over the banisters, "my sacre and my tixer are waiting."—*A Fellow of Trinity*, chap. xv.

Tiger-kill (*A*). An animal tied up by hunters in a jungle to be killed by a tiger. This is a lure to attract the tiger preparatory to a tiger-hunt.

Tigers. The car of Bacchus was drawn by tigers, and tigers are generally drawn by artists crouching at the feet of Bacchus. Solomon (Prov. xx. 1) says "Strong drink is raging" (like a tiger). In British India a tiger is called "Brother Stripes."

Tigernach. Oldest of the Irish annalists. His annals were published in Dr. O'Connor's *Rerum Hibernicarum Scriptores Feteres*, at the expense of the Duke of Buckingham (1814-1826).

Tight. Intoxicated.

Tigris [*the Arrow*]. So called from the rapidity of its current. Hiddekel is

"The Dekel," or Diglath, a Semitic corruption of *Tigra*, Medo-Persic for arrow. (Gen. ii. 14.)

"Flu'mini, a celeritate qua definit Tigri nomen est; quia Persica lingua, tigrin sagittam appellat."—*Quintus Curtius*.

Tike. A Yorkshire tike. A clownish rustic. In Scotland a dog is called a tyke (Icelandic, *tík*); hence, a snarling, obstinate fellow.

Tilbert (Sir). The cat in the tale of *Reynard the Fox*. (See **TYBALT**.)

Tile. A hat. (Anglo-Saxon, *tigel*; Latin, *tego*, to cover.)

Tile Loose. He has a tile loose. He is not quite *compos mentis*; he is not all there.

Tile a Lodge, in Freemasonry, means to close the door, to prevent anyone uninitiated from entering. Of course, to tile a house means to finish building it, and to tile a lodge is to complete it.

Timber-toe (A). A wooden leg; one with a wooden leg.

Time. Time and tide wait for no man.

"For the next inn he spurs again,
In haste and lights, and scuds away—
But time and tide for no man stay."
—*Somerville: The Sweet-scented Murr*.

Take [or Seize] Time by the forelock (*The Ties of Milk'sins*). Time is represented as an old man, quite bald, with the exception of a single lock of hair on the forehead. Shakespeare calls him "that bald sexton, Time." (*King John*, iii. 1.)

Time is, Time was, Time's past. Friar Bacon made a brazen head, and it was said if he heard his head speak he would succeed in his work in hand, if not he would fail. A man named Miles was set to watch the head, and while Bacon was sleeping, the head uttered these words: "TIME IS;" and half an hour afterwards it said "TIME WAS;" after the expiration of another half-hour it said "TIME'S PAST," fell down, and was broken to pieces.

"Like Friar Bacon's brazen head, I've spoken;
Time is, time was, time's past."
—*Byron: Don Juan*, i. 217-8.

Time-bargain (A), in Stock, is a speculation, not an investment. A time-bargain is made to buy or sell again as soon as possible and receive the difference realised. An investment is made for the sake of the interest given.

Time of Grace. The lawful season for ventry, which began at Midsummer and lasted to Holyrood Day. The fox

and wolf might be hunted from the Nativity to the Annunciation; the roebuck from Easter to Michaelmas; the roe from Michaelmas to Candlemas; the hare from Michaelmas to Midsummer; and the boar from the Nativity to the Purification. (See **SPORTING SEASONS**.)

Time-honoured Lancaster. Old John of Gaunt. His father was Edward III., his son Henry IV., his nephew Richard II. of England; his second wife was Constance, daughter of Peter the Cruel of Castile and Leon; his only daughter married John of Castile and Leon; his sister Johanna married Alphonso, King of Castile. Shakespeare calls him "time-honoured" and "old;" honoured he certainly was, but was only fifty-nine at his death. Hesiod is called *Old*, meaning "long ago."

Times (The). A newspaper, founded by John Walter. In 1785 he established *The Daily Universal Register*, but in 1788 changed the name into *The Times*, or *Daily Universal Register*. (See **THUNDERER**.)

Time'leon. The Corinthian who so hated tyranny that he murdered his own brother Timophanes when he attempted to make himself absolute in Corinth.

"The fair Corinthian boast
Timeoleon, happy temper, mild and firm,
Who wept the brother while the tyrant bled."
—*Thomson: Winter*.

Timon of Athens. The misanthrope. Shakespeare's play so called. *LORD MACAULAY* uses the expression to "out-Timon Timon"—i.e. to be more misanthropical than even Timon.

Tin. Money. A depreciating synonym for silver, called by alchemists "Jupiter."

Time-man (The). The Earl of Douglas, who died 1424. (See *Sir W. Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, chap. xviii.)

Ting. The general assembly of the Northmen, which all capable of bearing arms were bound to attend on occasions requiring deliberation and action. The words *Volksting* and *Storthing* are still in use.

"A shout filled all the Ting, a thousand swords
Clashed loud approval."

—*Ælfric's Saga (The Parting)*.

Tinker. The man who *tinks*, or beats on a kettle to announce his trade. John Bunyan (1628-1688) was called *The inspired Tinker*.

Tintag'el or Tintag'il. A strong castle on the coast of Cornwall, the reputed birth-place of King Arthur.

"When Uthur in Tintagel passed away."
—*Tennyson: The Coming of Arthur*.

Tin'tern Abbey. Wordsworth has a poem called *Lines Composed a few Miles above Tintern Abbey*, but these lines have nothing whatever to do with the famous ruin, not even once alluding to it.

Tintoretto, the historical painter. So called because his father was a dyer (*tintore*). His real name was Jacopo Robusti. He was nicknamed *Il Furioso*, from the rapidity of his productions. (1512-1594.)

Tip. Private information, secret warning. In horse-racing, it means such secret information as may guide the person tipped to make bets advantageously. A "straight tip" comes straight or direct from the owner or trainer of the horse in question. A man will sometimes give the police the "tip," or hint where a gang of confederates lie concealed, or where law-breakers may be found. Thus, houses of ill-fame and keepers of clandestine gaming houses in league with the police, receive the "tip" when spies are on them or legal danger is abroad.

"If he told the police, he felt assured that the 'tip' would be given to the parties concerned, and his efforts would be frustrated."—*Mr. Stodd's defence*, November 2nd, 1885.

He gave me a tip—a present of money, a bribe. (*See DIBS.*)

Tip of my Tongue. *To have a thing on the tip of my tongue* means to have it ~~so near~~ that it comes without thought; also, to have a thing on the verge of one's memory, but not quite perfectly remembered. (In Latin, *in labris natat*.)

Tip One the Wink (To). To make a signal to another by a wink. Here tip means "to give," as tip in the previous example means "a gift."

Tiph'any, according to the calendar of saints, was the mother of the Three Kings of Cologne. (*See COLOGNE.*)

Ti'phys. A pilot. He was the pilot of the Argonauts.

"Many a Tiphys ocean's depths explore,
To open wondrous ways untrod before"
Hoole's Ariosto, bk. viii.

Tipperary Rifle (A). A shillelagh or stick made of blackthorn. At Ballybrophy station an itinerant vendor of walking-sticks pushed up close to their Royal Highnesses [the Prince and Princess of Wales]. . . The Prince asked him what he wanted, and the man replied, "Nothing, your honour, but to ask your honour to accept a present of a Tipperary rifle," and so saying he handed his Royal Highness a stout

hawthorn. The Prince sent the man a sovereign, for which a gentleman offered him 25s. "No," said the man, "I would not part with it for twenty-five gold guineas." In a few minutes the man had sold *all* his sticks for princely prices. (April 25th, 1885.)

Tippling Act (The), 24 Geo. III. c. 40, which restricted the sale of spirituous liquors retailed on credit for less than 20s. at one time. In part repealed. A "tippler" originally meant a tavern-keeper or tapster, and the tavern was called a "tippling-house." At Boston, Lincolnshire, in 1577, five persons were appointed "tipplers of Lincoln beer," and no "other tippler [might] draw or sell beer" . . . under penalties.

Tippling House. A contemptuous name for a tavern or public-house.

Tipstaff. A constable so called because he carried a staff tipped with a bull's horn. In the documents of Edward III. allusion is often made to his staff. (*See Rymers's Fodera.*)

Tiptoe of Expectation (On the). All agog with curiosity. I am like one standing on tiptoe to see over the shoulders of a crowd.

Tirer une Dent. To draw a man's tooth, or extort money from him. The allusion is to the tale told by Holinshed of King John, who extorted 10,000 marks from a Jew living at Bristol by extracting a tooth daily till he consented to provide the money. For seven successive days a tooth was taken, and then the Jew gave in.

Tire'sias. *Blind as Tire'sias.* Tire'sias the Theban by accident saw Athene bathing, and the goddess struck him with blindness by splashing water in his face. She afterwards repented doing so, and, as she could not restore his sight, conferred on him the power of soothsaying, and gave him a staff with which he could walk as safely as if he had his sight. He found death at last by drinking from the well of Tiph'os.

"Juno the truth of what was said denied,
Thesias, therefore, must the cause decide"
Addition: Transformation of Thesias.

Tiring Irons. Iron rings to be put on or taken off a ring as a puzzle. Light-foot calls them "tiring irons never to be untied."

Tirled. *He tirled at the pin.* He twiddled or rattled with the latch before opening the door. Guillaume di Lorris,

in his *Romance of the Rose* (thirteenth century), says, "When persons visit a friend they ought not to bounce all at once into the room, but should announce their approach by a slight cough, or few words spoken in the hall, or a slight shuffling of their feet, so as not to take their friends unawares." The pin is the door-latch, and before a visitor entered a room it was, in Scotland, thought good manners to fumble at the latch to give notice of your intention to enter. (Girl is the Anglo-Saxon *thuer-an*, to turn; Dutch *dwarlen*, our twirl, etc.; or Danish *trille*, German *triller*, Welsh *treillio*; our *trill*, to rattle or roll.)

"Right quick he mounted up the stair,
And tised at the pin."

Charlie is my Darling.

Tiro'nian Sign (*The*). The symbol (&) for "and" or the Latin *et*. Said to have been invented by Tullius Tiro, Cicero's freed-man. (See MARKS IN GRAMMAR.)

Tiryns. An ancient city of Argolis in Greece, famous for its Cyclopean architecture. The "Gallery of Tiryns" is the oldest and noblest structure of the heroic ages. It is mentioned by Homer, and still exists.

Tiryn'thian Swain. Hercules is so called by Spenser, but he is more frequently styled the *Tirynthian Hero*, because he generally resided at Tiryns, a town of Argolis.

Tit. A horse.

"They scorned the coach, they scorned the rails,
Two spanking tits with streaming tails."

The End of All Things.

"What spurs need now for an untamed tit?"

Burgheld: Affectionate Shepherd (1801).

Tit for Tat. J. Bellenden Ker says this is the Dutch "*Dit voor dat*" (this for that); "*Quid pro quo*." Heywood uses the phrase "*tat for tat*," perhaps the French phrase, "*tant pour tant*."

Ti'tan. The sun, so called by Ovid and Virgil.

"And flouted Darke's like a drunkard reels

From forth Day's youth and Titan's fiery wheels."

Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, II. 3.

The Titans. The children of Heaven and Earth, who, instigated by their mother, deposed their father, and liberated from Tartarus their brothers the Hundred-handed giants, and the Cyclopes. (*Classic mythology*.)

Titan's War with Jove (*The*). The Titans set their brother Cronos on the throne of heaven; and Zeus [*Zue*] tried to dethrone him. The contest lasted ten

years, when Zeus became the conqueror and hurled the Titans into hell.

"This must not be confounded with the war of the giants, which was a revolt against Zeus, and was soon put down by the help of the other gods and the aid of Hercules. (See GIANTS.)

Titan'ia. Wife of O'beron, king of the fairies. According to the belief in Shakespeare's age, fairies were the same as the classic nymphs, the attendants of Diana. The queen of the fairies was therefore Diana herself, called Titania by Ovid (*Metamorphoses*, iii. 173). (*Keightley: Fairy Mythology*.)

Tit'anus. A beautiful Trojan beloved by Auro'ra. He begged the goddess to grant him immortality; which request the goddess granted; but as he had forgotten to ask for youth and vigour he soon grew old, infirm, and ugly. When life became insupportable he prayed Aurora to remove him from the world; this, however, she could not do, but she changed him into a grasshopper. Synonym for "an old man."

"An idle scene Tithonus acted
When to a wrashop'er contracted."

Prior: The Turtle and Sparrows.

"Thinner than Tithonus was
Before he faded into air."

Tales of Malice, II.

Tit' (Prince). Frederick, Prince of Wales, eldest son of George II. Seward, a contemporary, tells us that Prince Frederick was a great reader of French memoirs, and that he himself wrote memoirs of his contemporaries under the pseudonym of "Prince Titi."

There was a political fairy tale by St. Hyacinthe (1694-1790) called the *History of Prince Titi*. Ralph also wrote a *History of Prince Titi*. These histories are manifestly covert refections on George II. and his belongings.

Titian [*Tiziano Vecellio*]. An Italian landscape painter, celebrated for the fine effects of his clouds. (1477-1576.)

"Not Titian's pencil e'er could so array,

So fleecy with clouds the pure ethereal space."

Thomson: Castle of Indolence, canto 1.

The French Titian. Jacques Blanchard, the painter (1609-1638).

The Titian of Portugal. Alonzo Sanchez Coello (1515-1590).

Tit'ivate (3 syl.). To tidy up; to dress up; to set in order. "Titi" is a variant of *tidy*; and "*vate*" is an affix, from the Latin *rado* (to go), meaning "to go and do something."

Tittle Tattle. Tattle is prate. (Dutch *tateren*, Italian, *tatta-milla*.) Tittle is

little, same as tit in titmouse, little tit, tit-bit.

"Fish! Why do I spend my time in tittle-tattle?"
Otway: Cheats of Scapin, i. 1.

Titus. The penitent thief, called Desmas in the ancient mysteries. (See DUMACHUS.)

Titus the Roman Emperor was called "the delight of men." (40, 79-81.)

"Titus indeed gave one short evening gleam,
More cordial felt, as in the midst it spread
Of storm and horror; the delight of men."
Thomson: Liberty, iii.

The Arch of Titus commemorates the capture of Jerusalem, A.D. 70.

Titus. A giant whose body covered nine acres of land. He tried to defile Latona, but Apollo cast him into Tartarus, where a vulture fed on his liver, which grew again as fast as it was devoured. (*Greek fable.*) (See GIANTS.)

"Prometheus (3 syl.) was chained to Mount Caucasus, and had his liver gnawed by a vulture or eagle. (See also ST. GEORGE, who delivered Sabra, chained to a rock.)

Titire Tus. Dissolute young scapograces, whose delight was to worry the watchmen, upset sedans, wrench knockers off doors, and be rude to pretty women, at the close of the seventeenth century. The name comes from the first line of Virgil's first Eclogue, "*Titire tu tityrus*," (*titirens sub tegmine fagi*) ("Tityro Tus loved to lurk in the dark night looking for mischief). "Tus" = *tuce*.

Tit'yrus. Any shepherd. So called in allusion to the name familiar from its use in Greek idyls and Virgil's first Eclogue. In the *Shepherd's Calendar* Spenser calls Chaucer by this name:

"Heroes and their feats
Fatigue me, never weary of the pipe
Of Tityrus, assembling as he sang
The rustic throng beneath his favourite beech."
Cowper.

Tizano. One of the favourite swords of the Cid, taken by him from King Bucar. His other favourite sword was Cola'da, Tizona was buried with him. (See SWORD.)

Tizy (A). A sixpence. A variant of *tester*. In the reign of Henry VIII. a "testone" was a shilling, but only sixpence in the reign of Elizabeth. (French, *teste, tête*, the [monarch's] head.)

To (I) (to rhyme with *do*). To 1.e compared to; comparable to. Thus, Sir Thomas Browne (*Religio Medici*) says: "There is no torture to the rack of a

disease" (p. 60, 20); and again, "No reproach to the scandal of a story." And Shakespeare says—

"There is no woe to his correction,
Nor to his service no such joy on earth."
Two Gentlemen of Verona, ii. 4.

To. Altogether; wholly.

"If the podoch be burned to . . . save the
byslope hath put his foot in the potter's
dile."

To-do. Here's a pretty to-do. Disturbance. The French *affaire*—i.e. *à faire* (to do).

To Rights. In apple-pie order. *To put things to rights.* To put every article in its proper place. In the United States of America the phrase is used to signify directly. (Latin, *rectus*, right.)

"I said I had never heard it, so she began to
rights and told me the whole thing."—*Story of the
Sleigh-ride*.

To Wit. For example. (Anglo-Saxon, *wit-an*, to know.)

To (2) (to rhyme with *so, for*, etc.).

To En (The). The One—that is, the Unity. This should be *To hen* properly.

To On (The). The reality.

To Pan (The). The totality.

"So then he falls back upon force as the "ultimate of ultimates," as the *To Es*, the *To On*, and the *To Ps* of creation."—*Eva. Olle*.

Toads. The device of Clovis was three toads (or botes, as they were called in Old French), but after his baptism the Arians greatly hated him, and assembled a large army under King Caudat to put down the Christian king. While on his way to meet the heretics, he saw in the heavens his device miraculously changed into three lilies or on a banner *azure*. He had such a banner instantly made, and called it his *l'iflambe*. Even before his army came in sight of King Caudat, the host of the heretic lay dead, slain, like the army of Sennacherib, by a blast from the god of battles. (*Raoul de Presles: Grans Croniques de France.*)

"It is witnessd of Maister Robert Garwyne that before thysse dayes all French kynnes used to bere in their armes lii Tokeys, but after this Clodoveus had reconized Cristes relygyon lii Fleure de lys were sent to hym by divine power, sette in a shyld of azure, the whiche syns that been borne of all French kynnes."—*Papian's Chronicle*.

The toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in its head. Fenton says: "There is to be found in the heads of old and great toads a stone they call borax or stolon, which, being used as rings, give forewarning against venom" (1569). These stones always bear a figure resembling a toad on their surface.

Lupton says: "A toad-stone, called *crepandia*, touching any part envenomed by the bite of a rat, wasp, spider, or other venomous beast, ceases the pain and swelling thereof." In the London-borough Collection is a silver ring of the fifteenth century, in which one of these toad-stones is set. The stone was supposed to sweat and change colour when poison was in its proximity. Technically called the *Batrachyte* or *Batrachos*, an antidote of all sorts of poison.

Toads unknown in Ireland. It is said that St. Patrick cleared the island of all "varmint" by his malediction.

Toad-eater. At the final overthrow of the Moors, the Castilians made them their servants, and their active habits and officious manners greatly pleased the proud and lazy Spaniards, who called them *mi todita* (my factotum). Hence a cringing officious dependent, who will do all sorts of dirty work for you, is called a *todita* or *toad-eater*.

Pulleney's toad-eater. Henry Vane. So called by Walpole (1742).

Toady. (See TOAD-EATER.)

Toast. A name given, to which guests are invited to drink in compliment. The name at one time was that of a lady. The word is taken from the toast which used at one time to be put into the tankard, and which still floats in the loving-cup, and also the cups called copas, bishop, and cardinal, at the Universities. Hence the lady named was the toast or savour of the wine—that which gave the draught piquancy and merit. The story goes that a certain beau, in the reign of Charles II., being at Bath, pledged a noted beauty in a glass of water taken from her bath; whereupon another roysterer cried out he would have nothing to do with the liquor, but would have the toast—i.e. the lady herself. (*Rambler*, No. 24.)

"Let the toast pass, drink to the lass."—*Sheridan: School for Scandal*.

"Say, why are beauties praised and honoured most."

The wise man's passion and the vain man's toast." *Pope: Epics of the Lock*, canto I.

Tobit, sleeping one night outside the wall of his courtyard, was blinded by sparrows "muting warm dung into his eyes." His son Tobias was attacked on the Tigris by a fish, which leapt out of the water to assail him. Tobias married Sara, seven of whose betrothed lovers had been successively carried off by the evil spirit *Asmodeus*. *Asmodeus* was driven off by the angel *Azari'as*, and,

fleeing to the extremity of Egypt, was bound. Old Tobit was cured of his blindness by applying to his eyes the gall of the fish which had tried to devour his son. (*Apocrypha: Book of Tobit*.)

Tobo'so. *Dulcinea del Toboso.* Don Quixote's lady. Sancho Panza says she was "a stout-built sturdy wench, who could pitch the bar as well as any young fellow in the parish." The knight had been in love with her when he was simply a gentleman of the name of Quix'ada. She was then called Aldonza Lorenzo (daughter of Lorenzo Corchuelo and Aldonza Nogales); but when the gentleman became a don, he changed the style of address of the village damsel into one more befitting his new rank. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, bk. i. chap. i.)

"Sir," said Don Quixote, "she is not a descendant of the ancient Cail, Curtii, and Scipios of Rome; nor of the modern Colonas and Ursini; nor of the Rebillas and Villanovas of Valencia; neither is she a descendant of the Palafoxes, Newcas, Rocabertins, Corellas, Lunas, Alagonés, Urcas, Yzues, and Guzmans of Aragon; neither does the Lady Dulcinea descend from the Cervas, Manriquez, Mendozas, and Guzmans of Castile; nor from the Alencastros, Pallas, and Menezes of Portugal; but she derives her origin from a family of Toboso, near Mancin'" (bk. ii. chap. v.).

"In English the accent of Dulcinea is often on the second syllable, but in Spanish it is on the third."

"Ask you for whom my tears do flow so?"

Why, for Dulcinea del Toboso."

Don Quixote's Love-song.

Tobo'sian. The rampant *Manchegan* lion shall be united to the white *Tobosian* dove. Literally, Don Quixote de la Mancha shall marry Dulcinea del Toboso. Metaphorically, "None but the brave deserve the fair."

Toby (*the dog*), in PUNCHINELLO, wears a frill garnished with bells, to frighten away the devil from his master. This is a very old superstition. (See PASSING BELL.)

The Chinese and other nations make a grimage at death to scare away evil spirits. "Keening" is probably based on the same superstition.

Toby. The high toby, the high-road; the low toby, the by-road. A highwayman is a "high tobyman;" a mere footpad is a "low tobyman."

"So we can do a touch now . . . as well as you grand gentlemen on the high toby."—*Baldred: Robbery under Arms*, chap. xxvi.

Toddy. A favourite Scotch beverage compounded of spirits, hot water, and sugar. The word is a corruption of *taudi*, the Indian name for the saccharine juice of palm spathes. The Sanskrit is *toldi* or *taldi*, from *tal* (palm-juice). (*Rehind: Vegetable Kingdom*.)

Toes. The most dexterous man in the use of his toes in lieu of fingers was William Kingston, born without hands or arms. (See *World of Wonders*, pt. x.; *Correspondence*, p. 65.)

Tofana. An old woman of Naples immortalised by her invention of a tasteless and colourless poison, called by her the *Manna of St. Nicola of Bari*, but better known as *Aqua Tofana*. Above 600 persons fell victims to this insidious drug. Tofana died 1730.

Hieronyma Spara, generally called *La Spara*, a reputed witch, about a century previously, sold a similar elixir. The secret was revealed by the father confessors, after many years of concealment and a frightful number of deaths.

Tog. *Togs*, dress. (Latin, *toga*.) "Togged out in his best" is dressed in his best clothes. *Toggery* is finery.

Toga. The Romans were called *togati* or *gens togata*, because their chief outer dress was a toga.

Toga'd or Togated Nation (*The*). *Gens togata*, the Romans, who wore togas. The Greeks wore "palls," and were called the *gens palliata*; the Gauls wore breeches, and were called *gens braccata*. (*Toga*, *pallium*, and *braccae*.)

Toledo. Famous for its swords. "The temper of Toledo blades is such that they are sometimes packed in boxes, curled up like the mainsprings of watches"!! Both Livy and Polybius refer to them.

Tolmen (in French, *Dolmen*). An immense mass of stone placed on two or more vertical ones, so as to admit a passage between them. (Celtic, *tol* or *dol*, table; *men*, stone.)

The Constantine Tolmen, Cornwall, consists of a vast stone 33 feet long, 14½ deep, and 18½ across. This stone is calculated to weigh 750 tons, and is poised on the points of two natural rocks.

Tolosa. *He has got the gold of Tolosa.* (Latin proverb meaning "His ill-gotten wealth will do him no good.") Cæpio, in his march to Gallia Narbonensis, stole from Toulouse (*Tolosa*) the gold and silver consecrated by the Cimbrian Druids to their gods. In the battle which ensued both Cæpio and his brother consul were defeated by the Cimbrians and Teutons, and 112,000 Romans were left dead on the field. (B.C. 106.)

Tom. Between "Tom" and "Jack" there is a vast difference. "Jack" is the

sharp, shrewd, active fellow, but Tom the honest dullard. Counterfeits are "Jack," but Toms are simply bulky examples of the ordinary sort, as Tom-toes. No one would think of calling the thick-headed, ponderous male cat a Jack, nor the pert, dexterous, thieving daw a "Tom." The former is instinctively called a Tom-cat, and the latter a Jack-daw. The subject of "Jack" has been already set forth. (See JACK.) Let us now see how Tom is used:—

Tom o' Bedlam (*q.v.*). A mendicant who levies charity on the plea of insanity.

Tom-cat. The male cat.

Tom Drum's entertainment. A very clumsy sort of horse-play.

Tom Farthing. A born fool.

Tom Fool. A clumsy, witless fool, fond of stupid practical jokes, but very different from a "Jack Pudding," who is a wit and bit of a conjurer.

Tom Long. A lazy, dilatory sluggard.

Tom Lony. A simpleton.

Tom Noddy. A puffing, fuming, stupid creature, no more like a "Jack-a-dandy" than Bill Sikes to Sam Weller.

Tom Noodle. A mere nincompoop.

Tom the Piper's son. A poor stupid thief who got well basted, and blubbered like a booby.

Tom Thumb. A man cut short or stunted of his fair proportions. (For the Tom Thumb of nursery delight, see next page.)

Tom Tidler. An occupant who finds it no easy matter to keep his own against sharper rivals. (See TOM TIDLER'S GROUND.)

Tom Tiller. A hen-pecked husband.

Tom Tinker. The brawny, heavy blacksmith, with none of the wit and fun of a "Jack Tar," who can tell a yarn to astonish all his native village.

Tom Tit. The "Tom Thumb" of birds.

Tom-Toe. The clumsy, bulky toe, "bulk without spirit vast." "Why the great toe? "For that being one o' the lowest, basest, poorest of this most wise rebellion, thou goest foremost." (*Shakespeare: Coriolanus*, i. 1.)

Tom Tug. A waterman, who bears the same relation to a Jack Tar as a cart-horse to an Arab. (See TOM TUG.)

Great Tom of Lincoln. A bell weighing 5 tons 8 cwt.

Mighty Tom of Oxford. A bell weighing 7 tons 12 cwt.

Old Tom. A heavy, strong, intoxicating sort of gin.

Long Tom. A huge water-jug.

Tom Folio. Thomas Rawlinson, the bibliomaniac. (1681-1725.)

Tom Fool's Colours. Red and yellow, or scarlet and yellow, the colours of the ancient motley.

Tom Foolery. The coarse, witless jokes of a Tom Fool. (See above.)

Tom Long. Waiting for Tom Long—i.e. a wearisome long time. The pun, of course, is on the word *long*.

Tom Raw. The griffin; applied at one time to a subaltern in India for a year and a day after his joining the army.

Tom Tailor. A tailor.

"We rend our hearts, and not our garments."—"The better for yourselves, and the worse for Tom Taylor," said the Baron."—*Sir W. Scott: The Monastery*, chap. xxv.

Tom Thumb. the nursery tale, is from the French *Le Petit Poucet*, by Charles Perrault (1630), but it is probably of Anglo-Saxon origin. There is in the Bodleian Library a ballad about Tom Thumb, "printed for John Wright in 1630."

Tom Thumb. The son of a common ploughman and his wife, who was knighted by King Arthur, and was killed by the poisonous breath of a spider, in the reign of King Thunstone, the successor of Arthur. (*Nursery tale*.)

Tom Tidler's Ground. The ground or tenement of a sluggard. The expression occurs in Dickens's Christmas story, 1861. Tidler is a contraction of "the idler" or *t'idler*. The game so called consists in this: Tom Tidler stands on a heap of stones, gravel, etc.; other boys rush on the heap crying, "Here I am on Tom Tidler's ground," and Tom bestirs himself to keep the invaders off.

Tom Tug. A waterman. In allusion to the tug or boat so called, or to tugging at the oars.

Tom and Jerry—i.e. Corinthian Tom and Jerry Hawthorn, the two chief characters in Pierce Egan's *Life in London*, illustrated by Cruikshank.

Tom, Dick, and Harry. A set of nobodies; persons of no note; persons unworthy notice. Jones, Brown, and Robinson are far other men: they are the vulgar rich, especially abroad, who give themselves airs, and look with scorn on all foreign ways which differ from their own.

Tom o' Bedlams. A race of mendicants. The Bethlehem Hospital was

made to accommodate six lunatics, but in 1644 the number admitted was forty-four, and applications were so numerous that many inmates were dismissed half-cured. These "ticket-of-leave men" used to wander about as vagrants, chanting mad songs, and dressed in fantastic dresses, to excite pity. Under cover of these harmless "innocents," a set of sturdy rogues appeared, called Abram men, who shammed lunacy, and committed great depredations.

"With a sigh like Tom o' Bedlam."

Shakespeare: King Lear, I. 2.

Tomboy. A romping girl, formerly used for a harlot. (Saxon, *tumbe*, a dancer or romper; Danish, *tumle*, "to tumble about"; French, *tomber*; Spanish, *tumbar*; our tumble.) The word may either be *tumbe-boy* (one who romps like a boy), or a *tumber* (one who romps), the word *boy* being a corruption.

"A lady

So fair . . . to be partner'd
With tomboys."

Shakespeare: Cymbeline, I. 6.

Halliwell gives the following quotation:—

"Herodias daughter that was a tumb-e-ster, and tumbled before [the king]; and other grete lordes of the contrie, he granted to geve here what ere she would hydde."

Tomahawk. A war-hatchet. The word has slight variations in different Indian tribes, as *tomehagen*, *tumshagen*, *tamoihecan*, etc. When peace was made between tribes in hostility, the tomahawks were buried with certain ceremonies; hence, to "bury the hatchet" means to make peace.

Tomb of Our Lord. This spot is now covered by "The Church of the Holy Sepulchre." A long marble slab is shown on the pavement as the tombstone. Where the Lord was anointed for His burial three large candlesticks stand covered with red velvet. The identity of the spot is doubtful. ••

Tommy Atkins (1). A British soldier, as a Jack Tar is a British sailor. The term arose from the little pocket ledgers served out, at one time, to all British soldiers. In these manuals were to be entered the name, the age, the date of enlistment, the length of service, the wounds, the medals, and so on of each individual. The War Office sent with each little book a form for filling it in, and the hypothetical name selected, instead of John Doe and Richard Roe (selected by lawyers), or M. N. (selected by the Church), was "Tommy Atkins."

The books were instantly so called, and it did not require many days to transfer the name from the book to the soldier.

Tommy Dodd. The "odd" man who, in tossing up, either wins or loses according to agreement with his confederate. There is a music-hall song so called, in which Tommy Dodd is the "knowing one."

Tommy Shop. Where wages are paid to workmen who are expected to lay out a part of the money for the good of the shop. Tommy means bread or a penny roll, or the food taken by a workman in his handkerchief; it also means goods in lieu of money. A Tom and Jerry shop is a low drinking-room.

To-morrow never Comes. A reproof to those who defer till to-morrow what should be done to-day.

"I shall acquaint your mother, Miss May, with your pretty behaviour to-morrow."—"I suppose you mean to-morrow come never," answered Magnolia."—*Le Faun: The House in the Churchyard*, p. 118.

Tonans. *Delirium tonans.* Loud talk, exaggeration, gasconade. *Blackwood's Magazine* (1869) introduced the expression in the following clause:—

"Irishmen are the victims of that terrible malady that is characterised by a sort of sub-acute raving, and may, for want of a better name, be called 'delirium tonans.'"

Tongue of the Trump (The). The spokesman or leader of a party. The trump means a Jew's harp, which is vocalised by the tongue.

"The tongue of the trump to them a'."

Burns.

Tongues.

The Italian is pleasant, but without sinews, as still fleeting water.

The French—delicate, but like an over-nice woman, scarce daring to open her lips for fear of marring her countenance.

Spanish—majestical, but fulsome, running too much on the letter *o*; and terrible, like the devil in a play.

Dutch—manlike, but withal very harsh, as one ready at every ward to pick a quarrel.

We (the English), in borrowing from them, give the strength of consonants to the Italian; the full sound of words to the French; the variety of terminations to the Spanish; and the mollifying of more vowels to the Dutch. Thus, like bees, we gather the honey of their good properties and leave the dregs to themselves. (*Cumden.*)

Tonna (*Mrs.*), Charlotte Elizabeth,

the author of *Personal Recollections*. (1792-1846.)

Tonsure (2 syl.). The tonsure of St. Peter consists in shaving the crown and back of the head, so as to leave a ring or "crown" of hair.

The tonsure of James consists in shaving the entire front of the head. This is sometimes called "the tonsure of Simon the Magician," and sometimes "the Scottish tonsure," from its use in North Britain.

Tonsures vary in size according to rank.

For clerics the tonsure should be 1 inch in diameter. (*Gastaldus*, ii. sect. 1. chap. viii.)

For those in minor orders it should be 1½ inch. (Council of Palencia under Urban VI.)

For a sub-deacon 1½ inch. (*Gastaldus*, xi. sect. 1. chap. viii.)

For a deacon 2 inches. (*Gastaldus*, xi. sect. 1. chap. ix.)

For a priest 2½ inches. (Council of Palencia.)

Tontine (2 syl.). A legacy left among several persons in such a way that as anyone dies his share goes to the survivors, till the last survivor inherits all. So named from Lorenzo Tonti, a Neapolitan, who introduced the system into France in 1653.

Tony Lumpkin. A young clownish bumpkin in *She Stoops to Conquer*, by Oliver Goldsmith.

Too Many for [Me] or *One too many for [me]*. More than a match. "*Il est trop fort pour moi.*"

"The Irishman is cunning enough; but we shall be too many for him."—*Mrs. Edgeworth.*

Tooba or Toubā [*eternal happiness*]. The tree Toubā, in Paradise, stands in the palace of Mahomet. (*Sale: Preliminary Discourse to the Koran.*)

Tool. To tool a coach. To drive one; generally applied to a gentleman Jehu, who undertakes for his own amusement to drive a stage-coach. To tool is to use the tool as a workman; a coachman's tools are the reins and whip with which he tools his coach or makes his coach go.

Tooley Street. A corruption of St. Olaf—i.e. T-olaf, Tolay, Tooly. Similarly, Sise Lane is St. Osyth's Lane.

Toom Tabard [*empty jacket*]. A nickname given to John Badol, because of his poor spirit, and sleeveless appointment to the throne of Scotland. The honour was an "empty jacket," which he enjoyed a short time and then lost. He died dis-crowned in Normandy.

Tooth. Greek, *odont*; Latin, *dent*; Sanskrit, *dant*; Gothic, *tunth*; Anglo-Saxon, *tōth*, plural, *tēth*.

Golden tooth. (See GOLDEN.)

Wolf's tooth. (See TEETH.)

In spite of his teeth. (See TEETH.)

Tooth and Egg. A corruption of *Tutanag*, a Chinese word for spelter, the metal of which canisters are made, and tea-chests lined. It is a mixture of English lead and tin from Quintang.

Tooth and Nail. In right good earnest, like a rat or mouse biting and scratching to get at something.

Top. (See SLEEP.)

Top-heavy. Liable to tip over because the centre of gravity is too high. Intoxicated.

Top Ropes. A display of the top-ropes. A show of gushing friendliness; great promise of help. The top-rope is the rope used in hauling the top-mast up or down.

"This display of the top-ropes was rather new to me, for time had blurred from my memory the 'General's' rhapsodies,"—*C. Thomson: Autobiography*, p. 189.

Top-sawyer. A first-rate fellow. The sawyer that takes the upper stand is always the superior man, and gets higher wages.

Topham. Take him, Topham. Catch him if you can; lay hold of him, tip-staff. Topham was the Black Rod of the House of Commons in the reign of Charles II., very active in apprehending "suspects" during the supposed conspiracy revealed by Titus Oates. "Take him, Topham," became a proverbial saying of the time, much the same as "Who stole the donkey?" "How are your poor feet?" and so on.

"Till 'Take him, Topham' became a proverb, and a formidable one, in the mouth of the people,"—*Sir Walter Scott: Peril of the Peak*, chap. xx.

To'phet. A valley near Jerusalem, where children were made to "pass through the fire to Moloch." Josiah threw dead bodies, ordure, and other unclean things there, to prevent all further application of the place to religious use. (2 Kings xxiii. 10, 11.) Here Sennacherib's army was destroyed. (Isaiah xxx. 31-33.) The valley was also called "Gehinnom" (valley of Hinnom), corrupted into Gehenna; and Rabbi Kimchi tells us that a perpetual fire was kept burning in it to consume the dead bodies, bones, filth, and ordure deposited there. (Hebrew, *toph*, a drum. When children were offered to Moloch, their shrieks were drowned by beat of drum.)

Top'ic. This word has wholly changed its original meaning. It now signifies a subject for talk, a theme for discussion or to be written about; but originally "topics" were what we call *common-place books*; the "sentences" of Peter Lombard were theological topics. (Greek, *topikos*, from *topos*, a place.)

Topsy. A slave-girl, who impersonates the low moral development but real capacity for education of the negro race. Her reply to Aunt Ophelia, who questioned her as to her father and mother, is worthy Dickens. After maintaining that she had neither father nor mother, her solution of her existence was "I 'spects I growed." (*Mrs. Beecher Stowe: Uncle Tom's Cabin.*)

Topsy-turvy. Upside down. (Anglo-Saxon, *top side turn-aweg*.) As Shakespeare says, "Turn it topsy-turvy down." (*1 Henry IV.*, iv. 1.) (See HALF-SEAS OVER.)

Toralva. The licentiate who was conveyed on a cane through the air, with his eyes shut. In the space of twelve hours he arrived at Rome, and lighted on the tower of Nona, whence, looking down, he witnessed the death of the constable de Bourbon. The next morning he arrived at Madrid, and related the whole affair. During his flight through the air the devil bade him open his eyes, and he found himself so near the moon that he could have touched it with his finger. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, pt. ii. bk. iii. chap. v.)

Turne'a. A lake, or rather a river of Sweden, which rises from a lake in Lapland, and runs into the Gulf of Bothnia, at the town called Turne'a or Tornö.

"Still pressing on beyond Turne'a's lake,"
Thomson: Winter.

Torquato—i.e. Torquato Tasso, the poet. (1544-1595.) (See ALFONSO.)

"And see how dearly earned Torquato's fame,"
Lord Byron: Childe Harold, iv. 38.

Torquemada (Inquisitor-general of Spain, 1420-1498). A Dominican of excessive zeal, who multiplied confiscations, condemnations, and punishments to a frightful extent; and his hatred of the Jews and Moors was diabolical.

"General Strelnikoff was the greatest scoundrel who defiled the earth since Torquemada,"—*Stepniak: The Explosion of the Winter Palace*, February, 1880.

Torr's MSS., in the library of the dean and chapter of York Minster. These voluminous records contain the clergy list of every parish in the diocese.

of York, and state not only the date of each vacancy, but the cause of each removal, whether by death, promotion, or otherwise.

Torralba (*Doctor*), who resided some time in the court of Charles V. of Spain. He was tried by the Inquisition for sorcery, and confessed that the spirit Cequiel took him from Vall'adolid to Rome and back again in an hour and a half. (*Pelicer*.)

Torre (*Sir*) (1 syl.). Brother of Elaine, and son of the lord of As'tolat. A kind blunt heart, brusque in manners, and but little of a knight. (*Tennyson: Idyls of the King; Elaine*.)

Torricelli, an Italian mathematician (1608-47), noted for his explanation of the rise of water in a common barometer. Galileo explained the phenomenon by the *ipse dixit* of "Nature abhors a vacuum."

Torso. A statue which has lost its head and members, as the famous "torso of Hercules." (*Italian, torso*.)

The *Torso Belvedere*, the famous torso of Hercules in the Vatican, was discovered in the fifteenth century. It is said that Michael Angelo greatly admired it.

Tortoise which Supports the Earth (*The*) is Chukwa; the elephant (between the tortoise and the world) is Maha-pudua.

Torture (2 syl.). The most celebrated instruments of torture were the *rack*, called by the English "the Duke of Exeter's daughter;" the *thumbikins*, or thumbscrews, the *boots*, the *pincers*, the *manacles*, and the *scavenger's daughter* (*q.v.*).

Tory. This word, says Defoe, is the Irish *toruigh*, used in the reign of Queen Elizabeth to signify a band of Catholic outlaws who haunted the bogs of Ireland. It is formed from the verb *toruighim* (to make sudden raids). Goliath says—"Tory, *silvestris, montana, avis, homo, et utrumque ullus hand ibi est*" (Whatever inhabits mountains and forests is a Tory). Lord Macaulay says—"The name was first given to those who refused to concur in excluding James from the throne." He further says—"The bogs of Ireland afforded a refuge to Popish outlaws, called *tories*." Tory-hunting was a pastime which has even found place in our nursery rhymes—"I went to the wood and I killed a tory."

F. Crossley gives as the derivation, *Tuath-righ* (Celtic), "king's party."

H. T. More, in *Notes and Queries*, gives *Tuath-righ*, "partisans of the king."

G. Borrow gives *Tar-a-ri*, "Come, O king."

In 1832, after the Reform Act, the Tory party began to call themselves "Conservatives," and after Gladstone's Bill of Home "Rule for Ireland, in 1880, the Whigs and Radicals who objected to the bill joined the Conservatives, and the two combined called themselves "Unionists." In 1893 the Queen sent for Lord Salisbury, who formed a Unionist government.

Totem Pole (*A*). A pole, elaborately carved, erected before the dwelling of certain American Indians. It is a sort of symbol, like a public-house sign or flagstaff.

"Imagine a huge log, forty or fifty feet high, set up flagstaff fashion in front of or at the side of a low one-storied wooden house, and carved in its whole height into immense but grotesque representations of man, beast, and bird. . . . [It is emblematic of] family pride, veneration of ancestors . . . and legendary religion. Sometimes [the totem] is only a massive pole, with a bird or some weird animal at the top, . . . the crest of the chief by whose house it stands. . . . Sometimes it was so broad at the base as to allow a doorway to be cut through it. Usually the whole pole was carved into grotesque figures one above the other, and the effect heightened . . . by dabs of paint—blue, red, and green."—*Nineteenth Century*, December, 1892, p. 983.

Totemism. Totem is the representation of a symbol by an animal, and totemism is the system or science of such symbolism. Thus, in Egyptian mythology, what is represented as a pig or hippopotamus by one tribe, is (for some totemic reason) represented as a crocodile by another.

"The apparent wealth of (Egyptian) mythology depends on the totemism of the inhabitants of the Nile Valley. . . . Each district had its own special animal as the emblem of the tribe dwelling in that locality."—*Lockyer: Nineteenth Century*, July 1892, p. 51.

Toto Cælo. Entirely. The allusion is to augurs who divided the heavens into four parts. Among the Greeks the left hand was unlucky, and the right lucky. When all four parts concurred a prediction was certified *toto cælo*. The Romans called the east *Antica*, the west *Postica*, the south *Dextra*, and the north *Sinistra*.

"Even when they are relaxing those general requirements . . . the education differs *toto cælo* from instruction induced by the tests of an examining body."—*Nineteenth Century*, January, 1893, p. 23.

Totus Teres atque Rotundus. Finished and completely rounded off.

Touch. In touch with him. In rapport; in sympathy. The allusion is to the touchstone, which shows by its colour what metal has touched it.

Touch. To keep touch—faith, fidelity. The allusion is to "touching" gold and other metals on a touchstone to prove

them. Shakespeare speaks of "friends of noble touch" (proof).

"And trust me on my truth,
If thou keep touch with me,
My dearest friend, as my own heart,
Thou shalt right welcome be."
George Burnwell (1730).

Touch At (To). To go to a place without stopping at it.

"The next day we touched at Sidon." — Acts xxvii. 3.

Touch Bottom (To). To know the worst. A sea-phrase.

"It is much better for the ministry to touch bottom at once and know the whole truth, than to remain any longer in suspense." — *Newspaper paragraph, January, 1888.*

Touch Up (To). To touch a horse with a whip for greater speed. To touch up a picture, etc., is to give it a few touches to improve it.

Touch and Go (A). A very narrow escape; a very brief encounter. A metaphor derived from driving when the wheel of one vehicle touches that of another passing vehicle without doing mischief. It was a touch, but neither vehicle was stopped, each went on its way.

Tou'chet. When Charles IX. introduced Henri of Navarre to Marie Touchet, he requested him to make an anagram on her name, and Henri thereupon wrote the following: — *Je charme tout.*

Touchstone. A dark, flinty schist, called by the ancients *Lapis Lydius*; called touchstone because gold is tried by it, thus: A series of needles are formed (1) of pure gold; (2) of 23 gold and 1 copper; (3) of 22 gold and 2 copper, and so on. The assayer selects one of these and rubs it on the touchstone, when it leaves a reddish mark in proportion to the quantity of copper alloy. Dr. Ure says: "In such small work as cannot be assayed . . . the assayers . . . ascertain its quality by 'touch.' They then compare the colour left behind, and form their judgment accordingly."

• The fable is, that Battus saw Mercury steal Apollo's oxen, and Mercury gave him a cow to secure his silence on the theft. Mercury, distrustful of the man, changed himself into a peasant, and offered Battus a cow and an ox if he would tell him the secret. Battus, caught in the trap, told the secret, and Mercury changed him into a touchstone. (*Ovid: Metamorphoses, ii.*)

"Gold is tried by the touchstone, and men by gold." — *Bacon.*

Touchstone. A clown whose mouth is filled with quips and cranks and witty repartees. (*Shakespeare: As You Like It.*) The original one was Tarlton.

Touchy. Apt to take offence on slight provocation. *Né touchez pas, "Noli me tangere,"* one not to be touched.

Tour. *The Grand Tour.* Through France, Switzerland, Italy, and home by Germany. Before railways were laid down, this tour was made by most of the young aristocratic families as the finish of their education. Those who merely went to France or Germany were simply tourists.

Tour de Force. A feat of strength.

Tourlourou. Young unfledged soldiers of the line, who used to be called "Jean-Jean."

"Les Tourlourous sont les nouveaux enrôlés, ceux qui n'ont pas encore de vieilles moustaches, et qui flânent sur les boulevards en regardant les images, les paillasses, et en cherchant des jayasses." — *Paul de Kock: Un Tourlourou, chap. xlii.*

Tournament or Tournay. A tilt of knights; the chief art of the game being so to manoeuvre or turn your horse as to avoid the adversary's blow. (French, *tournoiement*, verb, *tournoyer*.)

Tournament of the Drum. A comic romance in verse by Sir David Lindsay; a ludicrous mock tournament.

Tournament of Tottenham. A comic romance, printed in Percy's *Reliques*. A number of clowns are introduced, practising warlike games, and making vows like knights of high degree. They ride tilt on cart-horses, fight with plough-shares and flails, and wear for armour wooden bowls and saucpan-lids. It may be termed the "high life below stairs" of chivalry.

Tournemine (3 syl.). *That's Tournemine.* Your wish was father to the thought. Tournemine was a Jesuit of the eighteenth century, of a very sanguine and dreamy temperament. • •

Tours. Geoffrey of Monmouth says: "In the party of Brutus was one Turo'nes, his nephew, inferior to none in courage and strength, from whom Tours derived its name, being the place of his sepulture. Of course, this fable is wholly worthless historically. Tours is the city of the Tu'ronés, a people of Gallia Lugdunensis.

Tout (pronounce tout). To ply or seek for customers. "A touter" is one who touta. (From Tooting, where

persons on their way to the court held at Epsom were pestered by "touts."

"A century or two ago, when the court took up its quarters at Epsom . . . [many of] the inhabitants used to station themselves at the point where the roads fork off to Epsom by Tooting and Merton, and 'tout' the travellers to pass through Tooting. It became a common expression for carriage-folk to say, 'The Touts are on us again.'"—*Walford: Greater London*, vol. II, p. 530.

Tout Ensemble (French). The whole massed together; the general effect.

Tout est Perdu Hormis L'Honneur, is what François I. wrote to his mother after the battle of Pavía.

Tout le Monde. Everyone who is anyone.

Tower of Hunger. Gualandi. (See *UGOLINO*.)

Tower of London. The architect of this remarkable building was Gundulphus, Bishop of Rochester, who also built or restored Rochester keep, in the time of William I. In the Tower lie buried Anne Boleyn and her brother; the guilty Catherine Howard, and Lady Rochford her associate; the venerable Lady Salisbury, and Cromwell the minister of Henry VIII.; the two Seymours, the admiral and protector of Edward VI.; the Duke of Norfolk and Earl of Sussex (Queen Elizabeth's reign); the Duke of Monmouth, son of Charles II.; the Earls of Balmerino and Kilmarnock, and Lord Lovat; Bishop Fisher and his illustrious friend More.

Towers of Silence. Towers in Persia and India, some sixty feet in height, on the top of which Parsees place the dead to be eaten by vultures. The bones are picked clean in the course of a day, and are then thrown into a receptacle and covered with charcoal.

"A procession is then formed, the friends of the dead following the priests to the Towers of Silence on Malabar Hill."—*Col. Floyd-Jones*.

.. The Parsees will not burn or bury their dead, because they consider a dead body impure, and they will not suffer themselves to defile any of the elements. They carry their dead up a hill to the Tower of Silence. At the entrance they look their last on the dead, and the corpse-bearers carry the dead body within the precincts and lay it down to be devoured by vultures which crowd the tower. (*Nineteenth Century*, Oct., 1883, p. 611.)

Town (*d*) is the Anglo-Saxon *tūn*, a plot of ground fenced round or enclosed by a hedge; a single dwelling; a number of dwelling-houses enclosed together forming a village or burgh.

"Our ancestors in time of war . . . would cast a ditch, or make a strong ledge about their houses, and houses so environed . . . got the name *tūnes* annexed to them (as *Cote-tūn*, now *Cotton*, the *cote* or house fenced in or *tūned* about; *North-tūn*, now *Norton* . . . *South-tūn*, now *Stuntun*). In troublesome times whole 'thorpes' were fenced in,

and took the name of *tūnes* (towns), and then 'stedes' (now *cities*), and 'thorpes' (villages), and *burghs* (hurdrows) . . . got the name of townes."—*Restitution*, p. 232.

Town and Gown Row (*A*). A collision, often leading to a fight, in the English universities between the students or gowmsmen, and non-gowmsmen—principally bargees and roughs. (See *PHILISTINES*.)

Toyshop of Europe (*The*). So Burke called Birmingham. Here "toy" does not refer to playthings for children, but small articles made of steel. "Light toys" in Birmingham mean mounts, small steel rings, sword hilts, and so on; while "heavy steel toys" mean champagne-nippers, sugar-cutters, nut-crackers, and all similar articles.

"A whim or fancy is a toy. Halliwell quotes (*MS. Harl.* 4888), 'For these causes . . . she ran at random . . . as the toy took her.'"

It also means an anecdote or trifling story. Hence Latimer (1550) says, "And here I will tell you a merry toy."

Tracing of a Fortress (*The*). The outline of the fortification, that is, the directions in which the masses are laid out.

Tracts for the Times. Published at Oxford during the years 1833-1841, and hence called the *Oxford Tracts*.

A. i.e. Rev. John Keble, M.A., author of the *Christian Year*, fellow of Oriel, and formerly Professor of Poetry at Oxford.

B. Rev. Isaac Williams, Fellow of Trinity; author of *The Cathedral*, and other *Poems*.

C. Rev. E. B. Pusey, D.D., Regius Professor of Hebrew, and Canon of Christ Church.

D. Rev. John Henry Newman, D.D., Fellow of Oriel, writer of the celebrated Tract No. 90, which was the last.

E. Rev. Thomas Keble.

F. Sir John Provoost, Bart.

G. Rev. R. F. Wilson, of Oriel.

Tractarians. Those who concurred in the religious views advocated by the *Oxford Tracts*.

Tracy. *All the Tracys have the wind in their faces*. Those who do wrong will always meet with punishment. William de Tracy was the most active of the four knights who slew Thomas à Becket, and for this misdeed all who bore the name were saddled by the Church with this ban: "Wherever by sea or land they go, the wind in their face shall

ever blow." Fuller, with his usual *naïveté*, says, "So much the better in hot weather, as it will save the need of a fan."

Trade. (See BALANCE.)

Trade Mark. A mark adopted by a manufacturer to distinguish his productions from those made by other persons.

Trade Winds. Winds that trade or tread in one uniform track. In the northern hemisphere they blow from the north-east, and in the southern hemisphere from the south-east, about thirty degrees each side of the equator. In some places they blow six months in one direction, and six in the opposite. It is a mistake to derive the word from *trade* (commerce), under the notion that they are "good for trade." (Anglo-Saxon, *tredde-wind*, a treading wind—i.e. wind of a specific "beat" or tread; *tredan*, to tread.)

Trade follows the Flag. Colonies promote the trade of the mother country. The reference is to the custom of planting the flag of the mother country in every colony.

Tradesmen's Signs, removed by Act of Parliament, 1764. The London Paving Act, 6 Geo. III. 20, 17.

Traditions. (See CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.)

Trafa Meat. Meat prohibited as food by Jews from some ritual defect. It was sold cheap to general butchers, but at one time the law forbade the sale. In 1285 Roger de Lakenham, of Norwich, was fined for selling "Trafa meat."

Tragedy. The goat-song (Greek, *tragos-mêdê*). The song that wins the goat as a prize. This is the explanation given by Horace (*De Arte Poetica*, 220). (See COMEDY.)

Tragedy. The first English tragedy of any merit was *Gorboduc*, written by Thomas Norton and Thomas Sackville. (See *Ralph Roister Doister*.)

The Father of Tragedy. Æschylus the Athenian. (B.C. 525-426.) Theopis, the Richardson of Athens, who went about in a waggon with his strolling players, was the first to introduce dialogue in the choral odes, and is therefore not unfrequently called the "Father of Tragedy or the Drama."

"Theopis was first who, all besmeared with lee,
Began this pleasure for posterity."
Dryden: Art of Poetry (Tragedy), c. iii.

Father of French Tragedy. Garnier (1534-1590).

Trail. *The trail of the serpent is over them all.* Sin has set his mark on all. (Thomas Moore: *Paradise and the Peri*.)

Traitors' Bridge. *A loyal heart may be landed under Traitors' Bridge.* Traitor's Bridge, in the Tower, was the way by which persons charged with high treason entered that State prison.

Traitors' Gate opens from the Tower of London to the Thames, and was the gate by which persons accused of treason entered their prison.

Trajan's Column commemorates his victories over the Dacians. It was the work of Apollodorus. The column of the *Place Vendôme*, Paris, is a model of it.

Trajan's Wall. A line of fortifications stretching across the Dobrukscha from Cernavoda to the Black Sea.

Tram (A). A car which runs on a tramway (*q.v.*). Trams in collieries were in use in the seventeenth century, but were not introduced into our streets till 1808.

Tramway or Tram Rails. A railway for train-carts or waggons, originally made of wooden rails. Iron rails were first laid down in 1738, but apparently were called "drum-roads" (Greek, *dram-an*, to rum). We are told there were waggons called drama (or trams). Benjamin Outram, in 1800, used stone rails at Little Eaton, Derbyshire; but the similarity between *tram* and *Outram* is a mere coincidence. Perhaps he was the cause of the word *dram* being changed to *tram*, but even this is doubtful. (See *Rees' Cyclopaedia*.)

"Trams are a kind of sledges on which rails are brought from the place where they are hewn to the shaft. A tram has four wheels, but a sledge is without wheels."—Brand: *History of Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, vol. ii. p. 681, n. (1789)

Trameeksan and Slameeksan. The high heels and low heels, the two great political factions of Lilliput. The high heels are the Tories, and the low heels the Radicals of the kingdom. "The animosity of these two factions runs so high that they will neither eat, nor drink, nor speak to each other." The king was a low heel in politics, but the heir-apparent a high heel. (*Swift: Gulliver's Travels; Voyage to Lilliput*, chap. iv.)

Trammel means to catch in a net. (French, *tramaill*, *trame*, a web; *verber*, *tramer*, to weave.)

Tramontane (3 syl.). The north wind; so called by the Italians because to them it comes over the mountains. The Italians also apply the term to German, French, and other artists born north of the Alps. French lawyers, on the other hand, apply the word to Italian canonists, whom they consider too Romanistic. We in England generally call overstrained Roman Catholic notions "Ultramontane."

Translator (A). A cobbler, who translates or transmogrifies two pairs of worn-out shoes into one pair capable of being worn; a reformer, who tries to cobble the laws.

"The dull à la mode reformers or translators have pulled the church all to pieces and know not how to patch it up again."—*Mercurius Pragmaticus* (March, 1647, No. 27).

Translator-General. So Fuller, in his *Worthies*, calls Philemon Holland, who translated a large number of the Greek and Latin classics. (1551-1636.)

Trap. A carriage, especially such as a phaeton, dog-cart, commercial sulky, and such like. It is not applied to a gentleman's close carriage. Contraction of *trappings* (whatever is "put on," furniture for horses, decorations, etc.).

"The trap in question was a carriage which the Major had bought for six pounds sterling."—*Thackeray: Laity Fair*, chap. lxvii.

Traps. Luggage, as "Leave your traps at the station," "I must look after my traps," etc. (See *above*.)

"The traps were jacked up as quickly as possible, and the party drove away."—*Daily Telegraph*.

Trapani. The Count de Trapani was the ninth child of Mary Isabel and Ferdinand II. of the two Sicilies. He married the Archduchess Mary, daughter of Leopold II., Grand Duke of Tuscany.

N.B. Francis de Paul, usually called Louis-Emmanuel, Count of Trapani, was born in 1827.

Trapani. The Spaniards, in pitiless rivalry of the Spanish marriages, called the *trapos* or dishcloths used by waiters in the *cafés* to wipe down the dirty tables *trapani*.

Trapper, in America, is one whose vocation is to set traps for wild animals for the sake of their furs.

The Trapper. (See *NATTY BUMPO*.)

Trappists. A religious order, so called from La Trappe, an abbey of the Cistercian order, founded in the middle of the twelfth century.

Trasgo. Same as Duende (*q.v.*).

Travels in the Blue. A brown study; in cloudland.

"Finding him gone for 'travels in the blue,' I respected his mood, and did not resent his long mutism."—*Remington Annual*, 1890, p. 61.

Traveller's Licence. The long bow; exaggeration.

"If the captain has not taken 'traveller's licence,' we have in Norway a most successful development of peasant proprietorship."—*H. Boverman*.

Traviata. An opera representing the progress of a courtesan. The libretto is borrowed from a French novel, called *La Dame aux Camélias*, by Alexandre Dumas, jun. It was dramatised for the French stage. The music of the opera is by Giuseppe Verdi.

Tre, Pol, Pen.

"By their Tre, their Pol, and Pen,
Ye shall know the Cornish men."

The extreme east of Cornwall is noted for *Tre*, the extreme west for *Pol*, the centre for *Pen*.

On December 19th, 1891, the following residents are mentioned by the *Lan-geston Weekly News* as attending the funeral of a gentleman who lived at Tre-hummer House, Tresmere: Residents from Trevell, Tresmarrow, Treglith, Trebarrow, Treludick, etc., with Tre-leaven the Mayor of Launceston.

Treacle [*tree-k'l*] properly means an antidote against the bite of wild beasts (Greek, *th'riaka* [*pharmákia*], from *thēr* a wild beast). The ancients gave the name to several sorts of antidotes, but ultimately it was applied chiefly to Venice treacle (*th'riaca androchi*), a compound of some sixty-four drugs in honey.

7 Sir Thomas More speaks of "a most strong treacle (i.e. antidote) against these venomous heresies." And in an old version of Jeremiah viii. 22, "balm" is translated treacle—"Is there no treacle at Gilead? Is there no phisician there?"

Treading on One's Corns. (See *CORNS*.)

Treasures. *These are my treasures*; meaning the sick and poor. So said St. Lawrence when the Roman prætor commanded him to deliver up his treasures. He was then condemned to be roasted alive on a gridiron (258).

One day a lady from Campagna called upon Cornelia, the mother of the Gracchi, and after showing her jewels, requested in return to see those belonging to the famous mother-in-law of Africanus.

Cornelia sent for her two sons, and said to the lady, "These are my jewels, in which alone I delight."

Treasury of Sciences. Bokhara (Asia), the centre of learning. It has 103 colleges, with 10,000 students, besides a host of schools and 360 mosques.

• **Tree.** The oldest in the world—

(1) De Candolle considers the deciduous cypress of *Chapultepec*, in Mexico, one of the oldest trees in the world.

(2) The chestnut-trees on *Mount Etna*, and the Oriental plane-tree in the valley of Bujukdere, near Constantinople, are supposed to be of about the same age.

(3) The Rev. W. Tuckwell says the "oldest tree in the world is the *Soma cypress* of Lombardy. It was forty years old when Christ was born."

Trees of a patriarchal age.

I. OAKS.

(1) *Dunmore's Oak*, Dorsetshire, 2,000 years old. Blown down in 1703.

(2) The great *Oak of Saintes*, in the department of Charente Inférieure, is from 1,800 to 2,000 years old.

(3) The *Winfarthing Oak*, Norfolk, and the *Bentley Oak* were 700 years old at the time of the Conquest.

(4) *Cowthorpe Oak*, near Wetherby, Yorkshire, according to Professor Burnet, is 1,600 years old.

(5) *William the Conqueror's Oak*, Windsor Great Park, is at least 1,200 years old.

• (6) The *Bull Oak*, Wedgenock Park, and the *Plestor Oak*, Colborne, were in existence at the time of the Conquest.

(7) The *Oak of the Partisans*, in the forest of Parey, St. Ouen, is above 650 years old. *Wallace's Oak*, at Ellersley, near Paisley, was probably fifty years older. Blown down in 1859.

(8) *Queen Glendower's Oak*, Shelton, near Shrewsbury, is so called because that chieftain witnessed from its branches the battle between Henry IV. and Harry Percy, in 1403. Other famous oaks are those called *The Twelve Apostles* and *The Four Evangelists*.

• (9) In the *Dukeies*, Nottinghamshire, are some oaks of memorable age and renown: (a) In the Duke of Portland's Park is an oak called *Robin Hood's Larder*. It is only a shell, held together with strong iron braces.

The *Parliament Oak*, Clipston, Notts, is said to be above 1,000 years old. We are told that Edward I., hunting in Sherwood Forest, was informed of the Welsh revolt, and summoned a "parliament" of his barons under this oak, and it was agreed

to make war of extermination on Wales. Others say it was under this tree that King John assembled his barons and decreed the execution of Prince Arthur. The *Parliament Oak* is split into two distinct trees, and though both the trunks are hollow, they are both covered with foliage and acorns atop during the season.

The *Major Oak*, in the park of Lord Manvers, is a veritable giant. In the hollow trunk fifteen persons of ordinary size may find standing room. At its base it measures 90 feet, and at 5 feet from the ground about 35 feet. Its head covers a circumference of 270 yards.

Another venerable oak (some say 1,500 years old) is *Greendale Oak*, about half a mile from Welbeck Abbey. It is a mere ruin supported by props and chains. It has a passage through the bole large enough to admit three horsemen abreast, and a coach-and-four has been driven through it.

The *Seven Sisters Oak*, in the same vicinity, is so called because the trunk was composed of seven stems. It still stands, but in a very dilapidated state.

II. YEWS.

(1) Of *Braburn*, in Kent, according to De Candolle, is 3,000 years old.

(2) The *Scotch yew* at *Portingal*, in Perthshire, is between 2,000 and 3,000 years.

(3) Of *Darley churchyard*, Derbyshire, about 2,050 years.

(4) Of *Crochurst*, Surrey, about 1,400.

(5) The three at *Fountains Abbey*, in Yorkshire, at least 1,200 years. Beneath these trees the founders of the abbey held their council in 1132.

(6) The yew grove of *Norbury Park*, Surrey, was standing in the time of the Druids.

(7) The yew-trees at *Kingsley Bottom*, near Chichester, were standing when the sea-kings landed on the Sussex coast.

(8) The yew-tree of *Harlington churchyard*, Middlesex, is above 850 years old.

(9) That at *Ankerwyke House*, near Staines, was noted when Magna Charta was signed in 1215, and it was the trysting tree for Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn.

III. MISCELLANEOUS.

(1) The eight olive-trees on the *Mount of Olives* were flourishing 800 years ago, when the Turks took Jerusalem.

(2) The *lime-tree* in the *Grisons* is upwards of 590 years old.

• The *spruce* will reach to the age of 1,200 years.

¶ *The poet's tree.* A tree grows over the tomb of Tan-Sein, a musician of incomparable skill at the court of Akbar, and it is said that whoever chews a leaf of this tree will have extraordinary melody of voice. (*W. Hunter.*)

"His voice was as sweet as if he had chewed the leaves of that enchanted tree which grows over the tomb of the musician Tan-Sein."—*Moore's Lalla Bookh.*

¶ *The singing tree.* Each leaf was a mouth, and every leaf joined in concert. (*Arabian Nights.*)

He is altogether up the tree. Quite out of the swim, nowhere in the competition list.

Up a tree. In a difficulty, in a mess. It is said that Spurgeon used to practise his students in extempore preaching, and that one of his young men, on reaching the desk and opening the note containing his text, read the single word "Zaccheus" as his text. He thought a minute or two, and then delivered himself thus:—"Zaccheus was a little man, so am I; Zaccheus was up a tree, so am I; Zaccheus made haste and came down, and so do I."

Tree of Buddha (The). The bo-tree.

Tree of Knowledge (The). Genesis ii. 9.

Tree of Liberty. A tree set up by the people, hung with flags and devices, and crowned with a cap of liberty. The Americans of the United States planted poplars and other trees during the war of independence, "as symbols of growing freedom." The Jacobins in Paris planted their first tree of liberty in 1790. The symbols used in France to decorate their trees of liberty were tricoloured ribbons, circles to indicate unity, triangles to signify equality, and a cap of liberty. Trees of liberty were planted by the Italians in the revolution of 1848.

Tree of Life. Genesis ii. 9.

Trees. *Trees burst into leaf*—

	earliest	May 13th.	latest	June 14th.
Ash		April 19th.		May 7th.
Beech		March 28th.		May 13th.
Danewon		March 17th.		April 10th.
Horn-chestnut		March 28th.		April 14th.
Larch		April 6th.		May 2nd.
Lime		May 12th.		June 23rd.
Malberry		April 10th.		May 28th.
Oak		March 6th.		April 19th.
Poplar		April 20th.		May 30th.
Russian chestnut.		March 28th.		April 23rd.
Sycamore				

¶ *Trees of the Sun and Moon.* Oracular trees growing "at the extremity of India," mentioned in the Italian romance of Guerino Meschino.

Tregeagle. *To roar like Tregeagle*—very loudly. Tregeagle is the giant of Dosmary Pool, on Bodmin Downs (Cornwall), whose allotted task is to bale out the water with a limpet-shell. When the wintry blast howls over the downs, the people say it is the giant roaring. (*See GIANTS.*)

Tregetour. A conjurer or juggler. (From Old French, *tregeat* = a juggling trick.) The performance of a conjurer was anciently termed his "minstrelsy;" thus we read of Janio the juggler—"Janio le tregettor, facienti ministralsium suam coram rege . . . 20s." (*Lib. Comput. Garderobe, an. (4 Edw. II. fol. 86), MS. Cott. Nero, chap. viii.*)

Tremont. Boston in Massachusetts was once so called, from the three hills on which the city stands.

Trench-the-Mer. The gully of Richard Cœur de Lion; so called from its "fleetness." Those who sailed in it were called by the same name.

Trencher. *A good trencher-man.* A good eater. The trencher is the platter on which food is cut (French, *trencher*, to cut), by a figure of speech applied to food itself.

He that waits for another's trencher, eats many a late dinner. He who is dependent on others must wait, and wait, and wait, happy if after waiting he gets anything at all.

"Oh, how wretched is that poor man that hugs in princes' favours! There is, betwixt that smile he would aspire to, That sweet aspect of princes, and their ruin, More pain and fears than wars or women have."

Shakespeare: Henry VIII., iii. 2.

Trencher Cap. The mortar-board cap worn at college; so called from the trenched or split boards which form the top. Mortar-board is a perversion of the French *mortier*.

Trencher Friends. Persons who cultivate the friendship of others for the sake of sitting at their board, and the good things they can get.

Trencher Knight. A table knight, a suitor from cupboard love.

Trenchmore. A popular dance in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

"Nimble-heeled mariners . . . capering . . . sometimes a Morisco, or Trenchmore of forty miles long."—*Taylor the Water-Poet.*

Tressure (2 syl.). A border round a shield in heraldry. The origin of the tressure in the royal arms of Scotland is traced by heralds to the ninth century. They assert that Charlemagne granted it

to King Achaius of Scotland in token of alliance, and as an assurance that "the lilies of Franco should be a defence to the lion of Scotland." Chalmers insinuates that these two monarchs did not even know of each other's existence.

Trèves (1 syl.). *The Holy Coat of Trèves.* A relic preserved in the cathedral of Trèves. It is said to be the seamless coat of our Saviour, which the soldiers would not rend, and therefore cast lots for. (John xix. 23, 25.) The Empress Helena, it is said, discovered this coat in the fourth century.

Trevéthy Stone. St. Clear, Cornwall. A cromlech. Trevédy, in British, means a *place of graves*.

Tri Juneta in Uno. The motto of the Order of the Bath.

Triads. Three subjects more or less connected formed into one continuous poem or subject: thus the *Creation, Redemption, and Resurrection* would form a triad. The conquest of England by the *Romans, Saxons, and Normans* would form a triad. *Alexander the Great, Julius Cæsar, and Napoleon Bonaparte* would form a triad. So would *Law, Physic, and Divinity*. The Welsh triads are collections of historic facts, mythological traditions, moral maxims, or rules of poetry disposed in groups of three.

Trials at Bar. Trials which occupy the attention of the four judges in the superior court, instead of at *Nisi Prius*. These trials are for very difficult causes, and before special juries. (See *Harton: Law Lexicon*, article "Bar.")

Triamond. Son of Agapè, a fairy; very daring and very strong. He fought on horseback, and employed both sword and shield. He married Canacè. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. iv.) (See **TRIAMOND**.)

Triangles. *Tied up at the triangles.* A machine to which a soldier was at one time fastened when flogged.

"He was tied up at the triangles, and branded." *Ouida: Under Two Flags*, chap. vii.

Triangular Part of Men (The). The body. Spenser says, "The divine part of man is circular, but the mortal part is triangular." (*Faerie Queene*, book ii. 9.)

Tribune. *Last of the Tribunes.* Cola di Rienzi, who assumed the title of "Tribune of liberty, peace, and justice." Rienzi is the hero of one of Lord Lytton's most vigorous works of fiction. (1813-1364.)

Tribune of the People (A). A democratic leader.

"Delmar had often spoken of Alman, and of his power in the East End, and she had come to the conclusion that he was no ordinary man, this tribune of the people."—*T. Terrell: Lady Delmar*, bk. ii. chap. viii.

Trice. *I'll do it in a trice.* The hour is divided into minutes, seconds, and trices or thirds. I'll do it in a minute, I'll do it in a second, I'll do it in a trice.

Trick. *An old dog learns no tricks.* When persons are old they do not readily conform to new ways. The Latin proverb is "*Senex psittacus negligit ferulam*;" the Greeks said, "*Nekron iat'reuein kai geronta nou'thetein, tanton esti*;" the Germans say, "*Ein alter hund ist nicht gut kundigen*."

Tricolour. Flags or ribbons with three colours, assumed by nations or insurgents as symbols of political liberty. The present European tricolour ensigns are, for—

Belgium, black, yellow, red, divided vertically.

France, blue, white, red, divided vertically. (See below.)

Holland, red, white, blue, divided horizontally.

Italy, green, white, red, divided vertically.

Tricolour of France. The insurgents in the French Revolution chose the three colours of the city of Paris for their symbol. The three colours were first devised by Mary Stuart, wife of François II. The *white* represented the royal house of France; the *blue*, Scotland; and the *red*, Switzerland, in compliment to the Swiss guards, whose livery it was. The heralds afterwards tintured the shield of Paris with the three colours, thus expressed in heraldic language: "*Paris portait de gueules, sur vaisseau d'argent, flottant sur des ondes de même, le chef coussé de France*" (a ship with *white* sails, on a *red* ground, with a *blue* chief). The usual tale is that the insurgents in 1789 had adopted for their flag the two colours, *red* and *blue*, but that Lafayette persuaded them to add the Bourbon *white*, to show that they bore no hostility to the king. The first flag of the Republicans was *green*. The tricolour was adopted July 11th, when the people were disgusted with the king for dismissing Necker.

"If you will wear a livery, let it at least be that of the city of Paris—blue and red."—*Dumas: Six Years Afterward*, chap. xv.

Trieste (2 syl.). Since 1816 it has

borne the title of "the most loyal of towns."

Trígon. The junction of three signs. The zodiac is partitioned into four trigons, named respectively after the four elements; the *watery* trigon includes Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces; the *fiery*, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius; the *earthy*, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricornus; and the *airy*, Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius.

Trílogy. A group of three tragedies. Everyone in Greece who took part in the poetic contest had to produce a trilogy and a satyric drama. We have only one specimen, and that is by Æschylos, embracing the *Agamemnon*, the *Choëphoræ*, and the *Enneméides*.

Trímilki. The Anglo-Saxon name for the month of May, because in that month they began to milk their kine three times a day.

Trimmer. One who runs with the hare and holds with the hounds. George Savile, Marquis of Halifax, adopted the term in the reign of Charles II. to signify that he was neither an extreme Whig nor an extreme Tory. Dryden was called a *trimmer*, because he professed attachment to the king, but was the avowed enemy of the Duke of York.

Trín'oulo. A jester in Shakespeare's *Tempest*.

Tríne. In astrology, a planet distant from another one-third of the circle is said to be in trine; one-fourth, it is in square; one-sixth or two signs, it is in sextile; but when one-half distant, it is said to be "opposite."

* In sextile, square, and trine, and opposite of noxious efficacy."

Milton: Paradise Lost, x. 630.

N.B. Planets distant from each other six signs or half a circle have opposite influences, and are therefore opposed to each other.

Trín'ity. Tertullian (160-240) introduced this word into Christian theology. The word triad is much older. Almost every mythology has a threefold deity. (See THREE.)

American Indians. Otikon, Messou, and Atahualpa.

Brahmins. Their "tri-murti" is a three-headed deity, representing Brahma (as creator), Vishnu (as preserver), and Shiva (as destroyer).

Celts. Hu, Garidwen, and Graiwy.

Cheruchi. A three-headed and called Tríglat.

Chinese. Have the triple goddess Pusa.

Druids. Tanlac, Fan, and Mollac.

Egyptians. Osiris, Isis, and Horus.

Kleinian Mysteries. Bacchus, Persephone (4 syl.), and Demeter.

Goths. Woden, Frigga, and Thor.

Urores (ancient). Zeus (1 syl.), Aphrodite, and Apollo.

Iesini of Britain. Got, Ertha, and Issua.

Mericans. Vitzputzli, Tlaloc, and Tetzcatlipoca.

Peruvians. Apontu, Churoonti, and Intequenqui.

Persians (ancient). Their "Triplasian deity" was Cronusades, Mithras, and Arimane.

Phœnicians. Astaroth, Melom, and Chenoth.

Romans (ancient). Jupiter (divine power), Minerva (divine loves or wisdom), and Juno (called "amor et delictum Jovis").

Scandinavians. Odin (who gave the breath of life), Hænar (who gave sense and motion), and Lodur (who gave blood, colour, speech, sight, and hearing).

Tyrants. Belas, Venus, and Tannuz, etc.

Orpheus (2 syl.). His triad was Phænë, Eranos, and Kronos.

Plato. His triad was To Agathon (Goodness), Nous or Eternal Wisdom (architect of the World) (see Proverbs iii. 19), and Psychë (the mundane soul).

Pythagorans. His triad was the Mound or Unity, Nous or Wisdom, and Psychë.

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Trinobantës (1 syl.). Inhabitants of Middlesex and Essex, referred to in Caesar's *Gallie Wars*. This word, converted into Trinovantes, gave rise to the myth that the people referred to came from Troy.

Trín'oda Necessitas. The three contributions to which all lands were subject in Anglo-Saxon times, viz.—(1) *Bryge-bot*, for keeping bridges and high roads in repair; (2) *Burg-bot*, for *fyrd*, for maintaining the military and keeping fortresses in repair; and (3) naval force of the kingdom.

Trípit'aka means the "triple basket," a term applied to the three classes into which the canonical writings of the Buddha are divided—viz. the Souttras, the Vinaya, and the Abidharma. (See these words.)

Triple Alliance.

A treaty entered into by England, Sweden, and Holland against Louis XIV. in 1668. It ended in the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. (See next page.)

A treaty between England, France, and Holland against Charles XII. This league was called the Quadruple after Germany joined it. (1717.)

A third (1789) between Great Britain, Holland, and Russia, against Catherine of Russia in defence of Turkey.

A fourth in 1883, between Germany, Italy, and Austria, against France and Russia.

Tripes. A Cambridge term, meaning the three honour classes into which the best men are disposed at the final examination, whether of Mathematics, Law, Theology, or Natural Science, etc. The word is often emphatically applied to the voluntary classical examination.

Trismegistus [*thrice greatest*]. Hermetes, the Egyptian philosopher, or Thoth, councillor of Osiris, King of Egypt, to whom is attributed a host of inventions—amongst others the art of writing in hieroglyphics, the first code of Egyptian laws, harmony, astrology, the lute and lyre, magic, and all mysterious sciences.

• **Tristram** (*Sir*), *Tristram*, *Tristan*, or *Tristram*. Son of Rouland Rise, Lord of Ermonie, and Blanche Fleur, sister of Marke, King of Cornwall. Having lost both his parents, he was brought up by his uncle. Tristram, being wounded in a duel, was cured by Ysolde, daughter of the Queen of Ireland, and on his return to Cornwall told his uncle of the beautiful princess. Marke sent to solicit her hand in marriage, and was accepted. Ysolde married the king, but was in love with the nephew, with whom she had guilty connection. Tristram being banished from Cornwall, went to Brittany, and married Ysolt of the *White Hand*, daughter of the Duke of Brittany. Tristram then went on his adventures, and, being wounded, was informed that he could be cured only by Ysolde. A messenger is dispatched to Cornwall, and is ordered to hoist a white sail if Ysolde accompanies him back. The vessel came in sight with a white sail displayed; but Ysolt of the *White Hand*, out of jealousy, told her husband that the vessel had a *black* sail flying, and Tristram instantly expired. Sir Tristram was one of the knights of the Round Table. Gotfrit of Strasbourg, a German *minnesänger* (minstrel) at the close of the twelfth century, composed a romance in verse, entitled *Tristan et Isolde*. It was continued by Ulrich of Turheim, by Henry of Freyberg, and others, to the extent of many thousand verses. The best edition is that of Breslau, two vols. 8vo, 1823. (See **YSOLT**, **HERMITE**.)

Sir Tristram's horse. *Passet-reul*.

Triton. Son of Neptune, represented as a fish with a human head. It is this sea-god that makes the roaring of the ocean by blowing through his shell.

"Hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn [hear the sea roar]." Wordsworth.

A Triton among the minnows. The sun among inferior lights. *Luna inter minores ignes*.

Triumph. A word formed from *thriumbos*, the Dionysiac hymn.

"Some . . . have assigned the origin of . . . triumphal processions to the mythical pomp of Dionysus, after his conquests in the East, the very word triumph being the Dionysiac hymn."—*Pater: Marius the Epicurean*, chap. xii.

Trivet. *Right as a trivet*. (See **RIGHT**.)

Trivia. Goddess of streets and ways. Gay has a poem in three books so entitled.

"Thou, Trivia, aid my song,
Through spacious streets conduct thy bard
along . . .
To pave thy realm, and smoothe the broken ways,
Earth from her womb a flinty tribute pay."
Gay: Trivia, bk. i.

Trivium, strictly speaking, means "belonging to the beaten road." (Latin, *trivium*, which is not *tres vie* [three roads], but from the Greek *tribo* [to rub], meaning the worn or beaten path.) As what comes out of the road is common, so trivial means of little value. Trench connects this word with *trivium* (*tres vie* or cross ways), and says the gossip carried on at these places gave rise to the present meaning of the word.

Trivium. The three elementary subjects of literary education up to the twelfth century—Grammar, Rhetoric, and Logic. (See **QUADRIVIVUM**.)

N.B. Theology was introduced in the twelfth century.

Trochilus (*The*), says Barrow, "enters with impunity into the mouth of the crocodile. This is to pick from the teeth a leech which greatly torments the creature."

"Not half so bold
The puny bird that dares, with teasing hum,
Within the crocodile's stretched jaws to come."
Thomas Moore: Lalla Rookh, pt. i.

Trog'odytes (3 syl.). A people of Ethiopia, south-east of Egypt. Remains of their cave dwellings are still to be seen along the banks of the Nile. There were Trog'odytes of Syria and Arabia also, according to Strabo. Pliny (v. 8) asserts that they fed on serpents. (Greek, *trog'la*, a cave; *duo*, to get into.)

"King François, of eternal memory . . . abhorred these hypocritical snake-eaters."—*Belshus: Gargantua and Pantagruel* (Ep. Ded. iv.).

Trog'odyte. A person who lives so secluded as not to know the current events of the day, is so self-opinionated as to condemn everyone who sees not eye to eye with himself, and scorns everything that comes not within the scope of his own approval; a detractor; a critic. *The Saturday Review* introduced this use of the word. (See *above*.)

* Miners are sometimes facetiously called Trog'odytes.

Troilus (3 syl.). The prince of chivalry, one of the sons of Priam, killed by Achilles in the siege of Troy (*Homér's Iliad*). The loves of Troilus and Cressida, celebrated by Shakespeare

and Chaucer, form no part of the old classic tale.

As true as Troilus. Troilus is meant by Shakespeare to be the type of constancy, and Cressid the type of female inconstancy. (See CRESSIDA.)

"After all comparisons of truth . . .
'As true as Troilus' shall crown up the verse,
And sanctify the numbers."

Troilus and Cressida, iii. 2.

Troilus and Cressida (*Shakespeare*). The story was originally written by Lollius, an old Lombard author, and since by Chaucer (*Pope*). Chaucer's poem is from Boccaccio's *Filostrato*.

Trois pour Cent. A cheap hat.

"Running with hare head about,
While the town is tempest-tost,
'Prentice lads unheeded shout
That their three-pur-cents are lost."
Débauchers: La Piller du Café.

Trojan. He is a regular Trojan. A fine fellow, with good courage and plenty of spirit; what the French call a *brave homme*. The Trojans in Homer's *Iliad* and Virgil's *Æneid* are described as truthful, brave, patriotic, and confiding.

"There they say right, and like true Trojans."
Butler: Hudibras, l. 1.

Trojan War (*The*). The siege of Troy by the Greeks. After a siege of ten years the city was taken and burnt to the ground. The last year of the siege is the subject of Homer's *Iliad*; the burning of Troy and the flight of Æneas is a continuation by Virgil in his *Æneid*.

The Trojan War, by Henry of Veldig, (Waldeck), a minnesinger (twelfth century) is no translation of either Homer or Virgil, but a German adaptation of the old tale. By far the best part of this poetical romance is where Lavinia tells her tale of love to her mother.

Trolls. Dwarfs of Northern mythology, living in hills or mounds; they are represented as stumpy, misshapen, and humpbacked, inclined to thieving, and fond of carrying off children or substituting one of their own offspring for that of a human mother. They are called hill-people, and are especially averse to noise, from a recollection of the time when Thor used to be for ever flinging his hammer after them. (Icelandic, *troll*.) (See FAIRY.)

"Out then spake the tiny Troll,
No bigger than an emmet he."
Danish ballad, Elfin of Willenaker.

Trolley. A cart used in mines and on railways. A railway trolley is worked by the hand, which moves a treadle; a coal-mine trolley used to be pushed by trolley-boys; ponies are now generally

employed instead of boys. (Welsh, *trol*, a cart; *trolio*, to roll or trundle, whence "to troll a catch"—i.e. to sing a catch or round.)

Trompée. *Votre religion a été trompée.* You have been greatly imposed upon. Similarly, "*Suprendre la religion de quelqu'un*" is to deceive or impose upon one. Cardinal de Bonnechose used the former phrase in his letter to *The Times* respecting the Report of the Œcumenical Council, and it puzzled the English journals, but was explained by M. Notterelle. (See *The Times*, January 1st, 1870.)

¶ We use the word *faith* both for "credulity" and "religion"—e.g. "Your faith (credulity) has been imposed upon." The "Catholic faith," "Mahometan faith," "Brahminical faith," etc., virtually mean "religion."

Troness, Tronia, or Trophy Money, or Trophy Tax. "A duty of fourpence [in the pound] paid annually by housekeepers or their landlords, for the drums, colours [trophies], etc., of the companies or regiments of militia." (*Dr. Scott's Bailey's Dictionary*.)

Troopers mean troopships, as "Tudian troopers," ships for the conveyance of troops to India, especially between February and October, when the annual reliefs of British forces in India are made. Similarly, whaler is a ship for whaling.

Troops of the Line. All numbered infantry or marching regiments, except the foot-guards.

Trophonios (Greek), Latin, *Trophonius*. He has visited the cave of *Trophonius* (Greek). Said of a melancholy man. The cave of Trophonius was one of the most celebrated oracles of Greece. The entrance was so narrow that he who went to consult the oracle had to lie on his back with his feet towards the cave, whereupon he was caught by some unseen force and violently pulled inside the cave. After remaining there a time, he was driven out in similar fashion, and looked most ghastly pale and terrified; hence the proverb.

Troubadours (3 syl.). Minstrels of the south of France in the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries; so called from the Provencal verb *troubar* (to invent). Our word *poet* signifies exactly the same thing, being the Greek for "create." (See TROUVRES.)

Trouble means a moral whirlwind. (Latin, *turbo*, a whirlwind; Italian, *turbare*; French, *troubler*.) Disturb is from the same root. The idea pervades all such words as *agitation*, *commotion*, *excitation*, a tossing up and down, etc.

Trouillogan's Advice. Do and do not; yes and no. When Pantagruel asked the philosopher Trouillogan whether Panurge should marry or not, the philosopher replied "Yes." "What say you?" asked the prince. "What you have heard," answered Trouillogan. "What have I heard," said Pantagruel. "What I have spoken," rejoined the sage. "Good," said the prince; "but tell me plainly, shall Panurge marry or let it alone?" "Neither," answered the oracle. "How?" said the prince; "that cannot be." "Then both," said Trouillogan. (*Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel*, iii. 35.)

Trout is the Latin *troct-a*, from the Greek *troktēs*, the greedy fish (*trogo*, to eat). The trout is very voracious, and will devour any kind of animal food.

"[Holand] was . . . engaged in a keen and animated discussion about Lochleven trout and sea trout, and river trout, and bull trout, and char which never rise to the fly, and par which some suppose (to be) infant salmon, and herlings which frequent the Nith, and a codlises which are only found in the castle loch of Lochmaben."—*Sir W. Scott: The Abbot*, chap. xxii.

Trouveres (2 syl.) were the troubadours of the north of France, in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth centuries. So called from *trouver*, the Walloon verb meaning "to invent." (See *Troubadours*.)

Trovatore (*It*) (4 syl.). Manrico, the son of Garzia, brother of the Comte di Luna. Verdi's opera so called is taken from the drama of Gargia Gutierrez, which is laid in the fifteenth century. Trovatore means a troubadour.

Trows. Dwarfs of Orkney and Shetland mythology, similar to the Scandinavian Trolls. There are land-trows and sea-trows. "Trow tak' thee" is a phrase still used by the island women when angry with their children.

Troxartas [*bread-eater*]. King of the mice and father of Payar-pax, who was drowned.

"Fix their council . . .
Where great Troxartas crowned in glory
Payar-pax's father, father now no more"
Purnell: *Battle of the Frogs and Mice*, bk. i.

Troy-Novant (London). This name gave rise to the tradition that Brute, a

Trojan refugee, founded London and called it New Troy; but the word is British, and compounded of *Tri-nou-hant* (inhabitants of the new town). Civitas Trinobantum, the city of the Trinobantes, which we might render "New-townsmen."

"For noble Britons sprang from Trojans bold,
And Troy-Novant was built of old Troyes ashes
cold."
Spenser: Faerie Queene, iii. 9.

Troy-town has no connection with the Homeric "Troy," but means a maze, labyrinth, or bower. (Welsh *troi*, to turn; *troedle*, a trodden place [? street], whence the archaic *trode*, a path or track; Anglo-Saxon *thrac-an*, to twist or turn.) There are numerous Troys and Troy-towns in Great Britain and North America. The upper garden of Kensington Palace was called "the siege of Troy."

A Troy-town is about equivalent to "Julian's Bower," mentioned in Halliwell's *Archaic Dictionary*.

Troy Weight means "London weight." London used to be called *Troy-norant*. (See *above*.) The general notion that the word is from *Troyes*, a town of France, and that the weight was brought to Europe from Grand Cairo by crusaders, is wholly untenable, as the term Troy Weight was used in England in the reign of Edward the Confessor. Troy weight is old London weight, and Avoirdupois the weight brought over by the Normans. (See *AVOIRDUPOIS*.)

Truce of God. In 1010 the Church forbade the barons to make any attack on each other between sunset on Wednesday and sunrise on the following Monday, or upon any ecclesiastical fast or feast day. It also provided that no man was to molest a labourer working in the fields, or to lay hands on any implement of husbandry, on pain of excommunication. (See *PEACE OF GOD*.)

Truces. *Faithless and fatal truces.*
The Emperor Antonius Caracalla destroyed the citizens of Alexandria, at one time, and at another cut off the attendants of Artabanus, King of Persia, under colour of marrying his daughter.

Jacob's children destroyed the Shechemites to avenge the rape of Dinah.

Gallienus, the Roman Emperor, put to death the military men in Constantinople.

Antonius, under colour of friendship, enticed Artavasdes of Armenia; then, binding him in heavy chains, put him to death.

Truchuela. A very small trout with which Don Quixote was regaled at the road-side inn where he was dubbed knight. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, bk. i, chap. ii.)

True Blue—that is, "Coventry blue," noted for its fast dye. An epithet applied to a person of inflexible honesty and fidelity.

True-lovers' Knot is the Danish *trolovelses knort*, "a betrothment bond," not a compound of *true* and *lover*. Thus in the Icelandic Gospel the phrase, "a virgin espoused to a man," is, *er trúlofad var einum manni*.

"Three times a true-love's knot I tie secure;
Firm be the knot, firm may his love endure."
Gay's Pastorals: The Spout.

True as Touch. The reference is to gold tested by the touchstone (*q.v.*).

"If thou lovest me too much
It will not prove as true as touch."
Love me Little, Love me Long (1570).

True Thomas and the Queen of Elfdand. An old romance in verse by Thomas the Rhymer.

True Thomas. Thomas the Rhymer was so called from his prophecies, the most noted of which was the prediction of the death of Alexander III. of Scotland, made to the Earl of March in the Castle of Dunbar the day before it occurred. It is recorded in the *Scotichronicon* of Fordun. (1430.) (*See RHYMER.*)

Truepenny. Hamlet says to the Ghost, "Art thou there, Truepenny?" Then to his comrades, "You hear this fellow in the cellarage?" (i. 5). And again, "Well said, old mole; canst work?" Truepenny means *earth-borer* or *mole* (Greek, *trupanon*, *trupao*, to bore or perforate), an excellent word to apply to a ghost "boring through the cellarage" to get to the place of purgatory before cock-crow. Miners use the word for a run of metal or metallic earth, which indicates the presence and direction of a lode.

Trulli. Female spirits noted for their kindness to men. (*Randle Holms: Academy of Armory.*)

Trump. To *trump up*. To devise or make up falsely; to concoct.

Trump Card. The French *carte de triomphe* (card of triumph).

Trumpet. To *trumpet one's good deeds*. The allusion is to the Pharisaic sect called the *Ahmgivers*, who had a trumpet sounded before them, ostensibly

to summon the poor together, but in reality to publish abroad their abnegation and benevolence.

You sound your own trumpet. The allusion is to heralds, who used to announce with a flourish of trumpets the knights who entered a list.

Trumpeter. *Your trumpeter is dead*—i.e. you are obliged to sound your own praises because no one will do it for you.

Trumpets (Feast of). A Jewish festival, held on the first two days of Tisri, the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

Trundle. A military earthwork above Goodwood. The area is about two furlongs. It has a double vallum. The situations of the ports are still to be traced in the east, west, and north. The fortifications of the ancient Britons being circular, it is probable that the Trundle is British. The fortified encampments of the Romans were square; examples may be seen at the Broyle, near Chichester, and on Ditching Hill.

Truss his Points (To). To tie the points of hose. The points were the cords pointed with metal, like shoe-laces, attached to doublets and hose; being very numerous, some second person was required to "truss" them or fasten them properly.

"I hear the gull [Sir Pierce] clamorous for someone to truss his points. He will find himself fortunate if he lights on any one here who can do him the office of groom of the chamber."—*Sir W. Scott: The Monastery*, chap. xvi.

Trusts. The combinations called rings or corners in the commercial world. The chief merchants of an article (say sugar, salt, or flour) combine to fix the selling price of a given article and thus secure enormous profits. These enterprises are technically called "trusts," because each of the merchants is on trust not to undersell the others, but to remain faithful to the terms agreed on.

Truth. *Pilate said, "What is truth?"* This was the great question of the Platonists. Plato said we could know truth if we could sublimate our minds to their original purity. Arcesilaos said that man's understanding is not capable of knowing what truth is. Carneades maintained that not only our understanding could not comprehend it, but even our senses are wholly inadequate to help us in the investigation. Gorgias the Sophist said, "What is right but what we prove to be right? and what is truth but what we believe to be truth?"

Truth in a Well. This expression is attributed both to Cleanthes and to Democritus the derider.

"Natura accusa, quæ in profundo veritatem (ut ait Democritus) penitus abstruxerit."—*Cicero: Academicæ*, i. 10.

Tryanon. Daughter of the fairy king who lived on the island of Oléron. "She was as white as lily in May," and married Sir Launfal, King Arthur's steward, whom she carried off to "Oli-roun her jolif isle," and, as the romance says—

"Since saw him in this land no nian,
Ne no more of him tell I n'can
For soothe without lie."

Thomas Chaucer: Sir Launfal (15th century).

Trygon. A poisonous fish. It is said that Telegonos, son of Ulysses by Circe, coming to Ithaca to see his father was denied admission by the servants; whereupon a quarrel ensued, and his father, coming out to see what was the matter, was accidentally struck with his son's arrow, pointed with the bone of a trygon, and died.

"The lord of Ithaca,
Struck by the poisonous trygon's bone, expired."
West: *Triumphs of the Ghost* (Lucian).

Tsin Dynasty. The fourth Imperial Dynasty of China, founded by Tchao-siang-wang, prince of Tsin, who conquered the "fighting kings" (q. r.). He built the Wall of China (B.C. 211).

Tsong Dynasty. The nineteenth Imperial Dynasty of China, founded by Tchao-quang-yn, the guardian and chief minister of Yung-tee. He was a descendant of Tchuang-tsong, the Tartar general, and on taking the yellow robe assumed the name of Tai-tson (great ancestor). This dynasty, which lasted 300 years, was one of the most famous in Chinese annals. (960-1276.)

Tu Autem. Come to the last clause. In the long Latin grace at St. John's College, Cambridge, the last clause used to be "Tu autem misere're mei, Domine. Amen." It was not unusual, when a scholar read slowly, for the senior Fellow to whisper "Tu autem"—i.e. Skip all the rest and give us only the last sentence.

Tu l'as Voulu, George Dandin ('*Tu your own fault, George Dandin*). You brought this upon yourself; as you have made your bed so you must lie on it. (See DANDIN.)

Tu Quoque. The *tu quoque* style of argument. Personal invectives; argument of personal application; *argumentum ad hominem*.

"We mix in this work his usual *tu quoque* style."—*Public Opinion*.

Tu-ral-lu, the refrain of comic songs, is a corruption of the Italian *turlurù*, and the French *turlureau* or *turlure*. "Loure" is an old French word for a bagpipe, and "toure loure" means a refrain on the bagpipe. The refrain of a French song published in 1697 is—

"Toune loure, lourirette,
Liroufa, toure lourira.
Suite du Théâtre Italien, iii. p. 453.

Tub. *A tale of a tub.* A cock-and-bull story; a rignarole, nonsensical romance. The *Tale of a Tub* is a religious satire by Dean Swift.

Throw a tub to the whale. To create a diversion in order to avoid a real danger; to bamboozle or mislead an enemy. In whaling, when a ship is threatened by a whole school of whales, it is usual to throw a tub into the sea to divert their attention, and to make off as fast as possible.

A tub of naked children. Emblematical of St. Nicholas, in allusion to two boys murdered and placed in a pickling tub by a landlord, but raised to life again by this saint. (See NICHOLAS.)

Tub, Tubbing. Tubs, in rowing slang, are gig pairs of college boat clubs, who practice for the term's races. They are pulled on one side when a pair-oar boat in uniform makes its appearance. Tubbing is taking out pairs under the supervision of a coach to train men for taking part in the races.

Tub-woman (A). A drawer of beer at a country public-house.

"The common people had always a tradition that the queen's [Anne] grandmother . . . had been a washerwoman, or, as Cardinal York asserted, a tub-woman—that is, a drawer of beer at a country public-house."—*Howell: History of England*; Anne, p. 171.

Tuba [*happiness*]. A tree of Paradise, of gigantic proportions, whose branches stretch out to those who wish to gather their produce; not only all luscious fruits, but even the flesh of birds already cooked, green garments, and even horses ready saddled and bridled. From the root of this tree spring the rivers of Paradise, flowing with milk and honey, wine and water, and from the banks of which may be picked up inestimable gems.

Tuck. A long narrow sword. (Gaelic, *tuca*, Welsh *trecu*, Italian *stocco*, German *stock*, French *estoc*.) In *Hamlet* the word is erroneously printed "stuck," in Malone's edition.

"If he by chance escape your venomous tuck,
Our purpose may hold there." Act iv. 2.

A good tuck in or tuck out. A good feed. To *tuck* is to full, a *tucker* is a fuller. Hence, to cram. The fold of a dress to allow for growth is called a *tuck*, and a little frill on the top thereof is called a *tucker*. (Anglo-Saxon, *tuo-ian*.)

I'll tuck him up. Stab him, do for him. Tuck is a small dirk used by artillerymen. (See above.)

Tucker. Food. "A tuck in," a cram of food. (See above.)

"'No,' said Palliser, 'we've no food.' 'By Jove!' said the other, 'I'll search creation for tucker to-night. Give me your gun.'—*Il atson: The Web of the Spider*, chap. xii.

Tuffet (*A*). A small tuft or clump. Strange that this word, so universally known, has never been introduced into our dictionaries, to the best of my knowledge.

"Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey . . ."
Nursery Rhymes.

Tuft. A nobleman or fellow commoner. So called at Oxford because he wears a gold tuft or tassel on his college cap.

Tuft-hunter. A nobleman's toady; one who tries to curry favour with the wealthy and great for the sake of feeding on the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table.* A University term. (See above.)

Tug. A name by which collegers are known at Eton. Either from *tog* (the gown worn in distinction to Oppidans), or from "*tough mutton*."

"A name in college handed down
From mutton tough or ancient gown"
The World, February 17, 1863 (p. 31).

Tug of War (*The*), a rural sport, in which a number of men or boys, divided into two bands, lay hold of a strong rope and pull against each other till one side has tugged the other over the dividing line.

Tulleries (*Paris*) [*tile-kilns*]. The palace was on the site of some old tile-kilns. (See *SABLONNIÈRE*.)

Tulcan Bishops. Certain Scotch bishops appointed by James I., with the distinct understanding that they were to hand over a fixed portion of the revenue to the patron. A *tulcan* is a stuffed calf-skin, placed under a cow that withholds her milk. The cow, thinking the "tulcan" to be her calf, readily yields her milk to the milk-pail.

Tulip. The turban plant; Persian, *thoulyb* (*thoulyban*, a turban), by which name the flower is called in Persia.

My tulip. A term of endearment to animals, as "Gee up, my tulip!" or "Kim up, my tulip!" Perhaps a pun suggested by the word *tool*. A donkey is a costermonger's tool.

Tulip Mania. A reckless mania for the purchase of tulip-bulls in the seventeenth century. Beckmann says it rose to its greatest height in the years 1634-1637. A root of the species called Viceroy sold for £250; Semper Augustus, more than double that sum. The tulips were grown in Holland, but the mania which spread over Europe was a mere stock-jobbing speculation.

Tumbledown Dick. Anything that will not stand firmly. Dick is Richard, the Protector's son, who was but a tottering wall at best.

Tun. Any vessel, even a goblet or cup. (Anglo-Saxon *tunne*.)

"Tun, such a cupas jugglers use to show divers tricks by."—*Minshew: Spanish Dictionary*.

Tunding. A thrashing with ashen sticks given to a school-fellow by one of the monitors or "prefects" of Winchester school, for breach of discipline. (Latin *tundo*, to beat or bruise.)

Tune the Old Cow Died of (*The*). Advice instead of relief; remonstrance instead of help. As St. James says (ii. 15, 16), "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" Your words are the tune the old cow died of. The reference is to the well-known song—

"There was an old man, and he had an old cow,
But he had no fodder to give her,
So he took up his fiddle and played her the tune—
'Consider, good cow, consider,
This isn't the time for the grass to grow.
Consider, good cow, consider.'"

Tuneful Nine. The nine Muses: Calliope (*epic poetry*), Clio (*history*), Erato (*elegy and lyric poetry*), Euterpe (*music*), Melpomene (*tragedy*), Polyhymnia (*sacred song*), Terpsichore (*dancing*), Thalia (*comedy*), Urania (*astronomy*).

Tuning Goose. The entertainment given in Yorkshire when the corn at harvest was all safely stacked.

Tunisian. The adjective form of Tunis.

Tunkers. A politico-religious sect of Ohio. They came from a small

German village on the Eder. They believe all will be saved; are Quakers in plainness of dress and speech; and will neither fight, nor go to law. Both sexes are equally eligible for any office. Celibacy is the highest honour, but not imperative. They are also called Tumbler, and incorrectly Dunkers. Tunker means "to dip a morsel into gravy," "a sop into wine," and as they are Baptists this term has been given them; but they call themselves "the harmless people," (*W. Hepworth Dixon: New America*, ii. 18.)

Turcaret. One who has become rich by hook or by crook, and, having nothing else to display, makes a great display of his wealth. A chevalier in Le Sage's comedy of the same name.

Tureen'. A deep pan for holding soup. (French, *terrine*, a pan made of terre, earth.)

Turf (The). The racecourse; the profession of horse-racing, which is done on turf or grass. One who lives by the turf, or whose means of living is derived from running horses or betting on races.

"All men are equal on the turf and under it."—*Lord George Bentinck*.

Turk. Slave, villain. A term of reproach used by the Greeks of Constantinople.

You young Turk, a playful reprimand to a young mischievous child.

Turk Gregory. Gregory VII., called Hildebrand, a furious Churchman, who surmounted every obstacle to deprive the emperor of his right of investiture of bishops. He was exceedingly disliked by the early reformers.

"Turk Gregory never did such deeds in arms as I have done this day."—*Henry IV.*, v. 3.

Turkey. The bird with a red wattle. A native of America, at one time supposed to have come from Turkey.

Turkish Spy was written by John Paul Marana, an Italian, who had been imprisoned for conspiracy. After his release he retired to Monaco, where he wrote the *History of the Plot*. Subsequently he removed to Paris, and produced his *Turkish Spy*, in which he gives the history of the last age.

Turlupin, a punster or farceur, with *turlupinade*, and the verb *turlupiner*. It was usual in the 17th century for play-writers in Italy and France to change their names. Thus Le Grand called himself Belleville in tragedy, and Turlupin in farce; Hugues Guéret took

the name of Fléchelles; and Jean Baptiste Poquelin called himself Molière, but there was a Molière before him who wrote plays.

Turnerio, like berberry, being yellow, was supposed to cure the yellow jaundice. According to the doctrine of signatures, Nature labels every plant with a mark to show what it is good for. Red plants are good for fever, white ones for rigor. Hence the red rose is supposed to cure hæmorrhage. (*See THISTLES*.)

Turncoat. As the dominions of the duke of Saxony were bounded in part by France, one of the early dukes hit upon the device of a coat blue one side, and white the other. When he wished to be thought in the French interest he wore the white outside; otherwise the outside colour was blue. Whence a Saxon was nicknamed Emmanuel Turncoat. (*Scots Magazine*, October, 1747.)

Without going to history, we have a very palpable etymon in the French *tourne-côte* (turn-side). (*See COAT*.)

Turning the Tables. (*See under TABLES*.)

Turnip-Garden (The). So called by the Jacobites. George II. was called the "Turnip-hougher" [hoer], and his hiring of troops was spoken of as "selling the turnips," or "trying to sell his roots." Hanover at the time was eminently a pastoral country.

Turnip Townsend. The brother-in-law of Sir Robert Walpole, who, after his retirement from office in 1731, devoted himself to the improvement of agriculture.

Turnspit Dog. One who has all the work but none of the profit; he turns the spit but eats not of the roast. The allusion is to the dog used formerly to turn the spit in roasting. Topsel says, "They go into a wheel, which they turn round about with the weight of their bodies, so dilligently . . . that no drudge . . . can do the feat more cunningly." (1697.)

Turpin, Archbishop of Rheims. A mythological contemporary of Charlemagne. His chronicle is supposed to be written at Vienne, in Dauphiny, whence it is addressed to Leoprandus, Dean of Aquisgranensis (Aix-la-Chapelle). It was not really written till the end of the eleventh century, and the probable author was a canon of Barcelona.

The romance turns on the expedition of Charlemagne to Spain in 777, to defend one of his allies from the aggressions of some neighbouring prince. Having conquered Navarre and Aragon, he returned to France. The chronicle says he invested Pampeluna for three months without being able to take it; he then tried what prayer could do, and the walls fell down of their own accord, like those of Jericho. Those Saracens who consented to become Christians were spared; the rest were put to the sword. Charlemagne then visited the sarcophagus of James, and Turpin baptised most of the neighbourhood. The king crossed the Pyrenees, but the rear commanded by Roland was attacked by 50,000 Saracens, and none escaped.

Turtle Doves. Rhyming slang for a pair of gloves. (See CHIVV.)

Tussle. A struggle, a skirmish. A corruption of *toussle* (German, *zausen*, to pull); hence a dog is named *Towser* (pull 'em down). In the *Winter's Tale* (iv. 4.), Autolycus says to the Shepherd, "I toze from thee thy business" (*pump or draw out of thee*). In *Measure for Measure*, Escalus says to the Duke, "We'll *touze* thee joint by joint" (v. 1.).

Tut. A word used in Lincolnshire for a phantom, as the *Spittal Hili Tut*. *Tom Tut will get you* is a threat to frighten children. *Tut-gotten* is panic-struck. Our *tush* is derived from the word *tut*.

Tutivillius. The demon who collects all the words skipped over or mutilated by priests in the performance of the services. Those literary scraps or shreds he deposits in that pit which is said to be paved with "good intentions" never brought to effect. (*Piers Plowman*, p. 547; *Townley Mysteries*, pp. 310, 319; etc.).

Twa Dogs of Robert Burns, perhaps suggested by the Spanish *Colloquio de Dos Perros*, by Cervantes.

Twangdillo, the fiddler, lost one leg and one eye by a stroke of lightning on the banks of the Ister.

"Yet still the merry bard without regret
Bears his own ill, and with his sounding shell
And comic phiz relieves his drooping friends.
He ticks every atom, to every note
He bends his pliant neck, his single eye
Twinkles with joy, his active stump beats time."
Somersville: Hobbinol.

Tweeds. Checked cloths for trousers, etc. The origin of this name is supposed to have been a blunder for

"tweels," somewhat blotted and badly written in 1829. The Scotch manufacturer sent a consignment of these goods to James Locke, of London, who misread the word, and as they were made on the banks of the Tweed, the name was appropriated and accordingly adopted.

However, the Anglo-Saxon *twened* (duplex), which gave rise to *tweedlin* (cloth that is tweeled), and *tweedlen sheets*, is more likely to have given rise to the word. In fact, *tweels* and *tweedlen* both mean cloth in which the wool crosses the warp vertically.

Twoedledum and Tweedledee.

"Some say compared to Bononcini
That mynster Handel's but a ninny;
(Others aver that he to Handel
Is scarcely fit to hold a candle.
Strange all this difference should be
'Twixt Twoedledum and Tweedledee."
J. Byron.

This refers to the feud between the Bononciniists and Handelists. The Duke of Marlborough and most of the nobility took Bononcini by the hand; but the Prince of Wales, with Pope and Arbuthnot, was for Handel. (See GLUCK; ISTS.)

Twelfth (The), the 12th of August. The first day of grouse-shooting.

Twelfth Cake. The drawing for king and queen is a relic of the Roman *Satura'lia*. At the close of this festival the Roman children draw lots with beans to see who would be king. Twelfth Day is twelve days after Christmas, or the Epiphany.

Twelfth Night (Shakespeare). The serious plot is taken from Belleforest's *Histoires Tragiques*. The comic parts are of Shakespeare's own invention. (See BEFANA.)

Twelve. Each English archer carries twelve Scotchmen under his girdle. This was a common saying at one time, because the English were unerring archers, and each archer carried in his belt twelve arrows (Sir Walter Scott: *Tales of a Grandfather*, vii.).

The Twelve. All the prelates of the Roman Catholic Church. Of course the Twelve Apostles.

"The Pope identifies himself with the 'Master,' and addresses those 700 prelates as the 'Twelve.'"
—*The Times*, December 11, 1890.

Twelve Tables. The earliest code of Roman law, compiled by the Decemviri, and cut on twelve bronze tables or tablets (*Livy*, iii. 37; *Diodorus*, xii. 66.)

Twickenham. *The Bard of Twickenham.* Alexander Pope, who lived there for thirty years. (1688-1744.)

Twig. *I twig you; do you twig my meaning? I catch your meaning; I understand. (Irish, twigim, I notice.)*

Twinkling. (*See* BED-POST.)

Twins. A constellation and sign of the zodiac (May 21st to June 21st).

- "When now no more the alternate twins are fired,
Short is the doubtful empire of the night."
Thomson: Summer.

Twist (*Oliver*). A boy born in a workhouse, starved and ill-treated; but always gentle, amiable, and pure-minded. Dickens's novel so called.

Twisting the Lion's Tail. Seeing how far the "Britishers" will bear provocation. "To give the lion's tail another twist" is to tax the British forbearance a little further. No doubt the kingdom is averse to war with civilised nations, and will put up with a deal rather than apply to the arbitration of arms. Even victory may be bought too dearly. Such provocation may provoke a growl, but there will be the matter end.

***Twitcher.** *Jemmy Twitcher.* A name given to John, Lord Sandwich (1718-1792), noted for his *liaison* with Miss Ray, who was shot by the Rev. "Captain" Hackman out of jealousy. His lordship's shambling gait is memorialised in the *Heroic Epistle*.

"See Jemmy Twitcher shambling-stop, stop thief!"

- **Twitten.** A narrow alley.

Two. The evil principle of Pythagoras. Accordingly the second day of the second month of the year was sacred to Pluto, and was esteemed unlucky.

Two an unlucky number in our dynasties. Witness Ethelred II. the Unready, forced to abdicate; Harold II., slain at Hastings; William II., shot in New Forest; Henry II., who had to fight for his crown, etc.; Edward II., murdered at Berkeley Castle; Richard II., deposed; Charles II., driven into exile; James II., forced to abdicate; George II. was worsted at Fontenoy and Lawfeld, his reign was troubled by civil war, and disgraced by General Braddock and Admiral Byng.

It does not seem much more lucky abroad: Charles II. of France, after a most unhappy reign, died of poison; Charles II. of Navarre was called *The Bad*; Charles II. of Spain ended his dynasty, and left his kingdom a wreck; Charles II. of Anjou (*le Boiteux*) passed almost the whole of his life in captivity; Charles II. of Savoy reigned only nine months, and died at the age of eight.

François II. of France was peculiarly unhappy, and after reigning less than two years, sickened and died; Napoleon II. never reigned at all, and Napoleon III., really the second emperor, was a most disastrous prince; Franz II. of Germany lost all his Rhine possessions, and in 1806 had to renounce his title of emperor.

Friedrich II., Emperor of Germany, was first anathematised, then excommunicated, then dethroned, and lastly poisoned.

Jean II. of France, being conquered at Poitiers, was brought captive to England by the Black Prince; Juan II. of Aragon had to contend for his crown with his own son Carlos.

It was Felipe II. of Spain who sent against England the "Invincible Armada"; it was Francesco II. of the Two Sicilies who was driven from his throne by Garibaldi; it was Romulus II. in whom terminated the empire of the West; Peter II. of Russia died at the age of fifteen, and he was a disgrace to the name of Menschikoff; Pietro II. de Medicis was forced to abdicate, and died of shipwreck; James II. of Scotland was shot by a cannon at the siege of Roxburgh; James II. of Majorca, after losing his dominions, was murdered. Alexander II. of Scotland had his kingdom laid under an interdict; Alexander II., the Pope, had to contend against Honorius II., the anti-pope; Alexis II., Emperor of the East, was placed under the ward of his father and mother, who so disgusted the nation by their cruelty that the boy was first dethroned and then strangled; Andronicus II., Emperor of Greece, was dethroned; Henri II. of France made the disastrous peace called *La Paix Malheureuse*, and was killed by Montgomery in a tournament; etc. etc. (*See* JANE and JOHN.)

Two Eyes of Greece. Athens and Sparta.

Two Fridays. *When two Fridays come together. Never (q.r.).*

Two Gentlemen of Verona. The story of Proteus and Julia was borrowed from the pastoral romance of *Diana*, by George of Montemayor, a Spaniard, translated into English by Bartholomew Young in 1598. The love adventure of Julia resembles that of Viola, in *Twelfth Night*.

Two Strings to his Bow (*He has*). He is provided against contingencies; if one business or adventure should fail,

he has another in reserve; two sweethearts; two devices, etc.

Latin: "Duabus anchoris nititur" (i.e. "He is doubly moored"), or "Duabus anchoris sis fultus."

Greek: "Ἐν δύοις ἀγκυραῖς."

French: "Il a deux cordes à son arc."

Italian: "Navigar per più venti."

Two of a Trade never agree. The French say, *Fin contre fin n'est bon à faire doublure*—i.e. Two materials of the same nature never unite well together.

"E'en a beggar sees with woe
A beggar to the house-door go."

Greek: "Καὶ πτόχος πτόχοι φθονοῖ." (*Hesiod*.)

Latin: "Etiam mendicis mendico invidit." "Fignlus figulo invidet, faber fabro" ("Potter envies potter, and smith smith").

Twopenny Damn. A vague imprecation, said to have been commonly used by the great Duke of Wellington. Some have derived it from the Hindu *dām*, *daum* = an ancient copper coin, of which 1,600 went to the rupee. Concerning this derivation Dr. Murray says that it is ingenious, but has no foundation in fact. Goldsmith, in the *Citizen of the World*, uses the expression, "Not that I care three damns." ε :

Tybalt. A Capulet; a "fiery" young noble. (*Shakespeare*: *Romeo and Juliet*.)

It is the name given to the *cat* in the story of *Reynard the Fox*. Hence Mercutio says, "Tybalt, you rat-catcher, will you walk?" (iii. 1); and again, when Tybalt asks, "What wouldst thou have with me?" Mercutio answers, "Good king of cats! nothing but one of your nine lives" (iii. 1).

Tyburn is *Twa-burne*, the "two rivulets;" so called because two small rivers met in this locality.

Tyburn's triple tree. A gallows, which consists of two uprights and a beam resting on them. Previous to 1783 Tyburn was the chief place of execution in London, and a gallows was permanently erected there. In the reign of Henry VIII. the average number of persons executed annually in England was 2,000. The present number is under twelve.

Kings of Tyburn. Public executioners. (See **HANGMEN**.)

Tyburn Ticket. Under a statute of William III. prosecutors who had

secured a capital conviction against a criminal were exempted from all parish and ward offices, within the parish in which the felony had been committed. Such persons obtained a Tyburn Ticket, which was duly enrolled and might be sold. The *Stamford Mercury* (March 27th, 1818) announces the sale of one of these tickets for £280. The Act was repealed by 58 Geo. III., c. 70.

Tyburnia (London). Portman and Grosvenor Squares district, described by Thackeray as "the elegant, the prosperous, the polite Tyburnia, the most respectable district of the habitable globe."

T'Year—i.e. to-year; as, *to-day, to-night, to-morrow*. (Anglo-Saxon, *to-dæge, to-gæare*.)

Tyke. (See **TIKE**.)

Tyler Insurrection. *Wat Tyler's insurrection.* An insurrection headed by Wat Tyler and Jack Straw, in consequence of a poll-tax of three groats to defray the expenses of a war with France. (1381.)

Tylwyth Teg [*the Fair Family*], A sort of Kobold family, but not of diminutive size. They lived in the lake near Brecknock. (*Darvies: Mythology, etc., of the British Druids*.)

Type. *Pica* (large type), *litera picata*, the great black letter at the beginning of some new order in the liturgy.

Brevier (small type), used in printing the breviary.

Primer, now called "long primer," (small type), used in printing small prayer-books called *primers*.

A fount of types. A complete assortment contains 1,117,000 pieces of type.

a 8,500	h 6,400	o 8,000	v 1,200
b 1,600	i 8,000	p 1,700	w 2,000
c 3,400	j 400	q 500	x 400
d 4,400	k 800	r 6,200	y 2,000
e 12,000	l 4,000	s 8,000	z 200
f 2,500	m 3,000	t 9,500	
g 1,700	n 8,000	u 3,400	

Typhæus. A giant with a hundred heads, fearful eyes, and a most terrible voice. He was the father of the Harpies. Zeus [*Zeus*] killed him with a thunderbolt, and he lies buried under Mount Etna. (*Hesiod: Theogony*.) (See **GIANTS**.)

Ty'phon. Son of Typhæus, the giant with a hundred heads. He was so tall that he touched the skies with his head. His offspring were Gorgon, Geryon, Cerberus, and the hydra of Lernæ. Like his father, he lies buried under Etna. (*Homer: Hymns*.) (See **GIANTS**.)

Typhoon. The evil genius of Egyptian mythology; also a furious whirling wind in the Chinese seas. (Typhoon or typhon, the whirling wind, is really the Chinese *t'ai-fun* [the great wind].)

"Beneath the radiant line that girds the globe,
The circling Typhon, whirled from point to point
Exhausting all the rage of all the sky,
And dire Enepeia, reign."
Thomson: Summer.

Tyr. Son of Odin, and younger brother of Thor. The wolf Fenrir bit off his hand. (*Scandinavian mythology.*)

Tyrant did not originally mean a despot, but an absolute prince, and especially one who made himself absolute in a free state. Napoleon III. would have been so called by the ancient Greeks. Many of the Greek tyrants were pattern rulers, as Pisisstratos and Pericles, of Athens; Periander, of Corinth; Dionysios the Younger, Gelon, and his brother Hiero, of Syracuse; Polycrates, of Samos; Phidion, of Argos, etc. etc. (Greek, *tyrannos*, of absolute king, like the Czar of Russia.)

Tyrant of the Chersonese. Miltiades was so called, and yet was he, as Byron says, "Freedom's best and bravest friend." (See THIRTY TYRANTS.)

A tyrant's vein. A ranting, bullying manner. In the old moralities the tyrants were made to rant, and the loudness of their rant was proportionate to the villainy of their dispositions. Hence to out-Herod Herod is to rant more loudly than Herod; to overdo Termagant is to rant more loudly than Termagant. (See PILATE, VOICE.)

Tyre, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, means Holland; Egypt means France.

"Encourt, my countrymen, your lost estate . . .
Now all your filberts as spoils are made,
Easy and Tytus intercept your trade."
Part I. 700-707.

Tyrtæus. *The Spanish Tyrtæus.* Manuel José Quintana, whose odes stimulated the Spaniards to vindicate their liberty at the outbreak of the War of Independence. (1772-1857.)

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U.S. The United States of North America.

Ube'da. Orbanoina, painter of Ubeda, sometimes painted a cock so preposterously designed that he was obliged to write under it, "This is a cock." (*Cerantes: Don Quixote*, pt. ii, bk. i. 3.)

Udal Tenure. The same as "allodial tenure," the opposite of "feudal tenure." Feudal tenure is the holding of a tenement of land under a feudal lord. Udal tenure is a sort of freehold, held by the right of long possession. (Icelandic, *othal*, allodial.)

Ugly means hag-like. Mr. Dyer derives it from *ough-tic*, like an ough or goblin. The Welsh *hagr*, ugly, would rather point to *hag-tic*, like a hag; but we need only go to the Old English verb *ugge*, to feel an abhorrence of, to stand in fear of. (Icelandic, *uggligr*, *uggr*, horror.)

"For the waynes are so felle and harde . . .
That ilk man may ugge bothe þowing and awlde."
Hampole, MS. Doctes, p. 180.

Ugly. (See PIERRE du Coignet.)

Ugly as Sin.

"Sin is a creature of such hideous mien,
That to be hated needs but to be seen."
Pope.

Ugol'no, Count of Pisa, deserted his party the Ghibellines, and with the hope of usurping supreme power in Pisa formed an alliance with Giovanni Visconti, the head of the Guelphic party, who promised to supply him secretly with soldiers from Sardinia. The plot was found out, and both were banished. Giovanni died, but the latter joined the Florentines, and forced the Pisans to restore his territories. In 1284 Genoa made war against Pisa, and Count Ugol'no treacherously deserted the Pisans, causing their total overthrow. At length a conspiracy was formed against him, and in 1288 he was cast with his two sons and two grandsons into the tower of Gualandi, where they were all starved to death. Dante, in his *Inferno*, has given the sad tale an undying interest.

N.B. Count Ugolino was one of the noble family of Gheradesca, and should be styled Ugolino Count of Gheradesca.

Uhlán (German). A horse-soldier chiefly employed in reconnoitering, skirmishing, and outpost duty.

Ukaze (2 syl.). A Russian term for an edict either proceeding from the senate or direct from the emperor. (Russian, *ukaza*, an edict.)

Ul-Eriz. "The Guide of Ireland." A star supposed to be the guardian of that island. (*Ossian: Temora*, iv.)

Ula'nia, Queen of Perdu'ta or Islanda, sent a golden shield to Charlemagne, which he was to give to his braves!

paladin. Whoever could win the shield from this paladin was to claim the hand of Ulania in marriage. (*Orlando Furioso*, bk. xv.)

Ulema. In Turkey, either a member of the college or the college itself. The Ulema consists of the inaums, muftis, and cadis (ministers of religion, doctors of law, and administrators of justice). "Ulema" is the plural of *ulim*, a wise man.

"The Ulema is not an ecclesiastical body, except so far as law in Mahometan countries is based on the Koran."—*Cicely*: *Ottoman Turks*, vi. 105.

Uller. The god of archery and the chase. No one could outstrip him in his snow-shoes. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Ullin. Fingal's aged bard. (*Ossian*.)
Lord Ullin's Daughter. A ballad by Campbell. She eloped with the chief of Ulva's Isle, and, being pursued, induced a boatman to row them over Lochgyle during a storm. The boat was overwhelmed just as Lord Ullin and his retinue reached the lake. In an agony of distress, he now promised to forgive the fugitives, but it was too late: "the waters wild rolled o'er his child, and he was left lamenting."

Ulric. Son of Count Siegendorf. He rescues Stral'enheim from the Oder, but, being informed by his father that the man he had saved is the enemy of their house, he murders him. (*Byron: Werner*.)

St. Ulric. Much honoured by fishermen. He died 973 on ashes strewn in the form of a cross upon the floor.

Ulster. A long loose overcoat, worn by males and females, and originally made of frieze cloth in Ulster.

Ulster. *The Red Hand of Ulster.* (See under **HAND**, *The open red hand*.)

Ulster Badge. A sinister hand, erect, open, and couped at the wrist (*gules*), sometimes borne in a canton, and sometimes on the escutcheon. (See under **HAND** as above.)

Ulster King of Arms. Chief heraldic officer of Ireland. Created by Edward VI. in 1552.

Ultima Thule. (See **THULE**.)

Ultima'tum (Latin). A final proposal, which, if not accepted, will be followed by hostile proceedings.

Ultimum Vale (Latin). A finishing stroke, a final coup.

"Atropos, cutting off the thread of his life, gave an *ultimum vale* to my good fortune."—*The Seven Champions of Christendom*, iii. 4.

Ultimus Romanorum. So Horace Walpole was preposterously called. (1717-1797.) (See **LAST OF THE ROMANS**.)

"Carlyle so called Dr. Johnson, but he might, with greater propriety, be termed 'the last of the Catos.' (1709-1784.)

Pope called Congreve "Ultimus Romanorum." (1670-1729.) (See **LAST OF THE ROMANS**.)

Ultra Vires. Beyond their legitimate powers. Said of a company when exceeding the licence given to it by Act of Parliament. Thus if a company, which had obtained an Act of Parliament to construct a railway from London to Nottingham were to carry its rails to York, it would be acting *ultra vires*. If the Bank of England were to set up a mint on their premises, it would be acting *ultra vires*.

Ultramontane Party. The ultra-Popish party in the Church of Rome. Ultramontane opinions or tendencies are those which favour the high "Catholic" party. Ultramontane ("beyond the Alps") means Italy or the Papal States. The term was first used by the French, to distinguish those who look upon the Pope as the fountain of all power in the Church, in contradistinction to the Gallican school, which maintains the right of self-government by national churches. (See **TRAMONTANE**.)

Ulysses (3 syl.). King of Ithaca, a small rocky island of Greece. He is represented in Homer's *Iliad* as full of artifices, and, according to Virgil, hit upon the device of the wooden horse, by which Troy was ultimately taken. (The word means *The Angry* or *Wrathful*.)

After the fall of Troy, Ulysses was driven about by tempests for ten years before he reached home, and his adventures form the subject of Homer's other epic, called the *Odyssey*.

Ulysses. When Palamedes summoned Ulysses to the Trojan war, he found him in a field ploughing with a team of strange animals, and sowing salt instead of barley. This he did to feign insanity, that he might be excused from the expedition. The incident is employed to show what meagre shifts are sometimes resorted to to shuffle out of plain duties.

Ulysses (The). Albert III., Margrave of Brandenburg. He was also called "*The Achilles*" (q.v.). (1114-1486.)

The Ulysses of the Highlands. Sir

Evan Cameron, lord of Lochiel, surnamed "The Black." (Died 1719.) His son Donald was called "The Gentle Lochiel."

Ulysses' Bow. Only Ulysses could draw his own bow, and he could shoot an arrow through twelve rings. By this sign Penelope recognised her husband after an absence of twenty years.

Ulysses' bow was prophetic. It belonged at one time to Eurytus of Echaëlia.

"This bow of mine sang to me of present war . . . I have heard but once of such a weapon . . . the bow of Odysseus," said the queen. — *H. Rider Haggard: The World's Desire*, bk. ii. chap. i.

Uma, consort of Siva, famous for her defeat of the army of Chanda and Munda, two demons. She is represented as holding the head of Chanda in one of her four hands, and trampling on Munda. The heads of the army, strung into a necklace, adorn her body, and a girdle of the same surrounds her waist.

Umb. The paint so called was first made in Umbria, Italy.

Umb-le-pie. A pie made of umbles—i.e. the liver, kidneys, etc., of a deer. These "refuse" were the perquisites of the keeper, and umb-le-pie was a dish for servants and inferiors.

"The keeper hath the skin, head, umbles, chine, and shouders." — *Holwashed: Chronicle*, i. 204.

Umbra. *Obsequious Umbra*, in Garth's *Dispensary*, is Dr. Gould.

Umbrage. *To take umbrage.* To take offence. Umbrage means shade (Latin, *umbra*), a gloomy view.

Umbrella. Common in London in 1710. First used in *Edinburgh* by Dr. Spens. First used in Glasgow in 1780. Mentioned by Drayton in his *Muses Elizium* (1630); but Drayton evidently refers to a sort of fan. Quarles's *Emblems* (1635) also uses the word to signify the Deity hidden in the manhood of Christ. "Nature is made th' umbrella of the Deity" (bk. iv. emblem 14). Drayton's lines are:

"And like umbrellas, with their feathers,
Shield you in all sorts of weathers."

The Graphic tells us "An umbrella is now being made in London for an African potentate which, when unfurled, will cover a space sufficient for twelve persons. The stick is . . . fifteen feet long." — *March 18th, 1894*, p. 270.

The Tatler, in No. 238 (October 17th, 1710), says:

"The young gentlemen belonging to the Custom House . . . borrowed the umbrellas from Wilk's coffee-house."

So that umbrellas were kept on hire at that date.

Jonas Hanway (born 1712) used an umbrella in London to keep off the rain, and created a disturbance among the sedan porters and public coachmen. So that probably umbrellas were not commonly used in the streets at the time.

"The tucked-up seamstress walks with hasty strides,
While streams run down her oiled umbrella's sides." *Swift: A City Shower* (1710).

"Or underneath th' umbrella's oily shed
Safe thro' the wet on clinking patters tread."
Gay: Trivia, bk. i. (1711).

Umbrella, as, under Gladstone's umbrella, means dominion, regimen, influence. The allusion is to the umbrella which, as an emblem of sovereignty, is carried over the Sultan of Morocco. In *Travels of Ali Bey* (*Penny Magazine*, December, 1835, vol. iv, 480), we are told, "The retinue of the sultan was composed of a troop of from fifteen to twenty men on horseback. About 100 steps behind them came the sultan, mounted on a mule, with an officer bearing his umbrella, who rode beside him on a mule. . . . Nobody but the sultan himself [not even] his sons and brothers, dares to make use of it."

"As a direct competitor for the throne—or, strictly speaking, for the shereefum umbrella—lie (Malay Abbis) could scarcely hope to escape." — *Nineteenth Century*, August, 1892, p. 314.

In 1871 the sacred umbrella of King Koffee Kalcalli, of the Ashantees, was captured. It was placed in the South Kensington Museum.

Una (*Truth*, so called because truth is one). She starts with St. George on his adventure, and being driven by a storm into "Wandering Wood," retires for the night to Hypocrisy's cell. St. George quits the cell, leaving Una behind. In her search for him she is caressed by a lion, who afterwards attends her. She next sleeps in the hut of Superstition, and next morning meets Hypocrisy dressed as St. George. As they journey together Sansloy meets them, exposes Hypocrisy, kills the lion, and carries off Una on his steed to a wild forest. Una fills the air with her shrieks, and is rescued by the fauns and satyrs, who attempt to worship her, but, being restrained, pay adoration to her ass. She is delivered from the satyrs and fauns by Sir Satyrane, and is told by Archimago that St. George is dead, but subsequently hears that he is the captive of Orgoglio. She goes to King Arthur for aid, and the king both slays Orgoglio and rescues the knight. Una

now takes St. George to the house of Holiness, where he is carefully nursed, and then leads him to Eden, where their union is consummated. (*Spenser: Faerie Queene*, bk. i.) (See *LION*.)

Una Serranilla [a little mountain song], by Mendoza, Marquis of Santillana, godfather of Diego Hurtado de Mendoza. This song, of European celebrity, was composed on a little girl found by the marquis tending her father's flocks on the hills, and is called *The Charming Milk-maiden of Sweet Fin'ojosa*.

Un'anel'd (3 syl.). Unanointed; without extreme unction. (Saxon *cell* means "oil," and *an-all* to "anoint with oil.")

"Unhousel'd [without the last sacrament], disappointed, unanel'd."

Shakespeare: Hamlet, i. 5.

Uncas, the son of Chingachcook; called in French *Le Cerf Agile* (Deer-foot); introduced into three of Fenimore Cooper's novels—viz. *The Last of the Mohicans*, *The Pathfinder*, and *The Pioneer*.

Uncial Letters. Letters an inch in size. From the fifth to the ninth century. (Latin *uncia*, an inch.)

Uncircumcised in Heart and Ears (Acts vii. 51). Obstinate deaf and wilfully obdurate to the preaching of the apostle. Heathenish, and per-versely so.

Uncle. *Don't come the uncle over me*. In Latin, "*No sis patruus mihi*" (*Horace: 2 Sat.*, iii. 88)—i.e. do not overdo your privilege of reproving or castigating me. The Latin notion of a *patruus* or uncle left guardian was that of a severe castigator and reprov'er. Similarly, their idea of a step-mother was a woman of stern, unsympathetic nature, who was unjust to her step-children, and was generally disliked.

• "*Mutentes patruus verbera lingua*."—*Horace: 3 Odes*, xii. 2.

Uncle. *Gone to my uncle's*. Uncle's is a pun on the Latin word *uncus*, a hook. Pawnbrokers employed a hook to lift articles pawned before spouts were adopted. "Gone to the *uncus*" is exactly tantamount to the more modern phrase "Up the spout." The pronoun was inserted to carry out the pun. In French, "*C'est chez ma tante*." At the pawnbroker's.

Uncle Sam. (See *SAM*.)

Uncle Tom. A negro slave, noted for his fidelity, piety, and the faithful

discharge of all his duties. Being sold, he has to submit to the most revolting cruelties. (*Mrs. Beecher Stowe: Uncle Tom's Cabin*.)

This tale was founded on the story of *Josiah Henson* (1787), told to Mrs. Stowe by Henson himself.

Unco has two meanings: As an *adjective* it means unknown, strange, unusual; but as an *adverb* it means very—as unco good, unco glad, etc. The "unco guid" are the pinchbeck saints, too good by half.

"The race of the 'unco guid' is not yet quite extinct in Scotland."—*A Daily Journal*.

Uncumber (*St.*), formerly called St. Wylgeforte. "Women changed her name" (says Sir Thomas More) "because they reken that for a pecke of otys she will not faile to uncumber them of their husbandys." The tradition says that the saint was very beautiful, but, wishing to lead a single life, prayed that she might have a beard, after which she was no more cumbered with lovers. "For a peck of oats," says Sir Thomas More, "she would provide a horse for an evil housebonde to ride to the Devill upon."

"If a wife were weary of a husband, she offered oats at Poulton . . . to St. Uncumber."—*Michael Woode* (1551).

Under-cur-rent metaphorically means something at work which has an opposite tendency to what is visible &c apparent. Thus in the Puritan supremacy there was a strong under-current of loyalty to the banished prince. Both in air and water there are frequently two currents, the upper one running in one direction, and the under one in another.

Under-spur-leather. An under-strapper; a subordinate; the leather strap which goes under the heel of the boot to assist in keeping the spur in the right place.

"Evrett and Dangerfield . . . were subordinate informers—a sort of under-spur-leathers, as the cant term went."—*Sir W. Scott: Percival the Peak*, chap. xii.

Under the Rose [*sub rosa*]. (See *article ROSE*.)

Under Weigh. The undertaking is already begun. A ship is said to be under weigh when it has drawn its anchors from their moorings, and started on its voyage.

Under which King, Bezonian? Which horn of the dilemma is to be taken? (See *BEZONIAN*.)

Underwriter. *An underwriter at Lloyd's.* One who insures a ship or its merchandise to a stated amount. So called because he writes his name under the policy.

Undine (2 syl.). The water-nymph, who was treated without a soul, like all others of her species. By marrying a mortal she obtained a soul, and with it all the pains and penalties of the human race. (*La Motte Fouqué: Undine.*)

* Founded on a tale told by Paracelsus in his *Treatise on Elemental Sprites*. (See FAIRY, SYLPHS.)

Ungrateful Guest (*The*). (See GUEST.)

Unguem. *Ad ungum.* To the minutest point. To finish a statue *ad ungum* is to finish it so smoothly and perfectly that when the nail is run over the surface it can detect no imperfection.

Unhinged. *I am quite unhinged.* My nerves are shaken, my equilibrium of mind is disturbed; I am like a door which has lost one of its hinges.

Unhouselled (3 syl.). Without having had the Eucharist in the hour of death. To *housel* is to administer the "sacrament" to the sick in danger of death. Housel is the Saxon *husel* (the Eucharist). Lye derives it from the Gothic *hunsu* (a victim).

• **Unicorn.** According to the legends of the Middle Ages, the unicorn could be caught only by placing a virgin in his haunts; upon seeing the virgin, the creature would lose its fierceness and lie quiet at her feet. This is said to be an allegory of Jesus Christ, who willingly became man and entered the Virgin's womb, when He was taken by the hunters of blood. The one horn symbolises the great Gospel doctrine that Christ is one with God. (*Guillaume, Clerc de Normandie Trouvère.*)

* The unicorn has the legs of a buck, the tail of a lion, the head and body of a horse, and a single horn in the middle of its forehead. The horn is white at the base, black in the middle, and red at the tip. The body of the unicorn is white, the head red, and eyes blue. The oldest author that describes it is Ctesias (B.C. 400); Aristotle calls it the Wild Ass; Pliny, the Indian Ass; Lobo also describes it in his *History of Abyssinia*.

Unicorn. James I. substituted a unicorn, one of the supporters of the royal arms of Scotland, for the red dragon of

Wales, introduced by Henry VII. Aristo refers to the arms of Scotland thus:

"Yon lion placed two unicorns between
That rampant with a silver sword is seen.
Is for the king of Scotland's banner known."
Boile, iii.

Unicorn. According to a belief once popular, the unicorn by dipping its horn into a liquid could detect whether or not it contained poison. In the designs for gold and silver plate made for the Emperor Rudolph II. by Ottavio Strada is a cup on which a unicorn stands as if to essay the liquid.

Driving unicorn. Two wheelers and one leader. The leader is the *one horn*. (Latin, *unum cornu*, one horn.)

Unicorns. So whale-fishers call narwhals, from the long twisted tusks, often eight feet long.

Unigen'itus (Latin, *The Only-Begotten*). A Papal bull, so called from its opening sentence, "*Unigen'itus Dei Filius.*" It was issued in condemnation of Quesnel's *Réflexions Morales*, which favoured Jansenism; the bull was issued in 1713 by Clement XI., and was a *dammatio in globo*—i.e. a condemnation of the whole book without exception. Cardinal de Noailles, Archbishop of Paris, took the side of Quesnel, and those who supported the archbishop against the pope were termed "Appellants." In 1730 the bull was condemned by the civil authorities of Paris, and the controversy died out.

Union Jack. The national banner of Great Britain and Ireland. It consists of three united crosses—that of St. George for England, the saltire of St. Andrew for Scotland, and the cross of St. Patrick for Ireland.

In the Union Jack the white edging of St. George's cross shows the white field. In the saltire the cross is reversed on each side, showing that the other half of the cross is covered over. The broad white band is the St. Andrew's cross; the narrow white edge is the white field of St. Patrick's cross.

In regard to the word "Jack," some say it is *Jacque* (James), the name of the king who united the flags, but this is not correct. *Jacque* is a surcoat emblazoned with St. George's cross. James I. added St. Andrew's cross, and St. Patrick's cross was added in 1801. (*Jacque*, our "jacket.")

Technically described thus:

"The Union Flag shall be azure, the Crosses saltire of St. Andrew and St. Patrick quarterly per saltire, counterchanged, argent and gules, the

latter surmounted by the second, surmounted by the Cross of St. George of the third, surmounted by the saltire."—*By order of the Council.*

"Jaquet, de l'allemand *jacke*, espèce de petite casaque militaire qu'on portait au moyen âge sur les armées et sur la cuirasse."—*Dictionnaire Universel.*

Union Rose (The). The York and Lancaster, the petals of which are white and red; the white representing the white rose of the House of York, and the red representing the red rose of the House of Lancaster.

Unionists. A Whig and Radical party opposed to Home Rule in Ireland. It began in 1886, and in 1895 joined the Conservative government.

Unitarians, in England, ascribe their foundation to John Biddle (1615-1662). Milton (?), Locke, Newton, Lardner, and many other men of historic note were Unitarians.

United Kingdom. The name adopted on January 1st, 1801, when Great Britain and Ireland were united.

United States. The thirty-six states of North America composing the Federal Republic. Each state is represented in the Federal Congress by two senators, and a number of representatives proportionate to the number of inhabitants. The nickname of a United States man is "a Brother Jonathan," and of the people in the aggregate "Brother Jonathan" (*q.v.*). Declared their independence July 4th, 1776.

Unities. (*See* ARISTOTELIAN.)

Universal Doctor. Alain de Lille (1114-1203).

Universe (3 syl.). According to the Peripatetics, the universe consists of eleven spheres enclosed within each other like Chinese balls. The eleventh sphere is called the empyrean or heaven of the blessed. (*See* HEAVEN.)

University. First applied to collegiate societies of learning in the twelfth century, because the *universitas litterarum* (entire range of literature) was taught in them—i.e. arts, theology, law, and physic, still called the "learned" sciences. Greek, Latin, grammar, rhetoric, and poetry are called *humanity studies*, or *humaniorēs literæ*, meaning "lay" studies in contradistinction to divinity, which is the study of *divine* things. (*See* CAD.)

Unknown. *The Great Unknown.* Sir Walter Scott. So called because the *Waverley Novels* were at first published

anonymously. It was James Ballantyne who first applied the term to the unknown novelist.

Unlicked or Unlicked Cub. A loutish, unmannerly youth. According to tradition, the bear cub is misshapen and imperfect till its dam has licked it into form.

Unlucky Gifts. (*See* FATAL GIFTS.)

Unmanned (2 syl.). A man reduced to tears. It is a term in falconry applied to a hawk not yet subservient to man; metaphorically, having lost the spirit, etc., of a man.

Unmarried Men of Note. (*See* WIVES.)

Unmentionables. Breeches.

"Corinthians and equisites from Bond Street, sporting an eye-glass, . . . waiting-men in buff coats and plush unmentionables of yellow, green, blue, red, and all the primary colours."—*Rev. N. S. Whiston; Journal* (1830).

Unready (The). Ethelred II.—i.e. lacking *rede* (counsel). (*, 978-1016.)

Unrighteous [*Adokimos*]. St. Christopher's name before baptism. It was changed to Christ-bearer because he carried over a stream a little child, who (according to tradition) proved to be Jesus Christ.

Unwashed (2 syl.). It was Burke who first called the mob "the great unwashed," but the term "unwashed" had been applied to them before, for Gay uses it.

"The king of late drew forth his sword
(Thank God, 'twas not in wrath),
And made, of many a squire and lord,
An unwashed knight of bath."

A Ballad on Quin's fall.

Up. *The House is up.* The business of the day is ended, and the members may rise up from their seats and go home.

A.B. is up. A.B. is on his legs, in for a speech.

"Up, Guards, and at them!" Cressy, in his *Fifteen Decisive Battles*, states that the Duke of Wellington gave this order in the final charge at the battle of Waterloo. It has been utterly denied by recent writers, but it is the fashion to deny or discredit all cherished traditions. I, for one, wish the tradition were true, because, like Nelson's mot at Trafalgar, it gives a memorable interest to the charge; but alas! we are informed that it was not the Guards, but the 52nd light infantry which broke the column of the French Imperial Guard in the final charge, and "honour to whom honour is due."

Up a Tree. Shelved; nowhere; done for. A 'possum up a gum-tree. (See *under TREE*.)

Up the Spout. In pawn. (See *SPOUT*.)

Up to Snuff. (See *SNUFF*.)

Up to the Hub. Hub is an archaic word for the nave of a wheel, the hilt of a weapon, or the mark aimed at in quoits. If a cart sinks in the mud up to the hub, it can sink no lower; if a man is thrust through with a sword up to the hub, the entire sword has passed through him; and if a quoit strikes the hub, it is not possible to do better. Hence the phrase means fully, entirely, as far as possible. It is not American, but archaic English. (See *HUB*.)

"I shouldn't commune with nobody that didn't believe in election up to the hub."—*Mrs. Stowe: Diet*, vol. I, p. 311.

Up to the Mark. In good condition of health; well skilled in proposed work. "Not up to the mark" means a cup too low, or not sufficiently skilled.

Up-turning of his Glass. He felt that the hour for the up-turning of his glass was at hand. He knew that the sand of life was nearly run out, and that death was about to turn his hour-glass upside down.

Upas-tree or Poison-tree of Macassar. Applied to anything baneful or of evil influence. The tradition is that a putrid stream rises from the tree which grows in the island of Java, and that whatever the vapour touches dies. This fable is chiefly due to Foersch, a Dutch physician, who published his narrative in 1783. "Not a tree," he says, "nor blade of grass is to be found in the valley or surrounding mountains. Not a beast or bird, reptile or living thing, lives in the vicinity." He adds that on "one occasion 1,600 refugees encamped within fourteen miles of it, and all but 300 died within two months." This fable Darwin has perpetuated in his *Loves of the Plants*. Bennett has shown that the Dutchman's account is a mere traveller's tale, for the tree while growing is quite innocuous, though the juice may be used for poison; the whole neighbourhood is most richly covered with vegetation; men can fearlessly walk under the tree, and birds roost on its branches. A upas tree grows in Kew Gardens, and flourishes amidst other hot-house plants.

"On the blasted heath
Fell Upas sita, the hydras-tree of death."

—*Darwin: Loves of the Plants*, III. 233.

Upper Crust. The lions or crack men of the day. The phrase was first used in *Sam Slick*. The upper crust was at one time the part of the loaf placed before the most honoured guests. Thus, in Wynkyn de Worde's *Boke of Kernynges* (carving) we have these directions: "Then take a lofe in your lyfte hande, and pare ye lofe rounde about; then cut the ouer-cruste to your souerayne . . ." Furnwall, in *Manners and Meales*, etc., says the same thing—"Kutt the vpper cruste for your souerayne."

"I want you to see Peel, Stanley, Graham, Shiel, Russell, Macaulay, old Joe, and so on. They are all upper crust here."

Upper Storey. The head. "Ill-furnished in the upper storey;" a head without brains.

Upper Ten Thousand or The Upper Ten. The aristocracy. The term was first used by N. P. Willis, in speaking of the fashionables of New York, who at that time were not more than ten thousand in number.

Up-roar is not compounded of *up* and *roar*, but is the German *auf-ruhren* (to stir up).

Upsee-Dutch. A heavy Dutch beer; *Upsee Fresse* a Friesland strong ale; *Upsee English*, a strong English ale. *Upsee Dutch* also means tipsy, stupid with drink.

"I do not like the dulness of your eye.
It hath a heavy cast; 'tis upsee-Dutch,
And says you are a lumpsish whoremaster."
Ben Jonson: *The Alchemist*, IV. 4.

"Yet whoop, Barnaby! off with thy liquor,
Drink upsee out, and a fig for the vicar."
Sir Walter Scott: *Lady of the Lake*, VI. 5.

"Teach me how to take the German upsee fresse,
the Danish rouser, the Switzer's stoop of Rheinish."
—*Dekker: Gull's Hornbook* (1609).

Upset Price. The price at which goods sold by auction are first offered for competition. If no advance is made they fall to the person who made the upset price. Our "reserved bid" is virtually the same thing.

Urbi et Orbi [*To Rome and the rest of the world*]. A form used in the publication of Papal bulls.

Urd [*The Past*]. Guardian of the sacred fount called Urda, where the gods sit in judgment. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Urda or Urdan Fount (*The*). The sacred fount of light and heat, situated over the Rainbow Bridge, Bifrost. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Urda, Verdandi, and Skulda. The three Nornir (*Past, Present, and Future*)

who dwell in a beautiful hall below the ash-tree Yggdrasil'. Their employment is to engrave on a shield the destiny of man. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

* Urd (*Past*) takes the threads from Verdandi (*Present*), and Verdandi takes them from Skuld (*Future*).

¶ "What is that which was *to-morrow* and will be *yesterday*?" Verdandi stands between Skuld (*to-morrow*) and Urd (*yesterday*).

Urgan. A mortal born and christened, but stolen by the king of the fairies and brought up in elf-land. He was sent to Lord Richard, the husband of Alice Brand, to lay on him the "curse of the sleepless eye" for killing his wife's brother Ethert. When Lord Richard saw the hideous dwarf he crossed himself, but the elf said, "I fear not sign made with a bloody hand." Then forward stopped Alice and made the sign, and the dwarf said if any woman would sign his brow thrice with a cross he should recover his mortal form. Alice signed him thrice, and the elf became "the fairest knight in all Scotland, in whom she recognised her brother Ethert." (*Sir Walter Scott: Alice Brand; Lady of the Lake*, iv. 12.)

Urganda la Desconect'da. An enchantress or sort of Medea in the romances belonging to the Amadis and Palmerin-series, in the Spanish school of romance.

Urgel. One of Charlemagne's paladins, famous for his "giant strength."

Uriah. *Letter of Uriah*. (2 Sam. xi. 15.) (See **LETTER** . . .)

Uriel. "Regent of the Sun," and "sharpest-sighted spirit of all in heaven." (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, iii. 690.)

Longfellow, in the *Golden Legend*, makes Raphael the angel of the Sun, and Uriel the minister of Mars. (See **RAFAEL**.)

"I am the minister of Mars,
The strongest star among the stars,
My songs of power prelude
The march and battle of man's life,
And for the suffering and the strife
I give him fortitude."

The Miracle Play, iii.

Urim, in Garth's *Dispensary*, is Dr. Atterbury.

"Urim was civil, and not void of sense,
Had humour and courteous confidence . . .
Consenting at feasts, and each decorum knew,
And soon as the desert appeared, withdrew."
(Canto i.)

Urim and Thummim consisted of three stones, which were deposited in the double lining of the high priest's

breastplate. One stone represented *Yes*, one *No*, and one *No answer is to be given*. When any question was brought to the high priest to be decided by "Urim," the priest put his hand into the "pouch" and drew out one of the stones, and according to the stone drawn out the question was decided. (Lev. viii. 8; 1 Sam. xxviii. 6.)

Ursa Major. Calisto, daughter of Lycaon, was violated by Jupiter, and Juno changed her into a bear. Jupiter placed her among the stars that she might be more under his protection. Homer calls it *Arktos* the bear, and *Hamara* the waggon. The Romans called it *Ursa* the bear, and *Septentriones* the seven ploughing oxen; whence "*Septentrionalis*" came to signify the north. The common names in Europe for the seven bright stars are "the plough," "the waggon," "Charles's wain," "the Great Bear," etc.

Boswell's father used to call Dr. Johnson *Ursa Major*. (See **BEAR**.)

Ursa Minor. Also called *Cynosura*, or "Dog's tail," from its circular sweep. The pole star is a in the tail. (See **CYNOSURE**.)

St. Ursula and the eleven thousand virgin martyrs. Ursula was a British princess, and, as the legend says, was going to France with her virgin train, but was driven by adverse winds to Cologne, where she and her 11,000 companions were martyred by the Huns. This extravagant legend is said to have originated in the discovery of an inscription to *Ursula et Undecimilla Virgines*, "the virgins Ursula and Undecimilla;" but by translating the latter name, the inscription reads "Ursula and her 11,000 virgins." Visitors to Cologne are shown piles of skulls and human bones heaped in the wall, faced with glass, which the verger asserts are the relics of the 11,000 martyred virgins. (See **VIRGINS**.)

Used Up. *Worn out, tired out, utterly fatigued, or exhausted.* Used up alludes to articles used up. Worn out alludes to dresses and articles worn out by use. Exhausted alludes to wells, water, etc., dried up. Tired out means tired utterly.

"Being out night after night, she got kinder used up."—Sam. Slick: *Human Nature*, p. 122.

Usher means a porter. (Old French, *huisher*, a door; whence *huissier*, an usher; Latin, *ostiarium*.) One who stands at the door to usher visitors into the presence. (Scotch, *Wishart*.)

Us'quebau'gh (3 syl.). Whisky (Irish, *uisge-beatha*, water of life). Similar to the Latin *agua vita*, and the French *can de vie*.

Ut. Saxon *out*, as *Utoxeter*, in Staffordshire; *Utrecht*, in Holland; "outer camp town"; the "out passage," so called by Clotaire because it was the grand passage over or out of the Rhine before that river changed its bed. *Utmost* is out or outer-most. (See *UTGARD*.)

"Strain at [ut, "out"] a gnat, and swallow a camel."—Matt. xxiii. 24.

Ut Quest Laxis, etc. This hymn was composed in 770. Dr. Busby, in his *Musical Dictionary*, says it is ascribed to John the Baptist, but has omitted to inform us by whom. (See *Do*.)

U'ta. Queen of Burgundy, mother of Kriemhild and Gunther. (*The Nibelungen-Lied*.)

U'ter. Pendragon (chief) of the Britons; by an adulterous amour with Igrerna (wife of Gorlois, Duke of Cornwall) he became the father of Arthur, who succeeded him as king of the Silures.

U'terine (3 syl.). *A uterine brother or sister*. One born of the same mother but not of the same father. (Latin, *uterus*, the womb.)

Ut'gard (Old Norse, *outer ward*). The circle of rocks that hemmed in the ocean which was supposed to encompass the world. The giants dwelt among the rocks. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Utgard-Lok. The demon of the infernal regions. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

U'ti Posside'tis (Latin, as you at present possess them). The belligerents are to retain possession of all the places taken by them before the treaty commenced.

Uticoen'sis. Cato the Younger was so called from U'tica, the place of his death.

Utilita'riana. A word first used by John Stuart Mill; but Jeremy Bentham employed the word "Utility" to signify the doctrine which makes "the happiness of man" the one and only measure of right and wrong.

"Oh, happiness, our being's end and aim,
For which we hear to live, or dare to die."
Pope: *Essay on Man*, Epistle iv.

U'topia properly means *nowhere* (Greek, *ou topos*). It is the imaginary island of Sir Thomas More, where everything is perfect—the laws, the morals,

the politics, etc. In this romance the evils of existing laws, etc., are shown by contrast. (1516.) (See *WISSNIGER TWO*.)

U'topia, the kingdom of Grangousier. When Pantagruel sailed thither from France and had got into the main ocean, he doubled the Cape of Good Hope and made for the shores of Melinda. "Parting from Me'damoth, he sailed with a northerly wind, passed Me'dam, Gelasem, and the Fairy Isles; and keeping Uti to the left and Uden to the right, ran into the port of Utopia, distant about three and a half leagues from the city of the Amaurots." (*Me'damoth*, from no place; *Me'dam*, nowhere; *Gelasem*, hidden land; *Uti*, nothing at all; *Uden*, nothing; *Utopia*, no place, distant three and a half leagues from *Amaurots*, the vanishing point — all Greek.) (See *QUEUBUS*.)

U'topian. An impracticable scheme for the improvement of society. Any scheme of profit or pleasure which is not practicable. (See *UTOPIA*.)

U'traquists [*Both-kinders*]. The followers of Huss were so called, because they insisted that both the elements should be administered to all communicants in the Eucharist. (Latin, *utraque specie*, in both kinds.)

Utter and Inner Barristers. An utter or outer barrister means (in some cases at least) a full-fledged barrister, one licensed to practise. An inner barrister means a student. (See *Nineteenth Century*, No. 1892, p. 775, note.)

U'zziel. The angel next in command to Gabriel. The word means "Strength of God." Uzziel is commanded by Gabriel to "coast the south with strictest watch." (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, iv. 782.)

V

V represents a hook, and is called in Hebrew *rav* (a hook).

V. D. M. on monuments is *Vir Dei Minister*, or *Verbi Dei Minister*.

V. D. M. I. Æ. (*Verbum Dei manet in eternum*). The word of God endureth for ever. The inscription on the liver of the servants of the Duke of Saxony and Landgrave of Hesse, the Lutheran princes, at the Diet of Spire in 1526.

V. V. V., the letters found on the coin of the 20th Roman legion, stand for "Valeria, Vicesima, Victrix."

Vacuum now means a space from which air has been expelled. Descartes says, "If a vacuum could be effected in a vessel, the sides would be pressed into contact." Galileo said, "Nature abhors a vacuum," to account for the rise of water in pumps. (*See* POINT.)

Vacuum Boyleanum. Such a vacuum as can be produced by Boyle's improved air-pump, the nearest approach to a vacuum practicable with human instruments.

The *Guerickian* vacuum is that produced by ordinary air-pumps, so called from Otto von Guercke, who devised the air-pump. The *Torrillian* vacuum is the vacuum produced by a mercury-pump.

Va'de Mecum [*a go-with-me*]. A pocket-book, memorandum-book, pocket cyclopædia, lady's pocket companion, or anything else which contains many things of daily use in a small compass.

Vae Victis! Woe to the vanquished.

Vail (*To*). To lower; to cast down. Brutus complained that he had not lately seen in Cassius that courtesy and show of love which he used to notice; to which Cassius replies, "If I have vailed [lowered] my looks, I turn the trouble of my countenance merely on myself. Vexed I am of late . . . [and this may] give some soil to my behaviour."

"His hat, which never vailed to human pride,
Walker with reverence took and laid aside."
Daniel, iv.

Vails. Blackmail in the shape of fees to servants. (From the Latin verb *valeo*, to be worth, to be of value; French, *valoir*.) The older form was *arails*.

"Vails to servants being much in fashion."
Russell: Representative Actors.

Vain as a Peacock. (*See* SIMILIS.)

Valdarno. The valley of the Arno, in Tuscany.

"—the Tuscan artist [Galileo] views
At evening from the top of Fiesole,
Or in Valdarno."

Milton: Paradise Lost, bk. l. 265-270.

Vale of Avooca in Wicklow, Ireland.

"Sweet Vale of Avooca, how calm could I rest
In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love
best."

T. Moore: Irish Melodies, No. 1 (*The Meeting of the Waters*.)

Vale of Tears. This world. (*See* BACA.)

Vale the Bonnet (*To*). To cap to a superior; hence to strike sail, to lower (French, *avaler*, to take off.)

"My wealthy Andrew docked in sand,
Vailing her high-top lower than her ribs."
Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice, l. 1.

Valens or **Vala'nus.** Mercury was the son of Valens and Phoro'nus. This Mercury is called, Tropho'nus in the regions under the earth. (*Cicero: De Nat. Deorum*, iii. 22.)

"Cicero'nus [Mercury] riding in his birackee
Pro Venus Valanus might this palace see."
Chaucer: Compl. of Mars and Venus.

Valentia. The southern parts of Scotland was so called from the Emperor Valens.

Valentine. A corruption of *galan-tin* (a lover, a dangler), a gallant. St. Valentine was selected for the sweet-hearts' saint because of his name. Similar changes are seen in gallant and valiant.

Valentine. One of the Two Gentlemen of Verona; his serving-man is Speed. The other gentleman is Proteus, whose serving-man is Launce. (*Shakespeare: Two Gentlemen of Verona*.)

Valentine, in Congreve's *Lore for Lore*. Betterton's great character.

Valentine (*The Brave*). Brother of Orson and the son of Bellisant, sister of King Pepin and wife of Alexander, Emperor of Constantinople. The twin brothers were born in a wood, near Orleans, and while their mother went in search of Orson, who had been carried off by a bear, Pepin happened to see Valentine and took him under his charge. He married Clerimond, niece of the Green Knight. (*Valentine and Orson*.)

Valentin'ians. An ancient sect of Gnostics. So called from Valentinus, their leader.

Valer'ian or **Valir'ian.** Husband of St. Cecilia. Cecilia told him she was beloved by an angel who frequently visited her, and Valerian requested he might be allowed to see this constant visitant. Cecilia told him he should do so provided he went to Pope Urban and got baptised. On returning home, he saw the angel in his wife's chamber, who gave to Cecilia a crown of roses, and to himself a crown of lilies, both of which he brought from Paradise. The angel then asked Valerian what would please him best, and he answered that his brother might be brought "to saving faith" by God's grace. The angel approved of the petition, and said both should be holy martyrs. Valerian being brought before Almachius, the prefect, was commanded to worship the image of Jupiter, and, refusing to do so, was led forth to execution. (*Chaucer: Second Nonnes Tale*.) (*See* CECILIA.)

Vale'rian (the herb). An irresistible attraction to cats. (The word is from the Latin *valere*, to be well, and hence to make well and keep well.) It is an excitant, antispasmodic, tonic, and emmenagogue. The "Father of Botany" says:

"Valerian hath been had in such veneration, that no brothes, potages, or physical meates are worth anything, if this be not at one end."

Valhalla, in Scandinavian mythology, is the great hall or refectory of Gladshelm, the palace of the Æsir or Asgard. The *Times*, speaking of Westminster Abbey, says "The Abbey is our Valhalla."

"We both must pass from earth away,
Valhalla joys to see;
And if I wander there to-day,
To-morrow may fetch thee."
Et thurf-Saga, lay xi.

Vallant (*The*). Jean IV. of Brittany. (1389-1442.)

Valis'e (2 syl.). A small leather portmanteau. (French, *valise*.)

Valkyriur or **Valkyries**. The twelve nymphs of Valhalla. They were mounted on swift horses, and held drawn swords in their hands. In the *mélée* of battle they selected those destined to death, and conducted them to Valhalla, where they waited upon them, and served them with mead and ale in cups of horn called skulls. The chief were Mista, Sangrida, and Hilda. Valkyriur means "chooser of the slain."

"Mista black, terrible maid,
Sangrida and Hilda see."
Gray: Fatal Sisters.

Valla (*Laurentius*). One of the first scholars of the Renaissance, noted for his Latin sermons, and his admirable Latin translations of Herodotus and Thucydides.

Val'ary Crown. A crown bestowed by the ancient Romans on the soldier who first surmounted the vallum of an enemy's camp.

Valley of Humiliation. The place where Christian encountered Apollyon, just before he came to the "Valley of the Shadow of Death." (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, pt. i.)

Valley of the Shadow of Death, through which Christian had to pass in order to get to the Celestial City. The prophet Jeremiah describes it as a "wilderness, a land of deserts and of pits, a land of drought and of the shadow of death" (ii. 6); and the Psalmist says, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me" (xxiii. 4).

"The light there is darkness, and the way full of traps and gins to catch the unwary." *Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, pt. i.

Vallombrosa. Milton says, "Thick as autumnal leaves that strew the brooks in Vallombrosa" (*Paradise Lost*, i. 302); but as the trees of Vallombrosa are chiefly pines, they do not strew the brooks with autumnal leaves. The beech and chestnut trees are by no means numerous.

Valorem. *Ad valorem*. A sliding scale of duty on excisable articles, regulated according to their market value.

Thus, tea at 4s. per pound would pay more duty than tea at 2s. per pound.

Vamp. *To vamp up an old story*. To vamp is to put new uppers to old boots. Vampes were short-hose covering the feet and ankles. (Perhaps the French *avant-pied*, the fore-part of the foot.)

Vampire. An extortioner. According to Dom Calmet, the vampire is a dead man who returns in body and soul from the other world, and wanders about the earth doing mischief to the living. He sucks the blood of persons asleep, and these persons become vampires in turn.

The *vampire* lies as a corpse during the day, but by night, especially at full moon, wanders about. Sir W. Scott, in his *Rokeby* (part iii. chap. ii. s. 3) alludes to the superstition, and Lord Byron in his *Ginour* says,

"But first on earth, as vampire sent,
Thy corpse shall from the tomb be rent,
Then ghastly haunt thy native place,
And suck the blood of all thy race."

Van of an army is the French *avant*; but van, a winnowing machine, is the Latin *vannus*, our fan.

The Spirit of the Van. A sort of fairy which haunts the Van Pools in the mountains of Carmarthen on New Year's Eve. She is dressed in white, girdled with a golden girdle; her golden hair is very long, and she sits in a golden boat, which she urges along with a golden oar. A young farmer fell in love with her and married her, but she told him if he struck her thrice she would quit him for ever. After a time they were invited to a christening, and in the midst of the ceremony she burst into tears. Her husband struck her, and asked why she made such a fool of herself. "I weep," she said, "to see the poor babe brought into a vale of misery and tears." They were next invited to the funeral of the same child, and she

could not resist laughing. Her husband struck her again, and asked the same question. "I laugh," she said, "to think how joyous a thing it is that the child has left a world of sin for a world of joy and innocence." They were next invited to a wedding, where the bride was young and the man advanced in years. Again she wept, and said aloud, "It is the devil's compact. The bride has sold herself for gold." Her husband bade her hold her peace, struck her, and she vanished for ever from his sight. (*Welsh mythology.*)

Van (pl. **Vanir**), in Scandinavian mythology. Gods of the ocean, air, fountains, and streams.

Vandal. One who destroys beautiful objects to make way for what he terms "improvements," or to indulge his own caprice. When Gen'seric with his Vandals captured Rome in A.D. 455, he mutilated the public monuments regardless of their worth or beauty.

"The word 'vandalism' was invented by the Abbé Grogan, a proponent of the destruction of works of art by revolutionary fanatics."—*Nineteenth Century* (Aug., 1863, p. 272).

Vandyck. *The Vandyck of sculpture*. Antoine Coysevox (1640-1720).

The English Vandyck. William Dobson, painter (1610-1647).

Vandyke (2 syl.). To scollop an edge after the fashion of the collars painted by Vandyck in the reign of Charles I. The scolloped edges are said to be vandyked.

Vanessa is Miss Esther Vanhomrigh, and Cadenus is Dean Swift. While he was still married to Stella [Miss Hester Johnson, whose tutor he had been] Miss Vanhomrigh fell in love with him, and requested him to marry her, but the dean refused. The proposal became known to his wife (?), and both the ladies died soon afterwards. Hester Johnson was called Stella by a pun upon the Greek *aster*, which resembles Hester in sound, and means a "star." Miss Vanhomrigh was called Van-essa by compounding *Van*, the first syllable of her name, with *Essa*, the pet form of Esther. Cadenus is simply *cademus* (dean) slightly transposed.

Vanity Fair. A fair established by Beelzebub, Apollyon, and Legion, for the sale of all sorts of vanities. It was held in the town of Vanity, and lasted all the year round. Here were sold houses, lands, trades, places, honours, preferments, titles, countries, kingdoms,

lusts, pleasures, and delights of all sorts. (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress*, pt. i.)

Vanoc. Son of Merlin, one of Arthur's Round-Table Knights.

"Young Vanoc of the beardless face
(Fame spoke the youth of Merlin's race),
O'erpowdred at Gwyneth's footstool, bled,
His heart's blood dyed her sandals red!"
Sir Walter Scott: Bridal of Triermain, ll. 25.

Vantage Loaf. The thirteenth loaf of a baker's dozen.

Varina. Swift, in his early life, professed to have an attachment to Miss Jane Waryng, and Latinised her name into Varina. (See VANESSA.)

Varnish, from the French *vernis*; Italian, *vernice*. Sir G. C. Lewis says the word is a corruption of Berenice, famous for her amber hair, which was dedicated in the temple of Arsin'oe, and became a constellation. (See BERENICE.)

Varro, called "the most learned of the Romans." (B.C. 116-28.)

Varuna. The Hindu Neptune. He is represented as an old man riding on a sea-monster, with a club in one hand and a rope in the other. In the Vedic hymns he is the night-sky, and *Mitra* the day-sky. Varuna is said to set free the "waters of the clouds."

Vassal. A youth. In feudal times it meant a feudatory, or one who held lands under a "lord." In law it means a bondservant or political slave, as "England shall never be the vassal of a foreign prince." Christian says, in his *Notes on Blackstone*, that the corruption of the meaning of vassal into slave "is an incontrovertible proof of the horror of feudalism in England." (Welsh, *gwas*, a boy or servant; *gwasan*, a page; like the French *garçon*, and Latin *puer*; Italian, *vassallo*, a servant.)

Vathek. The hero of Beckford's fairy romance. He is a haughty, effeminate monarch, induced by a malignant genius to commit all sorts of crimes. He abjures his faith, and offers allegiance to Eblis, under the hope of obtaining the throne of the pre-Adamite sultans.

Vatican. The palace of the Pope; so called because it stands on the Vatican Hill. Strictly speaking, the Vatican consists of the Papal palace, the court and garden of Belvedere, the library, and the museum.

"The sun of the Vatican sheds glory over the Catholic world."—*The Times*.

The thunders of the Vatican. The anathemas of the Pope, which are issued from the Vatican.

The Council of the Vatican. The twenty-first General or Œcumenical Council. It commenced in 1869, Pius IX. being Pope. (See COUNCILS.)

Vaudeville (2 syl.). A corruption of *l'al de Vire*, or in Old French, *l'au de Vire*, the native valley of Oliver Basselin, a Norman poet, the founder of a certain class of convivial songs, which he called after the name of his own valley. These songs are the basis of modern vaudeville.

Father of the Vaudeville. Oliver Basselin, a Norman poet. (Fifteenth century.)

Vaugirard. *The deputies of Vaugirard.* Only one individual. This applies to all the false companies in which the promoter represents the directors, chairman, committee, and entire staff. The expression is founded on an incident in the reign of Charles VIII. of France: The usher announced to the king "The deputies of Vaugirard." "How many are there?" asked the king. "Only one, and please your majesty," was the answer. (See TAILORS.)

Vauxhall or *Faulhall* (2 syl.). Called after Jane Vaux, who held the copyhold tenement in 1615, and was the widow of John Vaux, the vintner. Chambers says it was the manor of Fulke de Breauté, the mercenary follower of King John, and that the word should be Fulke's Hall. Pepys calls it Fox Hall, and says the entertainments there are "mighty divertising." (*Book of Days*.)

Thackeray, in *Vanity Fair* (chap. vi.), sketches the loose character of these "divertising" amusements.

Ve. Brother of Odin and Vili. He was one of the three deities who took part in the creation of the world. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Veal, Calf. The former is Norman, and the latter Saxon. (See BEEF, PORK.)

"My noble Calf becomes Monsieur de Veau in the like manner. He is Saxon when he requires tendance, but takes a Norman name when he becomes master of enjoyment."—*Sir Walter Scott: Ivanhoe*.

Ve'das or *Ve'dams*. The generic name of the four sacred books of the Hindus. It comprises (1) the *Rig* or *Rish Veda*; (2) *Iyajar* or *Iajush Veda*; (3) the *Sama* or *Saman Veda*; and (4) the *Atharva'na* or *Bzaur Veda*. (Sanskrit, *vid*, know; Chaldee, *yd-a*; Hebrew, *id-o*; Greek, *eid-o*; Latin, *video*, etc.)

Vehm'gerichte or *Holy Vehm's Tribunal*. A secret tribunal of Westphalia, said to have been founded by Charlemagne. (See FEHM-GERICHT.)

Veil. At one time men wore veils, as St. Ambrose testifies. He speaks of the "silken garments and the veils interwoven with gold, with which the bodies of rich men are encompassed." (St. Ambrose lived 340-397.)

Veiled Prophet of Khorassan. The first poetical tale in Thomas Moore's *Lalla Rookh*.

The Veiled Prophet of Khorassan was Hakim ben Allah, surnamed the Veiled (*Mokanna*), founder of an Arabic sect in the eighth century. Having lost an eye, and being otherwise disfigured in battle, he wore a veil to conceal his face, but his followers said it was done to screen his dazzling brightness. He assumed to be a god, and maintained that he had been Adam, Noah, and other representative men. When encompassed by Sultan Mahadi, he first poisoned all his followers at a banquet, and then threw himself into a burning acid, which wholly destroyed his body.

Vendémiaire (4 syl.), in the French Republican calendar, was from September 22 to October 21. The word means "Vintage."

Vendetta. The blood-feud, or duty of the nearest kin of a murdered man to kill the murderer. It prevails in Corsica, and exists in Sicily, Sardinia, and Calabria. It is preserved among the Druses, Circassians, Arabs, etc. (Latin, *vindicta*.)

Vendredi (French), Friday. (Latin, *Vendris dies*. Hero *Vener* is metamorphosed into *Vendre*. The Italian is *Venerdì*.)

Venerable. *The Venerable*. Bede, the ecclesiastical historian. (672-735.)

The Venerable Doctor. William de Champeaux, founder of realism. (Twelfth century.)

Peter, Abbot of Clugny. (1093-1156.)

Vengeur (*Le*). A man-of-war commanded by Cambrone. The tale is this: June 1, 1794, Lord Howe encountered the French fleet off Ushant. Six ships were taken by the English admiral, and the victory was decisive: but *Le Vengeur*, although reduced to a mere hulk, refused to surrender, and, discharging a last broadside, sank in the waves, while the crew shouted "*Vive la République!*" The Convention ordered a medal to be struck with this legend—*Le Triomphe*

but is not a *vera causa*. The revolution of the earth round the sun may be assigned as the cause of the four seasons, and is a *vera causa*.

Verbatim et Literatim. Accurately rendered, word for word and letter for letter.

Verbum Sap. [*A word to the wise.*] A hint is sufficient to any wise man; a threat implying if the hint is not taken I will expose you. (Latin, *Verbum sapienti.*)

Verbum Sat. [*A word is enough.*] Similar to the above. (Latin, *Verbum sat* [*satis*]). A word to the wise is enough.)

Ver'e Adep'tus. One admitted to the fraternity of the Rosicrucians.

"In Rosicrucian lore as learned
As he the Veru-adeptus earned."
Butler: *Hudibras*.

Verger. The officer in a church who carries the rod or mace. (Latin, *verga*, a wand.)

Vernon, mentioned by Thomson in his *Summer*, was Admiral Edward Vernon, who attacked Carthage'na in 1741: but the malaria reached the crew, and, as the poet says—

"To infant weakness sunk the warrior's arms"

Diana Vernon. An enthusiastic Royalist of great beauty and talent. (Sir Walter Scott: *Rob Roy*.)

Veronese (3 syl.). A native of Verona, pertaining to Verona, etc.; a Paul Veronese, Paul a native of Verona; a Veronese fashion, and so on.

Veronica. It is said that a maiden handed her handkerchief to our Lord on His way to Calvary. He wiped the sweat from His brow, returned the handkerchief to the owner, and went on. The handkerchief was found to bear a perfect likeness of the Saviour, and was called *Veru-Iconica* (true likeness), and the maiden was ever after called St. Veronica. One of these handkerchiefs is preserved at St. Peter's church in Rome, and another in Milan cathedral.

Versailles of Poland. The palace of the Counts of Braniaki, which now belongs to the municipality of Bialystok.

Versailles (The). The government troops, in the presidency of M. Thiers. The Communist troops were called the Federals, short for the "Federated National Guards."

Versè Bernes'chi. Jocose poetry.

So called from Francesco Berni, the Italian poet. (1490-1536.)

Vert [*green*], in heraldry, signifies love, joy, and abundance. It is represented on the shields of noblemen by the emerald, and on those of kings by the planet Venus.

† In heraldry vert is symbolically expressed by diagonal lines running from right to left of the shield. Lines running the reverse way—i.e. from left to right—mean purple.

N.B. English heralds vary escutcheons by only seven colours, but foreign heralds employ nine colours. (See **HERALDS**.)

Vertum'nus. The god of the seasons, who married Pomona. August 12th was his festival. (*Roman mythology*.)

Verulam Buildings (London). So named in compliment to Lord Bacon, who was Baron Verulam and Viscount St. Albans.

Vervain. Called "holy herb," from its use in ancient sacred rites. Also called "pigeons' grass," "Juno's tears," and "simpler's joy." Supposed to cure scrofula, the bite of rabid animals, to arrest the diffusion of poison, to avert antipathies, to conciliate friendships, and to be a pledge of mutual good faith; hence it was anciently worn by heralds and ambassadors. (See **ROOSEVELT**.)

Verbena is the botanical name.

"The term Verbena (quasi *herbena*) originally denoted all those herbs that were held sacred on account of their being employed in the rites of sacrifice."—*Mill: Logic*, book IV, chap. V, p. 485.

Vesica Piscis (Latin, *fish-bladder*). The ovoidal frame or glory which, in the twelfth century, was much used, especially in painted windows, to surround pictures of the Virgin Mary and of our Lord. It is meant to represent a fish, from the anagram **ICHTHUS**. (See **NOTARICA**.)

Vesper Hour is said to be *between the dog and the wolf*; "betwixt and between," neither day nor night; a bred between the dog and wolf; too much day to be night, and too much night to be day. Probably the phrase was suggested by the terms "dog watch" (which begins at four), and "dark as a wolf's mouth."

Sicilian Vespers. Easter Monday, March 30, 1282. So called because John of Pro'cida on that day led a band of conspirators against Charles d'Anjou and his French countrymen in Sicily. These

Frenchmen greatly oppressed the Sicilians, and the conspirators, at the sound of the vesper bell, put them all to the sword without regard to age or sex.

The Fatal Vespers. October 26th, 1623. A congregation of some 300 persons had assembled in a small gallery over the gateway of the French ambassador, in Blackfriars, to hear Father Drury, a Jesuit, preach. The gallery gave way, and about 100 of the congregation were precipitated into the street and killed. Drury and a priest named Redman were also killed. This accident was, according to the bigotry of the times, attributed to God's judgment against the Jesuits. (*Stow: Chronicles.*) (See St. Luke xiii. 4.)

Vesta, in Roman mythology, was the Home-goddess, called by the Greeks "Hestia." She was custodian of the sacred fire brought by Æneas from Troy. This fire was lighted afresh annually on March day, and to let it go out would have been regarded as a national calamity.

Vestal Virgin. A nun, a religious; properly a maiden dedicated to the service of the goddess Vesta. The duty of these virgins was to keep the fire of the temple always burning, both day and night. They were required to be of spotless chastity. (See **IMMUNITY**.)

Veto (*Monsieur and Madame*). Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette. So called by the Republicans, because the Constituent Assembly allowed the king to have the power of putting his veto upon any decree submitted to him. (1791.)

Monsieur Veto swore he'd hide
To the constitution true;
But he cast his oath aside,
Teaching us the like to do.
Madame Veto swore one day
All the Paris rout to slay;
But we snapped the tyrant's yoke,
Turning all her threats to smoke.

E. C. D.

Vetturino [*Vetlu-rec'no*], in Italy, is one who for hire conveys persons about in a *vet'tura* or four-wheeled carriage; the owner of a livery stable; a guide for travellers. The two latter are, of course, subsidiary meanings.

"We were accosted in the steamer by a well-dressed man, who represented himself to be a *vetturino*."—*The Times* (One of the Alpine Club).

Via Dolorosa. The way our Lord went to the Hall of Judgment, from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha, about a mile in length.

Vial. *Vials of wrath.* Vengeance, the execution of wrath on the wicked.

The allusion is to the seven angels who pour out upon the earth their vials full of wrath. (Rev. xvi.)

Viat'icum (Latin). The Eucharist administered to the dying. The word means "money allowed for a journey," and the notion is that this sacrament will be the spirit's passport to Paradise.

Vicar. *Rector*, one who receives both great and small tithes. *Vicar* receives only the small tithes. At the Reformation many livings which belonged to monasteries passed into the hands of noblemen, who, not being in holy orders, had to perform the sacred offices *vicariously*. The clergyman who officiated for them was called their *vicar* or representative, and the law enjoined that the lord should allow him to receive the use of the glebe and all tithes except those accruing from grain (such as corn, barley, oats, rye, etc.), hay, and wood.

The term *Vicar* is now applied to the minister of a district church, though he receives neither great nor small tithes; his stipend arising partly from endowment, partly from pew-rents, and in part from fees, voluntary contributions, offerings, and so on. The vicar of a pope is a *Vicar-apostolic*, and the vicar of a bishop is a *curate* or vicar in charge.

A *lay vicar* is a cathedral officer who sings certain portions of the service. The Pope is called the "Vicar of Christ."

Vicar of Bray (*The*). *Let who will be king, I will be vicar of Bray still.* Brome says of Simon Alleyne that he "lived in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. In the first two reigns he was Protestant, in Mary's reign he turned Papist, and in the next reign recanted—being resolved, whoever was king, to die *Vicar of Bray*." (1540-1588.) Others say it is Pendleton.

Ray refers to Simon Symonds, a vicar who was Independent in the Protectorate, Churchman in the reign of Charles II., Papist under James II., and Moderate Protestant under William and Mary.

The well-known song, "I will be Vicar of Bray," was written by an officer in Colonel Fuller's regiment. This vicar lived in the reigns of Charles II., James II., William III., Anne, and George I.

Vicar of Wakefield (*The*). Dr. Primrose.

Vice (1 syl.), in Old English moralities, was a buffoon who wore a cap with ass's ears.

Vice Versa (Latin). The reverse; the terms of the case being reversed.

Victor Emmanuel of Italy, called *King Honest-Man*, for his honest concessions to the people of constitutional freedom promised by his father and by himself in less prosperous circumstances.

Vierge (2 syl.). A curious conversion in playing-cards occurs in reference to this word. The invention is Indian, and the game is called "The Four Rajahs." The pieces are the king, his general or *ferche*, the elephant or *phil*, the horse-men, the camel or *ruch*, and the infantry. The French corrupted *ferche* (general) into "vierge," and then converted "virgin" into *dame*. Similarly they corrupted *phil* into "fol" or "fou" (knaave); *ruch* is our "rook." At one time playing-cards were called "the Books of the Four Kings," and chess "the Game of the Four Kings." It was for chess, and not cards, that Walter Sturton, in 1278, was paid 8s. 5d., according to the wardrobe rolls of Edward I., "*ad opus regis ad ludendum adquatur reges*." Malkin said it was no great proof of our wisdom that we delighted in cards, seeing they were "invented for a fool." Malkin referred to the vulgar tradition that cards were invented for the amusement of Charles VI., the idiot king of France; but it was no proof that Jacquemin Gringonneur invented cards because "he painted and gilded three packs for the king in 1392."

View-holloa. The shout of huntsmen when a fox breaks cover = "Gone away!" (See SOHO, TALLY-HO.)

Vignette (2 syl.) means properly a likeness having a border of vine-leaves round it. (French, "little vine, tendril.")

Viking. A pirate. So called from the *rik* or creek in which he lurked. The word is wholly unconnected with the word "king." There were *sea-kings*, sometimes, but erroneously, called "vikings," connected with royal blood, and having small dominions on the coast. These sea-kings were often vikings or vikings, but the reverse is not true that every viking or pirate was a sea-king. (Icelandic *vikings*, a pirate.)

Village Blacksmith (*The*), in Longfellow's poem, we are told in an American newspaper, was Henry Francis Moore, of Medford, Massachusetts, born 1830. But as the *Village Blacksmith* was published in 1842, this is impossible, as Moore was not then twelve years of

age, and could not have had a grown-up daughter who sang in the village choir.

Villain means simply one attached to a villa or farm. In feudal times the lord was the great landowner, and under him were a host of tenants called villains. The highest class of villains were called *regardant*, and were annexed to the manor; then came the *Colberts* or *Barons*, who were privileged vassals; then the *Bordarii* or cottagers (Saxon, *bord*, a cottage), who rendered certain menial offices to their lord for rent; then the *Cossets*, *Cottarii*, and *Cotmanni*, who paid partly in produce and partly in menial service; and, lastly, the villains in *gross*, who were annexed to the person of the lord, and might be sold or transferred as chattels. The notion of wickedness and worthlessness associated with the word is simply the effect of aristocratic pride and exclusiveness—not, as Christian says in his *Notes on Blackstone*, "a proof of the horror in which our forefathers held all service to feudal lords." The French *villain* seems to connect the word with *vile*, but it is probable that *vile* is the Latin *vilis vire* (of no value), and that the noun *villain* is independent of *villain*, except by way of pun. (See CHEATER.)

"I am no villain [base-born]; I am the youngest son of Sir Rowland de Boys, he was my father, and he is thence a villain [rascal] that says such a father begot villains [bastards]." — *Shakespeare: As You Like It*, i. 1.

Villiers. Second Duke of Buckingham. (1627-1688.)

Villover. (French.) To cheat. Villon was a poet in the reign of Louis XI., but more famous for his cheats and villainies than for his verses. Hence the word *villoner*, "to cheat, to play a rogue's trick." (*Rabelais: Pantagruel*, iv. 17; note by Molleux.)

Vincent (St.). Patron saint of drunkards. This is from the proverb —

"If on St. Vincent's Day [Jan. 22] the sky be clear,
More wine than water will crown the year."

Vincent de la Rosa. The son of a poor labourer who had served as a soldier. According to his own account, "he had slain more Moors than ever Tunis or Morocco produced; and as for duels, he had fought a greater number than ever Ganté had, or Luna either, or Diego Garcia de Paredes, always coming off victorious, and without losing a drop of blood." He dressed "superbly," and though he had but three suits, the villagers thought he had ten or a dozen, and more than twenty plumes of feathers. This gay young spark soon caught the

affections of Leandra, only child of an opulent farmer. The giddy girl eloped with him; but he robbed her of all her money and jewels, and left her in a cave to make the best of her way home again. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, pt. i. iv. 20.)

Vindicate (3 syl.), to justify, to avenge, has a remarkable etymology. Vindicus was a slave of the Vitelli, who informed the Senate of the conspiracy of the sons of Junius Brutus to restore Tarquin, for which service he was rewarded with liberty (*Livy*, ii. 5); hence the rod with which a slave was struck in manumission was called *vindicta*, a Vindicus rod (see *MANUMIT*); and to set free was in Latin *vindicare in libertatem*. One way of settling disputes was to give the litigants two rods, which they crossed as if in fight, and the person whom the prætor vindicated broke the rod of his opponent. These rods were called *vindictæ*, and hence vindicate, meaning to "justify." To avenge is simply to justify oneself by punishing the wrongdoer.

Vine (1 syl.). The Rabbins say that the fiend buried a lion, a lamb, and a hog at the foot of the first vine planted by Noah; and that hence men receive from wine ferocity, mildness, or wallowing in the mire. (*See MIDRASH.*)

Vinegar (*Hannibal's*). Livy tells us that when Hannibal led his army over the Alps to enter Rome he used vinegar to dissolve the snow, and make the march less slippery. Of course this tradition is fabulous. Where did the vinegar come from? Nepos has left a short memoir of Hannibal, but says nothing about the vinegar. (*Livy*, B.C. 59 to A.D. 17; Nepos about the same time; Hannibal, B.C. 247-183.)

Vinegar Bible. Printed at the Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1717. So called because it has the word vinegar instead of vineyard in the running head-line of Luke xxii:

Vineyard Controversy. A paper war provoked by the Hon. Daines Barrington, who entered the lists to overthrow all chroniclers and antiquaries from William of Malmesbury to Samuel Pegge, respecting the vineyards of Domesday Book. He maintained that the vines were currants, and the vineyards currant-gardens.

Vino. *In vino veritas*. In wine is truth, meaning when persons are more or less intoxicated they utter many

things they would at other times conceal or disguise. (*Latin.*)

Vintry Ward (London). So called from the Vintry, or part occupied by the Vintners or wine-merchants from Bordeaux, who anciently settled on this part of the Thames bank. They landed their wines here, and, till the 28th Edw. I., were obliged to sell what they landed within forty days.

Vinum Theologicum. The best wine in the nation. Holinshed says it was so called because religious men would be sure "neither to drinke nor be served of the worst, or such as was aune waies vined by the vintner; naie, the merchant would have thought that his soule would have gone straightwaie to the devil if he would have served them with other than the best." (i. 282.)

Violet, said to have sprung from the blood of Ajax; but how the blood of the mad boaster could produce this modest flower is past understanding. (*Latin, viola; Greek, iov.*)

"As when stern Ajax poured a purple flood,
The violet rose, fair daughter of his blood."
Dr. Young: The Incontinent.

Chemical test paper is steeped in syrup of violets; used to detect acids and alkalis. If an acid is present, it will change the violet paper into red, an alkali will turn the paper green. Strips of white paper stained with the juice of violets (kept from the air) will serve the same purpose. Litmus and turmeric are also used for similar purposes. The paper should be unsized.

Violet. The colour indicates the love of truth and the truth of love. Pugin says it is used for black in mourning and fasting.

The violet on the tyrant's grave. (*Tennyson: Aylmer's Field.*) The reference is to Nero's grave. It is said that some unknown hand went by night and strewed violets over his grave. Even Nero had one who loved him. Lemprière states that the statues of Nero, at death, "were crowned with garlands of flowers."

"I would give you some violets, but they withered all when my father died." So says Ophelia to the Queen. The violet in flower-language is emblematical of innocence, and Ophelia says the King, the Queen, and even Hamlet himself now he has killed Polonius, are unworthy of this symbol. Now my father is dead all the violets are withered, all the court family are stained with blood-guiltiness.

This entire posy may be thus paraphrased: Both you and I are under a spell, and there is "herb of grace" to disenchant us; there's a "daisy" to

caution you against expecting that such wanton love as yours will endure long; I would have given you a "violet" if I could, but now that my father is killed all of you are blood-guilty. (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*, iv. 5.)

Violet (*Corporal*). Napoleon Bonaparte. When Bonaparte was banished to Elba he told his friends he would return with the violets, and "Corporal Violet" was the favourite toast of his partisans. When he broke his *parole* and reached Frojus, a gang of women assembled with violets, which were freely sold. The shibboleth was, "Do you like violets?" If the answer given was "Oui," the person was known not to be a confederate; but if the answer was "Eh bien," the respondent was recognised as an adherent.

Violet-crowned City. Aristophanes calls Athens *ioῖστίφυλος* (*Equitis*, 1323 and 1329), and again in the *Acharnians*, 637. Macaulay uses the phrase, "city of the violet crown." Ion (*a violet*) was a representative king of Athens, whose four sons gave names to the four Athenian classes; and Greece in Asia Minor was called "Ion-ia." Athens was the city of Ion, crowned king, and hence the "Ion crowned" or violet-crowned.

Similarly Paris is called the "City of Lilies," by a pun on the word Louis (*lys*, a lily).

Violin. The following musicians are very celebrated: Arcangelo Corelli, noted for the melodious tones he produced (1653-1713); Pierre Gaviniés, native of Bordeaux, founder of the French school of violinists, noted for the sweetness of his tones (1722-1806); Nicolo Paganini, whose mastery over the instrument has never been equalled, especially known for his musical feats on one string (1784-1840); Gaetano Pugnani, of Turin, founder of the Italian school of violinists; his playing was "wild, noble, and sublime" (1727-1803); Giuseppe Tartini, of Padua, whose performance was plaintive but full of grace (1698-1770); G. B. Viotti, of Piedmont, whose playing was noted for grandeur and audacity, fire and excitement (1753-1824). (*See CREMONAS.*)

The best makers of violins. Gaspar di Salo (1500-1610); Nicholas Amati, of Cremona (1596-1684); Antonio Stradivari, his pupil (1670-1728); Joseph A. Guarneri (1683-1745). *Almost equal*. Guarnier Steiner (1620-1667); Matthias Klotz (1650-1696). (*See FIDDLE.*)

Vi'olon'. A temporary prison. Galigani says: "In the time of Louis XI. the Salle-de-Perdus was so full of turbulent clerks and students that the bailiff of the palace shut many up in the lower room of the *conciergerie* (prison) while the courts were sitting; but as they were guilty of no punishable offence, he allowed them a *violin* to wile away the tedium of their temporary captivity."

M. Génin says the seven penitential psalms were called in the Middle Ages the psalterion, and to put one to penance was in French expressed by *mettre au psalterion*. As the psalter was an instrument of music, some witty Frenchman changed *psalterion* to *violon*, and in lieu of *mettre au psalterion* wrote *mettre au violon*.

"A prisonnier et lui furent mis au psalterion."
Antiquités Nationales de Millin, iv. p. 6.

Vi'per and File. The biter bit. Æsop says a viper found a file, and tried to bite it, under the supposition that it was good food; but the file said that its province was to bite others, and not to be bitten. (*See SERPENT.*) The viper of real life does not bite or masticate its food, but swallows it whole.

"I fawned and smiled to plunder and betray,
Myself betrayed and plundered all the while;
So gnawed the viper the corroding file."
Beattie: Minstrel

"Thus he realised the moral of the fable: the viper sought to bite the file, but broke his own teeth."—*The Times*.

Vir'gil. In the *Gesta Romanorum* Virgil is represented as a mighty but benevolent enchanter. This is the character that Italian tradition always gives him, and it is this traditional character that furnishes Dante with his conception of making Virgil his guide through the infernal regions. From the *Enchiridion* grammarians illustrated their rules, rhetoricians selected the subjects of their declamations, and Christians looked on the poet as half-inspired; hence the use of his poems in divination. (*See SORTES VIRGILIANÆ.*)

7 Dante makes Virgil the personification of *human wisdom*, Beatrice of that wisdom which comes of *faith*, and St. Bernard of *spiritual wisdom*. Virgil conducts Dante through the Inferno, Beatrice through Purgatory, and St. Bernard through Paradise.

¶ Virgil was wise, and as craft was considered a part of wisdom, especially over-reaching the spirits of evil, so he is represented by mediæval writers as outwitting the demon. On one occasion, it is said, he saw an imp in a hole of a

mountain, and the imp promised to teach the poet the black art if he released him. Virgil did so, and after learning all the imp could teach him, expressed amazement that one of such imposing stature could be squeezed into so small a rift. The imp said, "Oh, that is not wonderful," and cropt into the hole to show Virgil how it was done, whereupon Virgil closed up the hole and kept the imp there. (*Éen Schone Historie Van Virgilius*, 1552.)

This tale is almost identical with that of the *Fisherman and the Genius* in the *Arabian Nights*. The fisherman trapped in his net a small copper vessel, from which, when opened, an evil genius came out, who told the fisherman he had vowed to kill the person who released him. The fisherman began to mock the genius, and declared it was quite impossible for such a monster to squeeze himself into so small a vessel. The genius, to convince the fisherman, metamorphosed himself into smoke and got into the vessel, whereupon the fisherman clapped down the lid and flung the vessel back into the sea.

The Swiss tale of *Theophrastus and the Devil* is another analogous story. Theophrastus liberates the devil from a hollow tree, and the sequel is like those given above. (*Görres: Volksbücher*, p. 226.)

There are numerous tales of the clever outwitted.

The Christian Virgil. Marco Girolamo Vida, author of *Christias* in six books, an imitation of the *Æneid*. (1490-1566.)

The Virgil and Horace of the Christians. So Bentley calls Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, a native of Spain, who wrote Latin hymns and religious poems. (348-*)

Le Virgile au Rabot. (*Au rabot* is difficult to render into English. "Virgil with a Plane" is far from conveying the idea. "The Virgil of Planers," or "The Virgil of the Plane," is somewhat nearer the meaning.) Adam Billaut, the poetical carpenter and joiner, was so called by M. Tissot, both because he used the plane and because one of his chief recitals is entitled *Le Rabot*. He is generally called *Maitre Adam*. His roaring Bacchanalian songs seem very unlike the Eclogues of Virgil, and the only reason for the title seems to be that Virgil was a husbandman and wrote on husbandry, while Billaut was a carpenter and wrote on carpentry. (*-1662.)

• **Virgilius**, Bishop of Salzburg, an

Irishman, whose native name was Feargil or Feargal. He was denounced as a heretic for asserting the existence of antipodes. (Died 784.) (See SCIENCE.)

Virgin. One of the constellations. (August 23rd to September 23rd.)

Astræa, goddess of justice, was the last of the deities to quit our earth, and when she returned to heaven became the constellation Virgo.

"When the bright Virgin gives the beauteous days." *Thomson: Autumn.*

Virgin Mary's Guard (The). The Scotch guard of France, organised in 1448 by Charles VII. Louis XI. made the Virgin Mary their colonel. Disbanded in 1830.

Virgin Mary's Peas (The). Near Bethlehem are certain crystallisations in limestone so called.

Virgin Queen (The). Queen Elizabeth (1533, 1558-1603).

Virgins. The eleven thousand virgins of Cologne, according to the legend, were born at Bao'za in Spain, which contained only 12,000 families. The bones exhibited were taken from an old Roman cemetery, across which the wall of Cologne ran, and which were exposed to view after the siege in 1106. (See URSULA.)

Virginal. An instrument used in convents to lead the virginals or hymns to the Virgin. It was a quilled keyboard instrument of two or three octaves, common in the reign of Elizabeth.

Virtuoso. A man fond of virtue or skilled therein; a dilettante.

Vis Inertia. That property of matter which makes it resist any change. Thus it is hard to set in motion what is still, or to stop what is in motion. Figuratively, it applies to that unwillingness of change which makes men "rather bear the ills they have than fly to others they know not of."

Vish'nu [Indian]. The Preserver, who forms with Brahma and Siva the divine triad of the system of Hinduism.

"Vishnu rides on an eagle; Brahma on a goose."

Vital Spark of Heavenly Flame. (Pope.) Heraclitus held the soul to be a spark of the stellar essence. (Macrobius: *In Somnium Scipionis*, i. 14.)

Vitellius. A glutton. So named from Vitellius the Roman emperor, who

took emetics after a meal that he might have power to swallow another.

VITEX. Called Abraham's balm, Agnus Castus, and the chaste-tree. In the language of flowers it means "insensibility to love." Dioscorides, Pliny, and Galen mention the plant, and say that the Athenian ladies, at the feast of Ceres, used to strew their couches with vitex leaves as a palladium of chastity. In France a beverage is made of the leaves by distillation, and is (or was at one time) given to novitiates to wean their hearts from earthly affections. *Viter*, from *vicio*, to bind with twigs; so called from the flexible nature of the twigs.

VITRUVIUS. There were two Roman architects of this name. The one best known was Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, who wrote a book on architecture.

The English Vitruvius. Inigo Jones (1572-1632).

VITULOS. The scourgings which the monks inflicted on themselves during the chanting of the psalms.

VITUS (St.). *St. Vitus's dance*, once widely prevalent in Germany and the Low Countries, was a "dancing mania." So called from the supposed power of St. Vitus over nervous and hysterical affections.

"At Strasbourg hundreds of folk began
To dance and leap, both maid and man;
In open market, lane, or street,
They skipped along, nor cared to eat,
Till their plague had ceased to fright us.
'Twas called the dance of holy Vitus."

Jan of Konigsheim (an old German chronicler).

St. Vitus's Dance. A description of the jumping procession on Whit-Tuesday to a chapel in Ulm dedicated to St. Vitus, is given in *Notes and Queries*, September, 1856. (See TARANTISM.)

VIVA VO'CE. Orally; by word of mouth. *A viva voce* examination is one in which the respondent answers by word of mouth. (Latin, "with the living voice.")

VIV'EN. A wily wanton in Arthur's court "who hated all the knights." She tried to seduce "the blameless king," and succeeded in seducing Merlin, who, "overtalked and overworn, told her his secret charm"—

"The which if any wrought on anyone
With woven paces and with waving arms,
The man so wrought on ever seemed to lie
Closed in the four walls of a hollow tower,
From which was no escape for evermore."

Having obtained this secret, the wanton "put forth the charm," and in the hollow oak lay Merlin as one dead,

"lost to life, and use, and name, and fame." (*Tennyson: Idyls of the King; Vivien.*)

VIXEN. A female fox. Metaphorically, a woman of villainous and ungovernable temper. (Anglo-Saxon, *fxen*.)

VIX'RO. "*Vixere fortes ante Agamemnona*" (Horace). You are not the first great man that ever lived, though you boast so mightily. Our own age does not monopolise the right of merit.

VIZ. A contraction of *videlicet*. The *z* is a corruption of *s*, a common mark of contraction in the Middle Ages; as *habz*—i.e. *habet*; *omnibz*—i.e. *omnibus*; *vis*—i.e. *videlicet*.

Vogue (1 syl.). A French word. "In vogue" means in repute, in the fashion. The verb *voguer* means to sail or move forwards. Hence the idea of sailing with the tide.

Vogue la Galère. Let the world go how it will; "*arrive qui pourra*."

VOLE. *He has gone the vole*—i.e. been everything by turns. Vole is a deal at cards that draws the whole tricks. The verb *vole* means to win all the tricks. Vole is a French word *Faire la vole*—i.e. "*Faire seul toutes les levées*," *de voler*—i.e. enlever.

"Who is he [Edie Ochiltree]? Why, he has gone the vole—has been soldier, ballad-singer, travelling tinkler, and now a beggar."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. iv.

Volta'io Battery. An apparatus for accumulating electricity. So called from Volta, the Italian, who first contrived it.

VOLTAIRE. His proper name was François Marie Arouet. The word Voltaire is simply an anagram of Arouet L. I. (*le jeune*). Thus have we Stella, Astrophel (*q.v.*), Vanessa and Cademus (*q.v.*), and a host of other names in anagrams.

Voltaire, the infidel, built the church at Fernel, which has this inscription: "*Deo crexit Voltaire*." Cowper alludes to this anomaly in the following lines:

"Nor he who, for the bane of thousands born,
Built God a church, and laughed His Word to scorn."

Voltaire. Dr. Young said of him—

"Thou art so witty, profligate and thin,
Thou seem'st a Milton, with his Death and Sin."

An excellent comparison between Voltaire and Gibbon is given by Byron in *Childe Harold*, canto iii. 106, 107.

The German Voltaire. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1838).

Christoph Martin Wieland (1733-1813).

The Polish ⁴*ollatire*. Ignatius Krasicki (1774-1801).

Volume (2 syl.). A roll. Anciently books were written on sheets fastened together lengthwise and rolled; some were rolled on a pin or roller. The rolls were placed erect on shelves. Each one was labelled in red letters or *rubrics*. Rolls of great value were packed in cases or boxes. (Latin, *rolro*, to roll up.)

Vox et Præterea Nihil. Echo; a threat not followed out. When the Lacedæmonian plucked the nightingale, on seeing so little substance he exclaimed, "*Vox tu es, et nihil præterea*." (φῶνα τὴ τις ἔσσι, καὶ οὐδὲν ἄλλο. *Plut. Opp. Mor. Apophthegmata Lacedæmon.*)

Vox Populi Vox Dei. This does not mean that the voice of the many is wise and good, but only that it is irresistible. You might as well try to stop the tide of the Atlantic as to resist the *vox populi*. As God's laws cannot be withstood, neither can the popular will. After Edward II. had been de-throned by the people in favour of his son (Edward III.), Simon Mepham, Archbishop of Canterbury, preached from these words as his text.

Vulcan. The divine blacksmith, whose workshop was on Mount Etna, where the Cyclops assisted him in forging thunderbolts for Jove. He was also called Mulciber.

Vulcan's Badge. That of cuckoldom. Venus was Vulcan's wife, but her amour with Mars gave Vulcan the badge referred to.

Vulcanised Indiarubber. Indiarubber combined with sulphur by vulcanic agency or heat, by which means the caoutchouc absorbs the sulphur and becomes carbonised.

Vulcanist. One who supports the Vulcanian or Plutonian theory, which ascribes the changes on the earth's surface to the agency of fire. These theorists say the earth was once in a state of igneous fusion, and that the crust has gradually cooled down to its present temperature.

Vulgar Errors.

Aristotle taught that women have more teeth than men.

From an account given in Genesis ii. 21 it was once generally believed that a woman has one rib more than a man.

It is a vulgar error to suppose that beetles and moles are blind.

It is a vulgar error to suppose that lowly-organised animals are as sensible of pain as the highly-organised are.

To exhaust the subject of vulgar errors would require many pages of this Dictionary. Every reader will be able to add to the few examples given above. (See UPAS TREE.)

VXL, a monogram on lockets, etc., stands for U XL (*you excel*).

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Wa'bun. Son of Mudjokee's wis (North-American Indian), East-Wind, the Indian Apollo. Young and beautiful, he chases Darkness with his arrows over hill and valley, wakes the villager, calls the Thunder, and brings the Morning. He married Wabun-Annung (*g.r.*), and transplanted her to heaven, where she became the Morning Star. (*Longfellow: Hiawatha.*)

Wa'bung An'nung, in North American Indian mythology, is the Morning Star. She was a country maiden wooed and won by Wabun, the Indian Apollo, who transplanted her to the skies. (*Longfellow: Hiawatha.*)

Wade (1 syl.), to go through watery places, is the Anglo-Saxon *wad* (a ford), *wadan* (to ford or go [through a meadow]). (See WEYN-MONAT.)

General Wade, famous for his military highways in the Highlands, which proceed in a straight line up and down hill like a Roman road, and were made with a crown, instead of being lowest in the middle.

"Had you seen but these roads before they were made,
You would hold up your hands and bless General Wade."

Wade's Boat, named Guin'elot, Wade was a hero of mediæval romance, whose adventures were a favourite theme in the sixteenth century. Mons. F. Michel has brought together all he could find about this story, but nevertheless, the tale is very imperfectly known.

"They can someche craft of Wadde's boat,
So moche broken harm whan that hem list,
That with hem schuld I never lye in rest."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 9, 298.

Wadham College (Oxford) was founded by Nicholas Wadham in 1613.

Wad'man (*Widow*). A comely widow who tries to secure Uncle Toby for her second husband. Amongst other

wiles she pretends that she has something in her eye, and gets Uncle Toby to look for it; as the kind-hearted hero of Namur does so, the widow gradually places her face nearer and nearer the captain's mouth, under the hope that he will kiss her and propose. (*Sterne: Tristram Shandy.*)

Wag Beards (To). "'Tis merry in hall when beards wag all"—i.e. when feasting goes on.

"Then was the minstrel's harp with rapture heard;

The song of ancient days gave huge delight;
With pleasure too did was the minstrel's beard,
For plenty courted him to drink and late."

Peter Plunder: Elegy to Scotland.

Wages. Giles Moore, in 1659, paid his mowers sixteenpence an acre. In 1711 Timothy Burrell, Esq., paid twenty-pence an acre; in 1386 he paid Mary his cook fifty shillings a year; in 1715 he had raised the sum to fifty-five shillings. (*Sussex Archaeological Collections*, iii, pp. 163, 170.)

For wages in the reign of Henry VIII., see preface of vol. i. *Letters and Papers of the Reign of Henry VIII.*, edited by J. S. Brower, pp. 108-119.

Wages of Sin (The). To earn the wages of sin. To be hanged, or condemned to death.

"I believe some of you will be hanged unless you change a good deal. It's cold blood and bad blood that runs in your veins, and you'll come to earn the wages of sin."—*Baldrewood: Robbery under Arms*, ii.

"The wages of sin is death."—Rom. vi. 23.

Wagoner. (See **BOOTES.**)

Wahabites (3 syl.). A Mahometan sect, whose object is to bring back the doctrines and observances of Islam to the literal precepts of the *Koran*; so called from the founder, Ibn-abd-ul-Wahab.

Waifs and Strays. "Waifs" are stolen goods, which have been waived or abandoned by the thief. "Strays" are domestic animals which have wandered from their owners and are lost temporarily or permanently.

Waifs and strays of London streets.
The homeless poor.

Waistcoat. The *M. B. waistcoat*. The clerical waistcoat. (See **M.B.**)

Waiters upon Providence. Those who cling to the prosperous, but fall away from decaying fortunes.

"The side of the Puritans was deserted at this period by a numerous class of prudent persons, who never forsook them till they became unfortunates. These sagacious personages were called waiters upon Providence, and deemed it a high delinquency towards heaven to afford countenance to any cause longer than it was favoured by fortune."—*Sir W. Scott: Peccoli of the Peak*, chap. iv.

Waits. Street musicians, who serenaded the principal inhabitants at Christmas-time, especially on Christmas Eve. From Rymer's *Foedera* we learn it was the duty of musical watchmen "to pipe the watch" nightly in the king's court four times from Michaelmas to Shrove-Thursday, and three times in the summer; and they had also to make "the bon gate" at every door, to secure them against "pyckeres and pillers." They form a distinct class from both the watch and the minstrels. Oboes were at one time called "waits."

"Dr. Busby says the word is a corruption of *wayghies*, *hauthys*, transferred from the instruments to the performers."—*Dictionary of Music*.

Wake (1 syl.). To keep vigils. (Anglo-Saxon, *wæccan*.) A vigil celebrated with junketing and dancing.

"It may, therefore, be permitted them [the Irish] on the dedication day, or other solemn days of martyrs, to make them bowers about the churches, and refresh themselves, feasting together after a good religious sort; killing their oxen now to the praise of God and increase of charity, which they were wont before to sacrifice to the devil."—*Gregory the Great to Melitus* (Melitus was an abbot who came over with St. Augustine).

"Waking a Witch." If a "witch" was obdurate, the most effectual way of obtaining a confession was by what was termed "waking her." For this purpose an iron bridle or hoop was bound across her face with four prongs thrust into her mouth. The "bridle" was fastened behind to the wall by a chain in such a manner that the victim was unable to lie down; and in this position she was kept sometimes for several days, while men were constantly by to keep her awake. In Scotland some of these bridles are still preserved.

Walbrook Ward (London) is so called from a brook which once ran along the west wall of Walbrook Street.

Walcheren Expedition. A well-devised scheme, ruined by the stupidity of the agent chosen to carry it out. Lord Castlereagh's instructions were "to advance instantly in full force against Antwerp," but Lord Chatham wasted his time and strength in reducing Flushing. Ultimately, the red-tape "Incappable" got possession of the island of Walcheren, but 7,000 men died of malaria, and as many more were permanently disabled.

Waldemar's Way. So the Milky Way is called in Denmark. This was Waldemar or Valdemar the Victorious, who substituted the Danebrog for the national banner of Denmark.

Waldenses. So called from Peter Waldo, a citizen of Lyons, who founded a preaching society in 1176.

Waldo, a copse between Lavant and Goodwood (Sussex). Same as *weald*. *wold*, *wald*, *walt*, "a wood." (Anglo-Saxon.) The final *o* is about equivalent to "the," as *hælo*, the whole, i.e. health; *mæneco*, the many—i.e. multitude, etc.

Wales. The older form is *Wéalhas* (plural of *Wéalh*), an Anglo-Saxon word denoting foreigners, and applied by them to the ancient Britons; hence, also, *Corn-wall*, the horn occupied by the same "refugees." *Wálschland* is a German name for Italy; *Valais* are the non-German districts of Switzerland; the parts about Liège constitute the *Walloon* country. The Welsh proper are Cimbri, and those driven thither by the Teutonic invaders were refugees or strangers. (See WALNUT.)

Walk (in *Ilulibras*) is Colonel Hewson, so called from Gayton's tract.

To walk. This is a remarkable word. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon *wealcian* (to roll); whence *wealcere*, a fuller of cloth. In Percy's *Reliques* we read—

"She cursed the weaver and the walker,
The cloth that they had wrought."

To walk, therefore, is to roll along, as the machine in felting hats or fulling cloth.

Walk Chalks. An ordeal used on board ship as a test of drunkenness. Two parallel lines being chalked on the deck, the supposed delinquent must walk between them without stopping on either.

Walk Spanish. To make a man walk Spanish is to give him the sack; to give him his discharge. In 1885 one of the retired captains in the Trinity House Establishment said, "If I had to deal with the fellow, I would soon make him walk Spanish, I warrant you."

Walk not in the Public Ways. The fifth symbol of the *Protreptics* of Iamblichus, meaning follow not the multitude in their evil ways; or, wide is the path of sin and narrow the path of virtue, few being those who find it. The "public way" is the way of the public or multitude, but the way of virtue is *personal* and separate. The arcana of Pythagoras were not for the common people, but only for his chosen or elect disciples.

"Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, but narrow is the path of truth and holiness."

Walk the Plank (*To*). (See PLANK.)

Walk through One's Part (*To*). A theatrical phrase, meaning to repeat one's part at rehearsal verbally, but without dressing for it or acting it. To do anything appointed you in a listless indifferent manner.

"A fit of dulness, such as will at times creep over all the professors of the fine arts, arising either from fatigue or contempt of the present audience, or that caprice which tempts painters, musicians, and great actors . . . to walk through their parts, instead of exerting themselves with the energy which acquired their fame."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xix.

Walker, a proper name, is generally supposed to be *wealcere*, a fuller, but the derivation of ancient names from trades is to be received with great caution. It is far more probable that Walker is derived from the old High German *waluh*, Anglo-Saxon *wealh*, a foreigner or borderer; whence Wallack, Walk, Walkey, Walliker, and many others. (See BREWER.)

Helen Walker. The prototype of Jeanie Deans. Sir Walter Scott caused a tombstone to be erected over her grave in the churchyard of Irongray, stewartry of Kirkcubright. In 1869 Messrs. A. and C. Black caused a headstone of red freestone to be erected in Carluke churchyard to the memory of Robert Paterson, the Old Mortality of the same novelist, buried there in 1801.

Hookey Walker. John Walker was an outdoor clerk at Longman, Clementi, and Co.'s, Cheshire, and was noted for his eagle nose, which gained him the nickname of *Old Hookey*. Walker's office was to keep the workmen to their work, or report them to the principals. Of course it was the interest of the employees to throw discredit on Walker's reports, and the poor old man was so badgered and ridiculed that the firm found it politic to abolish the office; but *Hookey Walker* still means a tale not to be trusted. (John Bee.)

Walker's Bus. To go by Walker's bus, to walk. Similarly, "To go by the Marrowbone stage," "To ride Shunk's pony."

Walking Gentleman (*A*), in theatrical parlance, means one who has little or nothing to say, but is expected to deport himself as a gentleman when before the lights.

Walking Sword (*A*). A short, light sword, when long swords wielded by two hands were in use. (See Sir W. Scott's *Abbot*, chap. xx.)

Walkyries (*The*). (See VALKYRIES.)

Wall (*The*), from the Tyne to Boulness, on the Solway Firth, a distance of eighty miles. Called—

The Roman Wall, because it was the work of the Romans.

Agricola's Wall, because Agricola made the south bank and ditch.

Hadrian's Wall, because Hadrian added another vallum and mound parallel to Agricola's.

The Wall of Severus, because Severus followed in the same line with a stone wall, having castles and turrets.

The Picts' Wall, because its object was to prevent the incursions of the Picts.

The wall of Antoninus, now called *Graeme's Dyke*, from Dunglass Castle on the Clyde to Blackness Castle on the Forth, was made by Lollius Urbicus, legate of Antoninus Pius, A.D. 140. It was a turf wall.

Wall. To give the wall. Nathaniel Bailey's explanation of this phrase is worth perpetuating. He says it is "a compliment paid to the female sex, or those to whom one would show respect, by letting them go nearest the wall or houses, upon a supposition of its being the cleanest. 'This custom,' he adds, 'is chiefly peculiar to England, for in most parts abroad they will give them the right hand, though at the same time they thrust them into the kennel.'"

To take the wall. To take the place of honour, the same as to choose "the uppermost rooms at feasts." (Matt. xxiii. 6.) At one time pedestrians gave the wall to persons of a higher grade in society than themselves.

"I will take the wall of any man or maid of Montague's."—*Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*, i. 1.

To go to the wall. To be put on one side; to be shelved. This is in allusion to another phrase, "Laid by the wall"—i.e. dead but not buried; put out of the way.

To hang by the wall. To hang up neglected; hence, not to be made use of. (*Shakespeare: Cymbeline*, iii. 4.)

Wall-eyed properly means "withered-eyed." Persons are wall-eyed when the white is unusually large, and the sight defective; hence Shakespeare has *wall-eyed wrath*, *wall-eyed slave*, etc. When King John says, "My rage was blind," he virtually says his "wrath was wall-eyed." (Saxon, *hwelan*, to wither. The word is often written *wall-eyed*, or *whallied*, from the verb *whally*.)

Walls have Ears. The Louvre was so constructed in the time of Catherine de Medicis, that what was said in one room could be distinctly heard in another. It was by this contrivance that the suspicious queen became acquainted with state secrets and plots. The tubes of communication were called the *auriculaires*, and were constructed on the same principle as those of the confessionals. The "Ear of Dionysius" communicated to him every word uttered in the state prison. (See SPEAKING HEADS, 9.)

Wallace's Larder. (See LARDER.)

Wallflower. So called because it grows on old walls and ruined buildings. It is a native plant. Similarly, *wall-cress*, *wall-creeper*, etc., are plants which grow on dry, stony places, or on walls. *Wall-fruit* is fruit trained against a wall. (See WALNUT.)

Herrick has a pretty fancy on the origin of this flower. A fair damsel was long kept in durance vile from her lover; but at last

"Up she got upon a wall,
"Tempering down to slide withal;
But the silken twist untied;
So she fell, and, bruised, she died.

"Love, in pity of the deed,
And her loving luckless speed,
Turned her to this plant we call
Now the 'Flower of the wall.'"

Young ladies who sit out against the wall, not having partners during a dance, are called "wallflowers."

Walloons. Part of the great Roman stock. They occupied the low truck along the frontiers of the German-speaking territory, as Artois, Hainault, Namur, Liège, Luxemburg, with parts of Flanders and Brabant. (See WATERS.)

"The Walloons . . . are the Romanised Gauls, the representatives of the ancient Belgæ."—*Encyclopædia Britannica*, vol. xxi. p. 332.

Wallop. To thrash. Sir John Wallop, in the reign of Henry VIII., was sent to Normandy to make reprisals, because the French fleet had burnt Brighton. Sir John burnt twenty-one towns and villages, demolished several harbours, and "walloped" the foe to his heart's content.

Wallsend Coals. Originally from Wallsend, on the Tyne, but now from any part of a large district about Newcastle.

Walnut [*foreign nut*]. It comes from Persia, and is so called to distinguish it from those native to Europe, as

hazel, filbert, chestnut. (Anglo-Saxon, *walh*, foreign; *hnutu*, nut.)

"Some difficulty there is in cracking the name thereof. Why walnuts, having no affinity to a wall, should be so called. The truth is, *qual* or *wall* in the old Dutch signifieth 'strange' or 'exotic' (whence *Welsh*, foreigners); these nuts being no natives of England or Europe, but probably first fetched from Persia, and called by the French *noix persique*."—*Faller: Worthies of England*.

Walnut Tree. It is said that the walnut tree thrives best if the nuts are beaten off with sticks, and not gathered. Hence Fuller says, "Who, like a nut tree, must be manured by beating, or else would not bear fruit" (bk. ii. ch. 11). The saying is well known that—

"A woman, a spaniel, and a walnut tree,
The more you beat them the better they be."
Taylor, the Water-Poet.

Walpurgis Night. The eve of May Day, when the old pagan witch-world was supposed to hold high revelry under its chief on certain high places. The Brocken of Germany was a favourite spot for these revelries.

Walpurgis was a female saint concerned in the introduction of Christianity into Germany. She died February 25th, 779.

"He changed hands, and whisked and rioted like a dance of Walpurgis in his lonely brain."
J. N. de Funn: The House in the Churchyard, p. 109.

Walston (St.). A Briton who gave up all his wealth, and supported himself by manual husbandry. Patron saint of husbandmen; usually depicted with a scythe in his hand, and cattle in the background. Died mowing, 1016.

Walter Multon, Abbot of Thornton-upon-Humber, in Lincolnshire, was immured in 1443. In 1722, an old wall being taken down, his remains were found with a candlestick, table, and book. Stukeley mentions the fact. In 1845 another instance of the same kind was discovered at Temple Bruer, in Lincolnshire.

Wal'tham Blacks. (See BLACK ACT.)

Walton. An *Isaac Walton*. One devoted to "the gentle craft" of angling. Isaac Walton wrote a book called *The Complete Angler, or Contemplative Man's Recreation*. (1655.)

"Gentle" is a pun. Gentles are the larvae of flesh-flies used as bait in angling.

Walton Bridle (The). The "gossip's or scold's bridle." One of these bridles is preserved in the vestry of the church of Walton-on-Thames. Iron

bars pass round the head, and are fastened by a padlock. In front, a flat piece of iron projects, and, this piece of iron being thrust into the mouth, effectually prevents the utterance of words. The relic at Walton is dated 1633, and the donor was a person named Chester, as appears from the inscription:

"Chester presents Walton with a bridle
To curb women's tongues that talk too idle."

"It is also called a "brank." (Tonic, *pranque*, "a bridle.")

Wam'ba. Son of Witless, and jester of Cedric "the Saxon," of Rotherwood. (Sir Walter Scott: *Ivanhoe*.)

Wan means thin. (Anglo-Saxon, *wan*, "deficient"; our *wane*, as the "waning moon.") As wasting of the flesh is generally accompanied with a grey pallor, the idea of leanness has yielded to that of the sickly hue which attends it. (Verb *wan-ian*, to wane.)

Wand. The footman's wand. (See under RUNNING FOOTMEN.)

Wandering Jew.

(1) *Of Greek tradition.* Aristæas, a poet who continued to appear and disappear alternately for above 400 years, and who visited all the mythical nations of the earth.

(2) *Of Jewish story.* Tradition says that Kartaphilos, the door-keeper of the Judgment Hall, in the service of Pontius Pilate, struck our Lord as he led Him forth, saying, "Go on faster, Jesus"; whereupon the Man of Sorrows replied, "I am going, but thou shalt tarry till I come again." (*Chronicle of St. Alban's Abbey*; 1228.)

The same *Chronicle*, continued by Matthew Paris, tells us that Kartaphilos was baptized by Ananias, and received the name of Joseph. At the end of every hundred years he falls into a trance, and wakes up a young man about thirty.

Another legend is that Jesus, pressed down with the weight of His cross, stopped to rest at the door of one Ahasuerus, a cobbler. The craftsman pushed him away, saying, "Get off! Away with you, away!" Our Lord replied, "Truly I go away, and that quickly, but tarry thou till I come." Schubert has a poem entitled *Ahasuer* (the Wandering Jew). (*Paul von Etzen*; 1547.)

A third legend says that it was Ananias, the cobbler, who hailed Jesus before the judgment seat of Pilate, saying to Him, "Faster, Jesus, faster!"

(3) In Germany the Wandering Jew is associated with John Buttadæus, seen at Antwerp in the thirteenth century,

again in the fifteenth, and a third time in the sixteenth. His last appearance was in 1774 at Brussels. Signor Gualdi about the same time made his appearance at Venice, and had a portrait of himself by Titian, who had been dead at the time 130 years. One day he disappeared as mysteriously as he had come. (*Turkish Spy*, vol. ii.)

(4) The French call the Wandering Jew Isaac Laquedem, a corruption of Lake'dion. (*Mitternacht Diss. in Jno. xxi. 19; 1640.*)

Wandering Jew. Salathiel ben Sadi, who appeared and disappeared towards the close of the sixteenth century, at Venice, in so sudden a manner as to attract the notice of all Europe. Croly in his novel called *Salathiel*, and Southey in his *Curse of Kehama*, trace the course of the Wandering Jew, but in utter violation of the general legends. In Eugène Sue's *Le Juif Errant*, the Jew makes no figure of the slightest importance to the tale.

The Wandering Jew. Alexandre Dumas wrote a novel called *Isaac Laquedem*. Sieur Emmerch relates the legend.

Ed. Grenier has a poem on the subject, *La Mort du Juif Errant*, in five cantos.

Halévy has an opera on the same subject, words by Scribe.

Doré has illustrated the legend.

Wandering Willie or Willie Steenson. The blind fiddler who tells the tale of Redgauntlet. (*Sir Walter Scott: Redgauntlet.*)

Wandering Wood, in book i. of Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, is where St. George and Una encounter Error, who is slain by the knight. Una tries to persuade the Red Cross knight to leave the wood, but he is self-willed. Error, in the form of a serpent, attacks him, but the knight severs her head from her body. The idea is that when Piety will not listen to Una or Truth, it is sure to get into "Wandering Wood," where Error will attack it; but if it listens then to Truth it will slay Error.

Wans Dyke, Sir Richard Colt Hoare tells us, was a barrier erected by the Belgæ against the Celts, and served as a boundary between these tribes. Dr. Stukeley says the original mound was added to by the Anglo-Saxons when they made it the boundary-line of the two kingdoms of Mercia and Wessex. It was also used by the Britons as a defence against the Romans, who attacked them

from the side of Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.

In its most perfect state it began at Andover, in Hampshire, ran through the counties of Berkshire, Wiltshire, and Somersetshire, and terminated in the "Severn Sea" or Bristol Channel. It was called Woden's Dyke by the Saxons, contracted into Wodes-dyke, and corrupted to Wans-dyke, as Wodenes-dag is into Wednes-day. (*See WAR'S DYKE.*)

Want or Went. A road. Thus "the four-want way," the spot where four roads meet. Chaucer uses the expression "a privie went" (private road), etc.

Wants, meaning "gloves." According to the best Dutch authorities, the word is a corruption of the French *gant*, Italian *quanto*, our "gauntlets."

"Wanten are worn by peasants and working people when the weather is cold. They are in shape somewhat like boxing-gloves, having only a thumb and no fingers. They are made of a coarse woollen stuff."—*Teding von Berkhout: Letter from Brera.*

Wantley. (*See DRAGON.*)

Wa'pentake. A division of Yorkshire, similar to that better known as a *hundred*. The word means "touch-arms," it being the custom of each vassal, when he attended the assemblies of the district, "to touch the spear of his overlord in token of homage." Victor Hugo, in his novel of *L'Homme qui Rit*, calls a tipstaff a "wapentake." (Anglo-Saxon, *scapan*, arms; *tacan*, to touch.)

Wapping Great means astonishingly great. (Anglo-Saxon, *waflan*, to be astonished; *waflung*, amazement.) A "wajper" is a great falsehood.

War of the Meal-sacks. After the battle of Beder, Abu Sofian summoned two hundred fleet horsemen, each with a sack of meal at his saddle-bow (the scanty provision of an Arab for a foray), and sallied forth to Medina. Mahomet went forth at the head of a superior force to meet him, and Abu Sofian with his horsemen, throwing off their meal-sacks, fled with precipitation.

War of the Roses. (*See ROSES.*)

Ward. A district under the charge of a warden. The word is applied to the subdivisions of Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Durham, which, being contiguous to Scotland, were placed under the charge of lord wardens of the marches, whose duty it was to protect these counties from invasions. (*See HUNDRED.*)

Ward (*Artemus*). (See ARTEMUS WARD.)

Ward Money, Ward-penny, or Wardage. Money paid for watch and ward. (*Domesday*.)

Warden-pie. Pie made of the Warden pear. Warden pears are so called from Warden Abbey, Berks, where they are grown in great profusion.

"Myself with denial I mortify
With a dainty bit of a Warden-pie."
The Friar of Orders Grey.

Ware. (See BED.)

Warlock. A wandering evil spirit; a wizard. (Anglo-Saxon, *war-loga*, a deceiver, one who breaks his word. Satan is called in Scripture "the father of lies," the arch-warlock.)

Warm Reception (*A*). A hot opposition. Also, a hearty welcome.

"The Homo Rule members are prepared to give the Coercion Bill a warm reception; Mr. Farnell's followers will oppose it tooth and nail."—*Newspaper paragraph*, May 19th, 1883.

Warm as a Bat. Hot as burning coal. In South Staffordshire that slaty coal which will not burn, but which lies in the fire till it becomes red-hot, is called "bat."

Warming-pan (*A*). One who keeps a place warm for another, i.e. holds it temporarily for another. The allusion is to the custom in public schools of making a fag warm his "superior's" bed by lying in it till the proper occupant was ready to turn him out.

"If Mr. Mellor took a judgeship, Grantham might object to become a warming-pan for ambitious lawyers."—*Newspaper paragraph*, March 5th, 1886.

Warming-pan. (See JACOBITES.)

Warning Stone. Anything that gives notice of danger. Bakers in Wiltshire and some other counties used to put a "certain pebble" in their ovens, and when the stone turned white it gave the baker warning that the oven was hot enough for his bakings.

Warp (*Tb*). A sea term, meaning to shift the position of a vessel. This is done by means of a rope called a *warp*. *Kedging* is when the warp is bent to a kedje, which is let go, and the vessel is hove ahead by the capstan.

"The potent rod
Of Anram's son [Moses], in Egypt's evil day,
Waved round the coast, up-called a pitchy cloud
Of locusts, warping [shifting about] in the eastern
wind."
Milton; Paradise Lost, l. 338.

* In Lancashire, warping means laying eggs; and boys, on finding a bird's nest, will ask—"And how many eggs has she warped?"

Warp and Weft, or Woof. The "warp" of a fabric are the longitudinal threads; the "weft" or "woof" are threads which run from selvaige to selvaige.

"Weave the warp and weave the woof,
The winding-sheet of Edward's race;
Give ample room and verge enough
The characters of hell to trace."

Gray: The Bard.

Warrior Queen (*The*). Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni.

"When the British warrior queen,
Bleeding from the Roman rods,
Sought, with an indignant mien,
Council of her country's gods."
Cooper: Boadicea.

The Iceni were the faithful allies of Rome; but, on the death of Prasutagus, king of that tribe, the Roman procurator took possession of the kingdom of Prasutagus; and when the widow Boadicea complained thereof, the procurator had her beaten with rods like a slave.

Warwick. (Anglo-Saxon, *war-wic*, contracted from *waring-wic* (the fortified or garrisoned town). A translation of the ancient British name *Cuer Leon*.

Warwick Lane (City). The site of a magnificent house belonging to the famed Beauchamps, Earls of Warwick.

Warwolf. (See WERWOLF.)

Washed Out (*I am thoroughly*). I am thoroughly exhausted or done up; I have no strength or spirit left in me.

Washing. *Wash your dirty linen at home* (French). The French say the English do not follow the advice of washing their dirty linen *en famille*—meaning that they talk openly and freely of the faults committed by ministers, corporations, and individuals. All may see their dirty linen; and as for its washing, let it be but washed, and the English care not who has the doing of it. Horace (2 *Ep.*, i. 220) says, "*Vinea cyomet cecidit mea*" (I do my own washing at home). Though the French assert that we disregard this advice, we have the familiar proverb, "It is an ill bird that fogs its own nest."

Washington of Columbia. Simon Bolivar (1785-1831).

Was'sail (2 *syl.*). A salutation used on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day over the spiced-ale cup, hence called the "wassail bowl." (Anglo-Saxon, **Was hæl*, be whole, be well.)

Wassailers. Those who join a wassail; revellers, drunkards.

"I should be loath
To meet the rudeness and swilled insolence
Of such late wassailers."
Milton: Comus (The Lady).

Wastlers. Wandering musicians ; from *waste*, to wander. The carol-singers in Sussex are called wastlers.

Wat. A familiar name for a hare.

"By thus, poor Wat, far off upon a hill,
Stands on his hinder legs, with listening ear."
Shakespeare: Venus and Adonis.

Wat's Dyke (Flintshire). A corruption of Wato's Dyke. Wato was the father of Weland, the Vulcan of Northern mythology, and the son of King Vilkinr by a mermaid. This dyke extends from the vicinity of Basingwerk Abbey, in a south-easterly direction, into Denbighshire. The space between it and Offa's Dyke, which in some parts is three miles, and in others not above 500 yards, is neutral ground, "where Britons, Danes, and Saxons met for commercial purposes." (See WAN'S DYKE.)

"There is a famous thing
Called Offa's Dyke, that reacheth far in length,
All kinds of ware the Danes might thither bring ;
It was iron ground, and called the Briton's strength."

Wat's Dyke, likewise, about the same was set,
Between which two both Danes and Britons met,
And traffic still.

Churchyard: Worthiness of Wales (1587).

Watch Night. December 31st, to see the Old Year out and the New Year in by a religious service. John Wesley grafted it on the religious system, but it has been followed by most Christian communities.

"Southey in his biography of the evangelist (Wesley) denounces watch-night as another of Wesley's objectionable institutions."—*Nottingham Guardian*, January 1, 1865, p. 5.

Watch on Board Ship. There are two sorts of watch—the *long* watch of four hours, and the *dog* watch of two, from 4 to 6; but strictly speaking a watch means four hours. The dog watches are introduced to prevent one party always keeping watch at the same time. (See WOLF, *Between dog and wolf*, DOG-WATCH.)

12 to 4 p.m. Afternoon watch.
4 to 6 " First dog-watch.
6 to 8 " Second dog-watch.
8 to 12 " First night watch.
12 to 4 a.m. Middle watch.
4 to 8 " Morning watch.
8 to 12 " Forenoon watch.

There are two divisions which perform duty alternately—the starboard watch and the port watch. The former is called the captain's watch in the merchant service, often under the command of the second mate; the port watch is under the command of the first mate.

The Black Watch. The gallant 42nd, linked with the 73rd, now called the Royal Highlanders. The 42nd was the first corps raised for the royal service in the Highlands. Their tartan (1729) consisted of dark blue and dark green, and was called black from the contrast

which their dark tartans furnished to the scarlet and white of the other regiments.

Watch'et. Sky-blue. (Anglo-Saxon, *waadchel*, probably dye of the woad plant.)

Water. (See DANCING WATER.)

The Father of Waters. The Mississippi (Indian, *Miche Sepe*), the chief river of North America. The Missouri is its child. The Irrawaddy is so called also.

Water. *Blood thicker than water.* (See under BLOOD.)

Court holy water. Fair but empty words. In French, "*Eau bénite de cour.*"

In deep water. In difficulties; in great perplexity.

It makes my mouth water. It is very alluring; it makes me long for it. Saliva is excited in the mouth by strong desire. The French have the same phrase: "*Ça fait venir l'eau à la bouche.*"

More water glideth by the mill than scots the miller of (Titus Andronicus, ii. 1). The Scotch say, "Mickle water goes by the miller when he sleeps." (See under MILLER.)

O'er muckle water drowned the miller. (See DROWN THE MILLER.) The weaver, in fact, is hanged in his own yarn. The French say, "*Un embarras de richesse.*"

Of the first water. Of the highest type; very excellent. (See under DIAMOND.)

Smooth water runs deep. Deep thinkers are persons of few words; barking dogs do not bite. There are two or three French proverbs of somewhat similar meaning. For example: "*En eau endormie point ne se fê;*" again, "*L'eau qui dort est pire que celle qui court.*" A calm exterior is far more to be feared than a tongue-doughty Bobadil.

The modest water saw its God and blushed. The allusion is to Christ's turning water into wine at the marriage feast. Richard Crashaw (1670) wrote the Latin epigram in pentameter verse.

"*Nympha pudica Deum vidit et erubuit.*"

To back water. To row backwards in order to reverse the forward motion of a boat in rowing.

To carry water to the river. To carry coals to Newcastle. In French, "*Porter de l'eau à la rivière.*"

To fish in troubled water. The French saying is, "*Pêcher en eau troublée,*" i.e. "*Profiter des époques de trouble et de révolution pour faire ses affaires et sa fortune.*" (*Hilaire Le Gai.*)

☛ *To hold water. That won't hold water.* That is not correct; it is not tenable. It is a vessel which leaks.

To keep one's head above water. To remain out of debt. When immersed in water, while the head is out of water, one is not drowned.

To throw cold water on a scheme. To discourage the proposal; to speak of it slightly.

Water. *The coldest water known.*

Colder than the water of Nonacris (Pliny, xiii. 2).

Colder than the water of Dircē. "*Dircē et Nemi fontes sunt frigidissimi estate, inter Dilbilim et Segobregam, in ripa fere Saloniis amnis.*" (Martial.)

Colder than the water of Dircenna. (Martial, i. 51.)

Colder than the Conthoporian Spring of Corinth, that froze up the gastric juices of those that sipped it.

Water-gall. The dark rim round the eyes after much weeping. A peculiar appearance in a rainbow which indicates more rain at hand. "Gall" is the Anglo-Saxon *gealewa* (yellow).

"And round about her tear-distained eye
Blue circles streamed, like rainbows in the sky;
These watergalls . . . foretell new storms."
Shakespeare: Rape of Lucrece.

Water-hole. *The big water-hole.* The bed of the sea; the ocean.

"We've got to the big water-hole at last . . .
'Tis a long way across."—*Bulldogcut: Robbery under Arms*, chap. xii.

Water-logged. Rendered immovable by too much water in the hold. When a ship leaks and is water-logged, it will not make any progress, but is like a log on the sea, tossed and stationary.

Water-Poet. John Taylor, the Thames waterman. (1580-1654.)

"I must confess I do want eloquence.

And never scarce did learn my avoidance,

For having got from 'possum to 'posset,

I there was gravelled, nor could farther get."

Taylor the Water-Poet.

Water-sky (A), in Arctic navigation, is a dark or brown sky, indicating an open sea. An *ice-sky* is a white one, or a sky tinted with orange or rose-colour, indicative of a frozen sea. (See ICE-BLINK.)

Water Stock (To). To add extra shares. Suppose a "trust" (q.v.) consists of 1,000 shares of £50 each, and the profit available for dividend is 40 per cent., the managers "water the stock," that is, add another 1,000 fully paid-up shares to the original 1,000. There are now 2,000 shares, and the dividend, instead

of £40 per cent., is reduced to £20; but the shares are more easily sold, and the shareholders are increased in number.

Water of Jealousy (The). If a woman was known to commit adultery she was to be stoned to death, according to the Mosaic law. (Deut. xxii. 22.) If, however, the husband had no proof, but only suspected his wife of infidelity, he might take her before the Sanhedrim to be examined, and if she denied it, she was given the "water of jealousy" to drink (Numb. v. 11-29). In this water some of the dust of the sanctuary was mixed, and the priest said to the woman, "If thou hast gone aside may Jehovah make this water bitter to thee, and bring on thee all the curses written in this law." The priest then wrote on a roll the curses, blotted the writing with the water, gave it to the woman, and then handed to her the "water of jealousy" to drink.

Water Tasting like Wine. Pliny (ii. 103) tells us of a fountain in the Isle of Andros, in the temple of Bacchus, which every year, on January 5th, tasted like wine.

Baccius de Thermis (vi. 22) gives numerous examples of similar vinous springs.

In Lanterland there was a fountain in the middle of the temple, the water of which had the flavour of the wine which the drinker most liked. (*Abelais: Pantagruel*, v. 42.)

Waters (Sanitary).

For anania, Schwalbach, St. Moritz.

"articular Rheumatism, Aix les Bains.

"asthma, Mont Dore.

"atonic gout, Royat.

"biliary obstructions, Carlsbad.

"calculous disorders, Vichy and Contrexéville.

"diabetes, Neuenahr and Carlsbad.

"gout, Aix les Bains.

"gouty and catarrhal dyspepsia, Homburg and

Kissingen.

"obesity, Marienbad.

"plethoric gout, Carlsbad.

"scrophulous glandular affections, Kreuznach.

"skin diseases, Aix la Chapelle and Gastei.

"throat affections, La Bourboune, Aix les

Bains, Uriage, Anteres, Eaux Bonnes.

Waterloo Cup (The). A dog prize. Waterloo is on the banks of the Mersey, about three miles north of Liverpool.

Waterworks (The). The shedding of tears. Many other meanings also.

"Oh, miss I never thought to have seen this day," and the waterworks began to play."—*Thackeray.*

Watling Street. A road extending east and west across South Britain. Beginning at Dover, it ran through Canterbury to London, and thence to Cardigan. The word is a corruption of

Vitelina strata, the paved road of Vitellius, called by the Britons Guet'alin. Poetically the "Milky Way" has been called the Watling Street of the sky.

"Secunda via principalis dicitur Watling-streata, tendens ab euro-austro in zephyrum septentrionalem. Incipit . . . a Doveria . . . usque Cardigan."—*Leland*.

Watteau. "*Peintre de fêtes galantes du roi.*" (1684-1721.)

Wave. *The ninth wave.* A notion prevails that the waves keep increasing in regular series till the maximum arrives, and then the series begins again. No doubt when two waves coalesce they form a large one, but this does not occur at fixed intervals. The most common theory is that the tenth wave is the largest, but Tennyson says the ninth.

"And then the two
Dropt to the core, and watch'd the great sea fall,
Wave after wave, each mightier than the last,
Till last, a ninth one, gathering half the deep
And full of voices, slowly rose and plunged
Roaring, and all the wave was in a flame."
Tennyson: The Dyt Graft.

Wax-bond End (A). A thread waxed with cobbler's wax and used for binding whips, fishing-rods, ropes, etc., for sewing boots and shoes, etc. It is *waxed* and used for a *bond*.

Way-bit. *A Yorkshire way-bit.* A huge overplus. Ask a Yorkshireman the distance of any place, and he will reply so many miles and a way-bit (*wee-bit*); but the way-bit will prove a frightful length to the traveller who imagines it means only a *little* bit over. The Highlanders say, "A mile and a *buttock*," which means about two miles.

Ways and Means. A parliamentary term, meaning the method of raising the supply of money for the current requirements of the state.

Wayfaring Tree (*The*). The Guelder rose (*q.v.*).

"Wayfaring Tree! What ancient crum
Hast thou to that right pleasant name?
Was it that some faint pilgrim came
Unhopedly to thee,
In the brown desert's weary way,
Miles thirt and toil's consuming way,
And there, as 'neath thy shade he lay,
Blessed the Wayfaring Tree?" W. H.

Wayland, the Scandinavian Vulcan, was son of the sea-giant Wate, and the sea-nymph Wac-hilt. He was bound apprentice to Mimi the smith. King Nidang cut the sinews of his feet, and cast him into prison, but he escaped in a feather-boat. (Anglo-Saxon *weallan*, to fabricate.)

Wayland Smith's Cave. A crenelch near Lambourn, Berkshire. Scott, in his *Kenilworth* (chap. xiii.), says, "Here lived a supernatural smith, who would shoe a traveller's horse for a consideration." His fee was sixpence, and if more was offered him he was offended."

Wayland Wood (near Watton, Norfolk), said to be the scene of the *Babes in the Wood*, and a corruption of "Wailing Wood."

Wayleaves. Right of way through private property for the laying of water-pipes and making of sewers, etc., provided that only the surface-soil is utilised by the proprietor.

"Mr. Woods made an attempt to get the House of Commons to commit itself to the proposition: That the present system of royalty rents and wayleaves is injurious to the great industries."—*Liberty Review*, April 14th, 1884, p. 307.

Waygoose. An entertainment given to journeymen, or provided by the journeymen themselves. It is mainly a printers' affair, which literary men and commercial staffs may attend by invitation or sufferance. The word *ways* means a "bundle of straw," and *waygoose* a "stubble goose," properly the crowning dish of the entertainment. The Dutch *wassen* means "to wax fat." The Latin answer *sigalum*. (See BEANFEAST, HARVEST GOOSE.)

"In the midlands and north of England, every newspaper has the waygoose."—*The Pall Mall Gazette*, June 26th, 1894.

We. Coke, in the *Institutes*, says the first king that wrote *we* in his grants was King John. All the kings before him wrote *ego* (I). This is not correct, as Richard Lion-heart adopted the royal *we*. (See *Rymer's Fœdera*.)

We Three. *Did you never see the picture of "We Three"?* asks Sir Andrew Aguecheek—not meaning himself, Sir Toby Belch, and the clown, but referring to a public-house sign of *Two Loggerheads*, with the inscription, "We three loggerheads be," the third being the spectator.

We Left Our Country for Our Country's Good. We are transported convicts. The line occurs in a prologue written by George Barrington (a notorious pickpocket) for the opening of the first playhouse at Sydney, in Australia, 16th January, 1796.

"True patriots we, for be it understood,
We left our country for our country's good."

Weak as Water. (See SIMILES.)

Weak-kneed Christian or Politician (A). Irresolute; not thorough; a Laodicean, neither hot nor cold.

"If any weak-kneed Churchman, now hesitating between his (political) party and his Church, is trying to persuade himself that no mischief is in the air, let him take warning."—*Newspaper paragraph*, October 16th, 1855.

Weggon Salve. A salve said to cure wounds by sympathy. The salve is not applied to the wound, but to the instrument which gave the wound. The direction "Bind the wound and grease the nail" is still common when a wound has been given by a rusty nail. Sir Kenelm Digby says the salve is sympathetic, and quotes several instances to prove that "as the sword is treated the wound inflicted by it feels. Thus, if the instrument is kept wet, the wound will feel cool; if held to the fire, it will feel hot;" etc.

"But she has ta'en the broken lance,
And washed it from the clotted gore,
And saved the splinter o'er and o'er."

Sir Walter Scott: Lay of the Last Minstrel, iii. 23.

"If urease must be used to satisfy the ignorant, it can do no harm on the rusty nail, but would certainly be harmful on the wound itself."

Wear. *Never wear the image of Deity in a ring.* So Pythagoras taught his disciples, and Moses directed that the Jews should make no image of God. Both meant to teach their disciples that God is incorporeal, and not to be likened to any created form. (See *Lamblichus: Protreptics*, symbol xxiv.)

Never wear a brown hat in Friesland. (See **HAT**.)

To wear the wooden sword. (See **WOODEN**.)

To wear the willow. (See **WILLOW**.)

To wear one's heart upon one's sleeve. (See under **HEART**.)

Weasel. *Weasels suck eggs.* Hence Shakespeare—

"The weasel Scot
Comes sneaking, and so sucks the princely egg."
Henry V., i. 2.

"I can suck melancholy out of a song, as a weasel sucks eggs."—*As You Like It*, ii. 5.

To catch a weasel asleep. To expect to find a very vigilant person nodding, off his guard; to suppose that one who has his weather-eye open cannot see what is passing before him. The French say, *Croir avoir trouvé la pie au nid* (To expect to find the pie on its nest). The vigilant habits of these animals explain the allusions.

Weather Breeder (A). A day of unusual fineness coming suddenly after a series of damp dull ones, especially at the time of the year when such a genial

day is not looked for. Such a day is generally followed by foul weather.

Weather-cock. By a Papal enactment made in the middle of the ninth century, the figure of a cock was set up on every church-steeple as the emblem of St. Peter. The emblem is in allusion to his denial of our Lord thrice before the cock crew twice. On the second crowing of the cock the warning of his Master flashed across his memory, and the repentant apostle "went out and wept bitterly."

Weather-eye. *I have my weather-eye open.* I have my wits about me; I know what I am after. The weather-eye is towards the wind to forecast the weather.

Weather-gage. *To get the weather-gage of a person.* To get the advantage over him. A ship is said to have the weather-gage of another when it has got to the windward thereof.

"Were the line
Of Rokely once combined with mine,
I gain the weather-gage of fate."

Sir Walter Scott: Rokely.

Weather-glass (The Peasant's) or "Poor man's warning." The scarlet pimpernel, which closes its petals at the approach of rain.

"Closed is the pink-eyed pimpernel—
'Twill surely rain; I see with sorrow,
Our jaunt must be put off to-morrow."

Dr. Jenner.

Web of Life. The destiny of an individual from the cradle to the grave. The allusion is to the three Fates who, according to Roman mythology, spin the thread of life, the pattern being the events which are to occur.

Wed is Anglo-Saxon, and means a *pledge*. The ring is the pledge given by the man to avouch that he will perform his part of the contract.

Wedding Anniversaries.

The 5th anniversary is called the *Wooden wedding*,

The 10th anniversary is called the *Tin wedding*,

The 15th anniversary is called the *Crystal wedding*,

The 20th anniversary is called the *China wedding*,

The 25th anniversary is called the *Silver wedding*,

The 50th anniversary is called the *Golden wedding*,

The 60th anniversary is called the *Diamond wedding*. From the nature of the gifts suitable for each respective anniversary.

Wedding Finger. Macrobius says the thumb is too busy to be set apart, the forefinger and little finger are only half protected, the middle finger is called *medicus*, and is too opprobrious for the purpose of honour, so the only finger left is the *pronubus* or wedding finger. (See RING, FINGERS.)

Wedding Knives. Undoubtedly, one knife or more than one was in Chaucer's time part of a bride's paraphernalia. Allusions to this custom are very numerous.

"See, at my girle hang my wedding knives."
Dekker: Match Me in London (1631).

Wednesday. Woden-es or Odin-es Day, called by the French "Mercredi" (Mercury's Day). The Persians regard it as a "red-letter day," because the moon was created on the fourth day. (Genesis iv. 14-19.)

But the last Wednesday of November is called "Black Wednesday."

Weed of Worcester (The). The elm, which is very common indeed in the county.

Weeds. *Widow's weeds.* (Anglo-Saxon, *wæd*, a garment.) There are the compounds *wæd-brée* (breeches or garment for the breech), *wædless* (naked or without clothing), and so on. Spenser speaks of

"A goodly lady clad in hunter's weed."

Weeping Brides. A notion long prevailed in this country that it augured ill for a matrimonial alliance if the bride did not weep profusely at the wedding.

As no witch could shed more than three tears, and those from her left eye only, a copious flow of tears gave assurance to the husband that the lady had not "plighted her troth" to Satan, and was no witch.

Weeping Cross. *To go by Weeping Cross.* To repent, to grieve. In ancient times weeping crosses were crosses where penitents offered their devotions. In Stafford there is a weeping cross.

"Few men have wedded . . . their paramour but have come home by Weeping Cross,"—*Florio: Montagne*.

Weeping Philosopher. Heraclitus. So called because he grieved at the folly of man. (Flourished B.C. 500.)

Weeping Saint (The). St. Swithin. So called from the tradition of forty days' rain, if it rains on July 16th.

Weigh Anchor. Be off, get you gone. To weigh anchor is to lift it from its moorings, so that the ship may start

on her voyage. As soon as this is done the ship is *under weigh*—i.e. in movement. (Saxon, *wægan*, to lift up, carry.)

"Get off with you; come, come! weigh anchor."
—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*.

Weighed in the Balance, and found Wanting. The custom of weighing the Maharajah of Travancore in a scale against gold coin is still in use, and is called *Talabbaram*. The gold is heaped up till the Maharajah rises well in the air. The priests chant their Vedic hymns, the Maharajah is adored, and the gold is distributed among some 15,000 Brahmins, more or less.

Weight. *A dead weight.* (See DEAD.)

Weight-for-age Race (A). A sort of handicap (*q.v.*), but the weights are apportioned according to certain conditions, and not according to the dictum of a "cupper." Horses of the same age carry similar weights *ceteris paribus*. (See SELLING-RACE, PLATE, SWEET-STAKES.)

Weissnichtwo (*vice-neecht-ro*). I know not where; Utopia; Kennaquair; an imaginary place in Carlyle's *Sartor Resartus*. (See UTOPIA.)

Welcher. (See WELSHIER.)

Weld or Wold. The dyer's-weed (*reseda luteola*), which yields a beautiful yellow dye. (Anglo-Saxon, *geld* or *gold*, our yellow, etc.)

Well Begun is Half Done. "The beginning is half the whole." (*Pythagoras*.)

French: "Heureux commencement est la moitié de l'œuvre." "Ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte."

Latin: "Incipio dimidium facti est capisse." (*Anonius*.)

"Dimidium facti, qui cœpit, habet."
Horace.

"Facilius est incitare currentem, quam commovere languentem." (*Cicero*.)

Well-beloved. Charles VI. of France, *le Bien-aimé*. (1368, 1380-1422.)

Well-founded Doctor. Ægidius de Columna. (*-1316.)

Well of English Undeified. So Geoffrey Chaucer is spoken of by Spenser in the *Faerie Queene*, iv. 2. (1328-1400.)

Well of St. Keyne [*Cornwall*]. The reputed virtue of this well is that whichever of a married pair first drinks its waters will be the paramount power of the house. Southey has a ballad on the subject. The gentleman left the bride

at the church door, but the lady took a bottle of the water to church.

Well of Samaria, now called *Nablûs*, is seventy-five feet deep.

Well of Wisdom. This was the well under the protection of the god Mimir (p.v.). Odin, by drinking thereof, became the wisest of all beings. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Wells (Somersetshire). So called from St. Andrew's Well.

Weller (*Sam*). Pickwick's factotum. His wit, fidelity, archness, and wide-awakeness are inimitable. (*Dickens: Pickwick Papers*.)

Tony Weller. Father of Sam. Type of the old stage-coachman; portly in size, and dressed in a broad-brimmed hat, great-coat of many capes, and top-boots. His stage-coach was his castle, and elsewhere he was as green as a sailor on *terra firma*. (*Dickens: Pickwick Papers*.)

Wellington. *Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington*, called "The Iron Duke," from his iron constitution and iron will. (1769-1852.)

Wellington's horse, Copenhagen. (Died at the age of twenty-seven.) (*See HORSE*.)

Le Wellington des Joueurs. Lord Rivers was so called in Paris.

"Le Wellington des Joueurs lost £23,000 at a sitting, beginning at twelve at night, and ending at seven the following morning."—*Edinburgh Review*, July, 1841.

Welsh Ambassador (*The*). The cuckoo. Logan, in his poem *To the Cuckoo* calls it the "messenger of Spring"; but the Welsh ambassador means that the bird announces the migration of Welsh labourers into England for summer employment.

"Why, thou rogue of universality, do I not know thee? This sound is like the cuckoo, the Welsh ambassador."—*Dampier: A Trick to Catch the Old One*, iv. 5.

Welsh Main. Same as a "battle royal." (*See BATTLE*.)

Welsh Mortgage (*A*). A pledge of land in which no day is fixed for redemption.

Welsh Rabbit. Cheese melted and spread over buttered toast. The word rabbit is a corruption of rare-bit.

"The Welshman he loved toasted cheese,
Which made his mouth like a mouse-trap."
When Good King Arthur Ruled the Land.

Welsh'er. One who lays a bet, but absconds if he loses. It means a Welshman, and is based upon the nursery

rhyme, "Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy was a thief."

Wench (*A*) is the Anglo-Saxon word *wenche*, a child. It is now chiefly used derogatorily, and the word *wenching* is quite offensive. In the Midland counties, when a peasant addresses his wife as "my wench," he expresses endearment.

Wench, like *girl*, was at one time applied to either sex. Chaucer has "yonge-girls" for youngsters of both sexes. We find the phrase "knave-girl" used for boys; and Isaac, in the *Orinotus*, is called a wench or wenche. Similarly, "maid" is applied to both sexes, hence the compound *maden-femme*, a female child or maiden.

Wer'ner, alias *Kruitzner*, alias *Count Siegendorf*. Being driven from the dominion of his father, he wandered about as a beggar for twelve years. Count Stral'enheim, being the next heir, hunted him from place to place. At length Stral'enheim, travelling through Silesia, was rescued from the Oder by Ulric, and lodged in an old palace where Werner had been lodging for some few days. Werner robbed Stral'enheim of a rouleau of gold, but scarcely had he done so when he recognised in Ulric his lost son, and chid him for saving the count. Ulric murdered Stral'enheim, and provided for his father's escape to Siegendorf castle, near Prague. Werner recovered his dominion, but found that his son was a murderer, and imagination is left to fill up the future fate of both father and son. (*Byron: Wer'ner*.)

Wer'ther. The sentimental hero of Goethe's romance called *The Sorrows of Werther*.

Werwolf (French, *loup-garou*). A bogie who roams about devouring infants, sometimes under the form of a man, sometimes as a white dog, sometimes as a black goat, and occasionally invisible. Its skin is bullet-proof, unless the bullet has been blessed in a chapel dedicated to St. Hubert. This superstition was once common to almost all Europe, and still lingers in Brittany, Linousin, Auvergne, Servia, Wallachia, and White Russia. In the fifteenth century a council of theologians, convoked by the Emperor Sigismund, gravely decided that the *loup-garou* was a reality. It is somewhat curious that we say a "bug-bear," and the French a "bug-wolf." ("Wer-wolf" is Anglo-Saxon *wer*, a man, and wolf—a man in the semblance of a wolf, "Gar" of *gar-qiu*

is *wer* or *war*, a man; and "ou," a corruption of *orc*, an ogre.)

• Ovid tells the story of Lyeon, King of Arcadia, turned into a wolf because he tested the divinity of Jupiter by serving up to him a "hush of human flesh."

Herodotus describes the Neuri as sorcerers, who had the power of assuming once a year the shape of wolves.

Pliny relates that one of the family of Anteus was chosen annually, by lot, to be transformed into a wolf, in which shape he continued for nine years.

St. Patrick, we are told, converted Vereticius, King of Wales, into a wolf.

Wesleyan. A follower of John Wesley (1703-1791), founder of the Wesleyan Methodists.

Wessex, or West Saxon Kingdom, included Hants, Dorset, Wilts, Somerset, Surrey, Gloucestershire, and Bucks.

Westmoreland [*Land of the West Moors*]. Geoffrey of Monmouth says (iv. 17) that Mur or Marius, son of Arviragus, one of the descendants of Brutus the Trojan wanderer, killed Rodric, a Pict, and set up a monument of his victory in a place which he called "Westmar-land," and the chronicler adds that the "inscription of this stone remains to this day." (Saxon, *West-moring-land*.)

Wet. *To have a wet.* To have a drink.

Wet-bob and **Dry-bob.** At Eton a wet-bob is a boy who goes in for boating, but a dry-bob is one who goes in for cricket.

Wet Finger (*With a*), easily, directly. "*J'en un tour de main.*" The allusion is to the old custom of spinning, in which the spinner constantly wetted the forefinger with the mouth.

"I can bring myself round with a wet finger."—*Sir W. Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xxi. (and in many other places).

"The spirit being grieved and provoked, . . . will not return again with a wet finger."—*Gunga: Whole Armour of God*, p. 456 (1619).

"I can find
One with a wet finger that is stark blind."
Trial of Love and Fortune (1598).

Flores. "Canst thou bring me thither?
Peasant. With a wet finger."

Wisdom of Dr. Dodypoll (1600).

Wetherell (*Elizabeth*). A pseudonym adopted by Miss Susan Warner, an American writer, author of *The Wide Wide World*, and other works.

Wexford Bridge Massacre. In the great Irish Rebellion of 1798, May 25th, some 14,000 Irish insurgents attacked Wexford, defeated the garrison, put to death all those taken prisoners,

and on the 30th frightened the town into a surrender. They treated the Protestants with the utmost barbarity, and, after taking Enniscorthy, encamped on Vinegar Hill (*q.v.*). When informed that Wexford was retaken by the English, the insurgents massacred about a thousand Protestant prisoners in cold blood.

Weyd-monat. The Anglo-Saxon name for June, "because the beasts did then *weyd* in the meadow, that is to say, go and feed there." (*Verstegan*.)

Whale. Not a fish, but a cetaceous mammal.

A group of whales is called a school.

The *fat* is called blubber.

The *female* is called a cow.

The *fore-limbs* are called paddles.

The *male* is called a bull-whale.

The *spear* used in whale-fishing is called a harpoon.

The *young* of whales is a cub or calf.

TOOTHED-WHALES include sperm-whales and dolphins.

WHALE-BONE WHALES include porquals and humpbacks.

Whale. *Very like a whale.* Very much like a cock-and-bull story; a fudge. Hamlet chaffs Polonius by comparing a cloud to a camel, and then to a weasel, and when the courtier assents Hamlet adds, "Or like a whale"; to which Polonius answers, "Very like a whale." (Act iii 2.)

Whalebone (2 syl.). *White as whalebone.* Our forefathers seemed to confuse the walrus with the whale; ivory was made from the teeth of the walrus, and "white as whalebone" is really a blunder for "white as walrus-ivory."

Wharnciffe (2 syl.). *A Wharnciffe meeting* is a meeting of the shareholders of a railway company, called for the purpose of obtaining their assent to a bill in Parliament tearing on the company's railway. So called from Lord Wharnciffe, its originator.

Wharton. *Philip Wharton, Duke of Northumberland*, described by Pope in the *Moral Essays* in the lines beginning—

"Wharton, the scorn and wonder of our days."

A most brilliant orator, but so licentious that he wasted his patrimony in drunkenness and self-indulgence. He was outlawed for treason, and died in a wretched condition at a Bernardine convent in Catalonia. (1698-1731.)

What we Gave we Have, What we Spent we Had, What we Had we Lost. Epitaph of the Good Earl of Courtenay. (*Gibbon: History of the Courtenay Family.*)

The epitaph in St. George's church, Doncaster, runs thus:

- "How now, who is here?
I, Robin of Doncastere
And Margaret, my foere,
That I spent, that I had;
That I gave, that I have;
That I left, that I lost."

This is a free translation of Martial's distich—

"Extra fortunam est quidquid donatur amicis
Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes."

What's What. *He knows what's what.* He is a shrowd fellow not to be imposed on. One of the senseless questions of logic was "*Quid est quid?*"

"He knew what's what, and that's as high
As metaphysic wit can fly."

Butler: Hudibras, part i. canto 1.

Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, nicknamed at Oxford "the White Bear" (White from his white overcoat, and Bear from the rude, unceremonious way in which he would trample upon an adversary in argument). (1787-1863.)

Wheal or *Huel* means a tin-mine. (*Cornwall.*)

Wheatear (the bird) has no connection with either *wheat* or *ear*, but it is the Anglo-Saxon *hwit* (white), *ears* (rump). Sometimes called the White-rump, and in French *blanculet* (the little blanc-cul). So called from its white rump.

Wheel. Emblematical of St. Catharine, who was put to death on a wheel somewhat resembling a chaff-cutter.

St. Donatus bears a wheel set round with lights.

St. Euphemia and St. Willigis both carry wheels.

St. Quintin is sometimes represented with a broken wheel at his feet.

To put one's spoke into another man's wheel. (*See under SPOKE.*)

Wheel of Fortune (*The*). Fortuna, the goddess, is represented on ancient monuments with a wheel in her hand, emblematical of her inconstancy.

"Though Fortune's malice overthrow my state,
My mind exceeds the compass of her wheel."

Shakespeare: Henry VI., iv. 3.

Whelps. Fifth-rate men of war. Thus, in Howell's letters we read, "At the return of this fleet two of the *whelps* were cast away"; and in the *Travels of Sir W. Breveton* we read, "I went aboard one of the king's ships, called the ninth *whelp*, which is . . . 215 ton and

tonnage in king's books." In Queen Elizabeth's navy was a ship called *Lion's Whelp*, and her navy was distinguished as first, second . . . tenth *whelp*.

Whetstone. (*See ACCIUS NAVIUS.*)

Whetstone of Witte (*The*) (1556), by Robert Recorde, a treatise on algebra. The old name for algebra was the "Cossic Art," and *Cos Ingenii* rendered into English is "the Whetstone of Wit." It will be remembered that the maid told the belated traveller in the *Fortunes of Nigel* that her master had "no other books but her young mistress's Bible . . . and her master's *Whetstone of Witte*, by Robert Recorde."

Whig is from *Whiggam-more*, a corruption of *Ugham-more* (pack-saddle thieves), from the Celtic *ugham* (a pack-saddle). The Scotch insurgent Covenanters were called pack-saddle thieves, from the pack-saddles which they used to employ for the stowage of plunder. The Marquis of Argyll collected a band of these vagabonds, and instigated them to aid him in opposing certain government measures in the reign of James I., and in the reign of Charles II. all who opposed government were called the *Argyle whiggamors*, contracted into whigs. (*See TORY.*)

"The south-west counties of Scotland have seldom corn enough to serve them all the year round, and the northern parts producing more than they used, those in the west went in summer to buy at Leith the stores that came from the north. From the word *whiggam*, used in driving their horses, all that drove were called the *whiggamors*, contracted into *whigs*. Now, in the year before the news came down of Duke Hamilton's defeat, the ministers animated their people to rise and march to Edinburgh; and they came up, marching on the head of their parishes, with an unlearned-of fury, praying and preaching all the way as they came. The Marquis of Argyll and his party came and headed them, they being about 6,000. This was called the 'Whiggamors' Inroad'; and ever after that all who opposed the court came in contempt to be called *whigs*. From Scotland the word was brought into England, where it is now one of our unhappy terms of disunion."—Bishop Burnet: *Own Times.*

Whig Gism. The political tenets of the Whigs, which may be broadly stated to be political and religious liberty. Certainly Bishop Burnet's assertion that they are "opposed to the court" may or may not be true. In the reigns of Charles II. and his brother James, no doubt they were opposed to the court, but it was far otherwise in the reign of William III., George I., etc., when the Tories were the anti-court party.

Whip (*A*), in the Legislative Assemblies, is a person employed to whip up members on either side. The Whips give notice to members that a motion is

expected when their individual vote may be desirable. The circular runs: "A motion is expected when your vote is 'earnestly' required." If the word "earnestly" has only one red-ink dash under it the receiver is *expected* to come, if it has two dashes it means that he *ought* to come, if it has three dashes it means that he *must* come, if four dashes it means "stay away at your peril." These notices are technically called "RED WHIPS." (*Annual Register*, 1877, p. 86.)

A whip. A notice sent to a member of Parliament by a "whip" (*see above*) to be in his place at the time stated when a "division" is expected.

Whip. He whipped round the corner—ran round it quickly. (Dutch, *wippen*; Welsh, *chwipwio*, to whip; *chwip*, a flick or flirt.)

He whipped it up in a minute. The allusion is to the hoisting machine called a whip. A single whip is a rope passing over one pulley; a double whip is a rope passed over two single pulleys attached to a yard-arm.

Whip-dog Day. October 18 (St. Luke's Day). Brand tells us that a priest about to celebrate mass on St. Luke's Day, happened to drop the pyx, which was snatched up by a dog, and this was the origin of Whip-dog Day. (*Popular Antiquities*, ii. 273.)

Whip with Six Strings (*The*). Called "the Bloody Statute." The religious code of six articles enacted by Convocation and Parliament in the reign of Henry VIII. (1539).

Whipping Boy. A boy kept to be whipped when a prince deserved chastisement. Mungo Murray stood for Charles I., Barnaby Fitzpatrick for Edward VI. (*Fuller: Church History*, ii. 342.) D'Ossat and Du Perron, afterwards cardinals, were whipped by Clement VIII. for Henri IV. of France. Also called a whip-boy.

Whiskers. A security for money: John de Castro of Portugal, having captured the castle of Diu, in India, borrowed of the inhabitants of Goa 1,000 pistoles for the maintenance of his fleet, and gave one of his whiskers as security of payment, saying, "All the gold in the world cannot equal the value of this natural ornament, which I deposit in your hands."

Whisk'y. Contracted from the Gaelic *ooshk'-a-pai* (water of health).

Usquebaugh, Irish *uisge'-a-bagh* (water of life); *cau de vie*, French (water of life).

L.L. whisky. (See L.L. WHISKY.)

Whisky, drink divine (the song) was by O'Leary, not by John Sheehan.

* As a pretty general rule the Scotch word is *whiskey*, and the Irish word *whisky*, without the *e*.

Whisky-drinker. *The Irish whisky-drinker.* John [Jack] Sheehan, author of *The Irish Whisky-drinker's Papers in Bentley's Miscellany*.

Whist. Cotton says that "the game is so called from the silence that is to be observed in the play." Dr. Johnson has adopted this derivation; but Taylor the Water-poet (1650), Swift (1728), and Barrington (1787) called the game *Whisk*, to the great discomfiture of this etymology. Pope (1715) called it *whist*.

* The first known mention of *whist* in print was in a book called *The Motto*, published in 1621, where it is called *whisk*. The earliest known use of the present spelling is in Butler's *Hudibras* (1663).

"Let nice Piquette the boast of France remain,
And studious Ombre be the pride of Spain;
Invention's praise shall England yield to none,
While she can call delightful *Whisk* her own"
Alexander Thomson: A poem in eight cantos on Whist. (Second edition, 1702.)

Whistle (noun). *Champion of the whistle.* The person who can hold out longest in a drinking bout. A Dane, in the train of Anne of Denmark, had an ebony whistle placed on the table, and whoever of his guests was able to blow it when the rest of the company were too far gone for the purpose was called the champion. Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton, after a rouse lasting three nights and three days, left the Dane under the table and blew his requiem on the whistle.

To wet one's whistle. To take a drink. Whistle means a pipe (Latin, *fistula*; Saxon, *hwistle*), hence the wind-pipe.

"So was his jolly whistal well y-wet."
Chaucer: Canterbury Tales.

You paid too dearly for your whistle. You paid dearly for something you fancied, but found that it did not answer your expectation. The allusion is to a story told by Dr. Franklin of his nephew, who set his mind on a common whistle, which he bought of a boy for four times its value. Franklin says the ambitious who dance attendance on court, the miser who gives this world and the next for gold, the libertine who ruins his health for pleasure, the girl

who marries a brute for money, all pay "too much for their whistle."

Worth the whistle. Worth calling; worth inviting; worth notice. The dog is worth the pains of whistling for. Thus Heywood, in one of his dialogues consisting entirely of proverbs, says, "It is a poor dog that is not worth the whistling." Goneril says to Albany—

"I have been worth the whistle."

Shakespeare: King Lear, iv. 2.

Whistle (verb). *You may whistle for that.* You must not expect it. The reference is to sailors whistling for the wind. "They call the winds, but will they come when they do call them?"

"Only a little hour ago

I was whistling to St. Antonio

For a capful of wind to fill our sail,

And instead of a breeze he has sent a gale."

Longfellow: Golden Legend, v.

You must whistle for more. In the old whistle-tankards, the whistle comes into play when the tankard is empty, to announce to the drawer that more liquor is wanted. Hence the expression, If a man wants liquor, *he must whistle for it.*

Whistle Down the Wind (*To*). To defame a person. The cognate phrase "blown upon" is more familiar. The idea is to whistle down the wind that the reputation of the person may be blown upon.

Whistle for the Wind. (*See CAP-FULL.*)

"What gales are sold on Lapland's shore!

How whistle rush buds tempests roar!"

Sir Walter Scott: Rokeby, ii. 11.

White denotes purity, simplicity, and candour; innocence, truth, and hope.

The ancient Druids, and indeed the priests generally of antiquity, used to wear white vestments, as do the clergy of the Established Church of England when they officiate in any sacred service. The magi also wore white robes.

The head of Osiris, in Egypt, was adorned with a white tiara; all her ornaments were white; and her priests were clad in white.

The priests of Jupiter, and the Flamen Dialis of Rome, were clothed in white, and wore white hats. The victims offered to Jupiter were white. The Roman festivals were marked with white chalk, and at the death of a Cæsar the national mourning was white; white horses were sacrificed to the sun, white oxen were selected for sacrifice by the Druids, and white elephants are held sacred in Siam.

The Persians affirm that the divinities are habited in white.

White Bird (*The*). Conscience, or the soul of man. The Mahometans have preserved the old Roman idea in the doctrine that the souls of the just lie under the throne of God, like white birds, till the resurrection morn.

"A white bird, she told him once . . . he must carry on his bosom across a crowded public place—his own soul was like that."—*Pater: Marius the Epicurean*, chap. II.

White Brethren or **White-clad Brethren**. A sect in the beginning of the fifteenth century. Mosheim says (bk. ii. p. 2, chap. v.) a certain priest came from the Alps, clad in white, with an immense concourse of followers all dressed in white linen also. They marched through several provinces, following a cross borne by their leader. Boniface X. ordered their leader to be burnt, and the multitude dispersed.

White Caps. A rebellious party of zealous Mahometans, put down by Kien-lóng the Chinese emperor, in 1758. So called from their head-dress.

White Caps. An influential family in Kerry (Ireland), who acted a similar part as Judge Lynch in America. When neighbours became unruly, the white caps visited them during the night and beat them soundly. Their example was followed about a hundred years ago in other parts of Ireland.

White Caps (1891). A party in North America opposed to the strict Sabbatarian observance. So called because they wear high white caps. First heard of at Okawaville, Illinois.

White-coat (*A*). An Austrian soldier. So called because he wears a white coat. Similarly, an English soldier is called a red-coat. In old Rome, *ad sagu ire* meant to "become a soldier," and *tunere sagum* to enlist, from the *sagum* or military cloak worn by the soldier, in contradistinction to the *toga* worn by the citizen in times of peace.

White Cookade. The badge worn by the followers of Charles Edward, the Pretender.

White Company (*The*). "*Le Blanche Compagnie*." A band of French cut-throats organised by Bertrand du Guesclin and led against Pedro the Cruel.

"Se faisoient appeller 'La Blanche Compagnie,' parce qu'ils portoient tous une croix blanche sur l'épaule, comme voulant témoigner qu'ils n'avoient pris les armes que pour abolir le Judaïsme en Espagne, et combattre le Friace qui le protégeait."—*Mémoires Historiques*.

White Czar (*The*). Strictly speaking means the Czar of Muscovy; the

King of Muscovy was called the White King from the white robes which he wore. The King of Poland was called the Black King.

"Sunt qui principem Moscoviam *Album Regem* nuncupant. Ego quidem causam diligenter quæram, cur regis albi nomine appellatur, cum nemo principum Moscoviarum eo titulo antea (Ivan III.) esset usus. . . Credo autem alii Persam nunc propter rubra tegumenta capitia 'Kisil-pasha' (a. e. rubrum caput) vocant; ita reges Moscoviarum propter alba tegumenta 'Albos Reges' appellari."—*Sigismund*.

"The marriage of the Czarovitch with the Princess Alex of Hesse (3 syl.) will impress the Oriental mind with the expectation that the Empress of India and the White Czar will henceforth . . . labour to avoid the . . . mischief of disagreement."—*The Standard*, April 21st, 1894.

White Elephant. *King of the White Elephant.* The proudest title borne by the kings of Ava and Siam. In Ava the white elephant bears the title of "lord," and has a minister of high rank to superintend his household.

The land of the White Elephant. Siam. *To have a white elephant to keep.* To have an expensive and unprofitable dignity to support, or a pet article to take care of. For example, a person moving is determined to keep a pet carpet, and therefore hires his house to fit his carpet. The King of Siam makes a present of a white elephant to such of his courtiers as he wishes to ruin.

White Feather. *To show the white feather.* To show cowardice. No gamecock has a white feather. A white feather indicates a cross-brood in birds.

Showing the white feather. Some years ago a bloody war was raging between the Indians and settlers of the backwoods of North America. A Quaker, who refused to fly, saw one day a horde of savages rushing down towards his house. He set food before them, and when they had eaten the chief fastened a white feather over the door as a badge of friendship and peace. Though many bands passed that house, none ever violated the covenant by injuring its inmates or property.

White Friars. The Carmelites. So called because they dressed in white.

Whitefriars, London. So called from a monastery of White Friars which formerly stood in Water Lane.

Whitefriars. A novel, by Emma Robinson.

White Harvest (A). A late harvest, when the ground is white of a morning with hoarfrost. The harvest of 1891 was a white harvest.

White Hat. (See under **HAT**.)

White Horse of Wantago (Dorsetshire), cut in the chalk hills. This horse commemorates a great victory gained by Alfred over the Danes, in the reign of his brother Ethelred I. The battle is called the battle of *Escesedun* (Ashtree-hill). The horse is 374 feet long, and may be seen at the distance of fifteen miles. (*Dr. Wise*.)

An annual ceremony was once held, called "Scouring the White Horse."

White Horses. Foam-crested waves.

"The resemblance . . . has commonly been drawn between the horse [and the waves], in regard to his mane, and the foam-tipped waves, which are still called white horses."—*W. E. Gladstone: Nineteenth Century*, November, 1885.

White House. The presidential mansion in the United States. It is a building of freestone, painted white, at Washington. Figuratively, it means the Presidency; as, "He has his eye on the White House." (*See WHITEHALL*.)

White Ladies [*Les Dames Blanches*]. A species of fée in Normandy. They lurk in ravines, fords, bridges, and other narrow passes, and ask the passenger to dance. If they receive a courteous answer, well; but if a refusal, they seize the churl and fling him into a ditch, where thorns and briars may serve to teach him gentleness of manners.

"The most famous of these ladies is La Dame d'Aprigny, who used to occupy the site of the present Rue St. Quentin, at Bayeux, and La Dame Abonde." "Vocant domini nam *Abundiam* pro eo quod domibus, quas frequentant, abundantiam bonorum temporalium præstare putantur non aliter tibi sentiendum est neque aliter quam quemadmodum de illis audivisti." (*William of Auvergne*, 1248.) (*See BERTHA*.)

"One kind of these the Italians *Fata* name; the French call *Fées*; we *Sylphs*; and the same Others *White Dames*, and those that them have seen, *Night Ladies* some, of which *Habundia's* queen." *Hierarchie*, viii, p. 507.

The White Lady. The legend says that Bertha promised the workmen of Neuhaus a sweet soup and carp on the completion of the castle. In remembrance thereof, these dainties were given to the poor of Bohemia on Maundy Thursday, but have been discontinued.

The most celebrated in Britain is the *White Lady of Avenel*, the creation of Sir Walter Scott.

White Lady of German legend. A being dressed in white, who appears at the castle of German princes to forebode a death. She last appeared, it is said, in

1879, just prior to the death of Prince Waldemar. She carries a bunch of keys at her side, and is always dressed in white. The first instance of this apparition occurred in the sixteenth century, and the name given to the lady is Bertha von Rosenberg (in Bohemia).

Twice, we are told, she has been heard to speak. Once in December, 1823, when she said, "I wait for judgment!" and once at the castle of Neuhaus, in Bohemia, when she said to the princes, "Tis ten o'clock."

The White Lady of Ireland. The Banshee.

White Lies. A conventional lie, such as telling a caller that Mrs. A. or Mrs. B. is not at home, meaning not "at home" to that particular caller.

It is said that Dean Swift called on a "friend," and was told by Jeanes that "master is not at home." After a time this very "friend" called on the dean, and Swift, opening the window, shouted, "Not at home!" When the friend expostulated, Swift said, "I believed your footman when he said his master was not at home; surely you can believe the master himself when he tells you he is not at home."

White Moments of Life (The). The red-letter days or happy moments of life. The Romans used to mark unlucky days, in their calendars, with black chalk, and lucky ones with white chalk; hence *Notare diem lactea gemma* or *alba* means to mark a day as a lucky one.

"These, my young friend, these are the white moments of one's life."—*Sir W. Scott: The Antiquary*, chap. iii.

White Moon (Knight of the). Sampson Carrasco assumed this character and device, in order to induce Don Quixote to abandon knight errantry, and return home. The Don, being worsted, returned home, lingered a little while, and died. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, pt. ii: bk. iv. chap. 12, etc.)

White Night (A). A sleepless night; hence the French phrase "*Passer une nuit blanche*."

White Poplar. This tree was originally the nymph Leuco, beloved by Pluto, and at death the infernal Zeus metamorphosed her into a white poplar, which was ultimately removed into Elysium.

White Rose. The House of York, whose emblem it was.

The White Rose. Cardinal de la Pole. (1500-1558.)

White Rose of England. So Perkin Warbeck or Osbeck was always addressed by Margaret of Burgundy, the sister of Edward IV. (*-1449.) Lady

Catherine Gordon, given by James IV. as wife to Perkin Warbeck, was called "The White Rose." She married three times more after the death of Warbeck.

The White Rose of Raby. Cecily, wife of Richard, Duke of York, and mother of Edward IV. and Richard III. She was the youngest of twenty-one children.

White Sheep [Ak-koin-loo]. A tribe of Turkomans, so called from their standards. The Sophian dynasty of Persia was founded by one of this tribe.

White Squall. One which produces no diminution of light, in contradistinction to a black squall, in which the clouds are black and heavy.

White Stone. Days marked with a white stone. Days of pleasure; days to be remembered with gratification. The Romans used a white stone or piece of chalk to mark their lucky days with on the calendar. Those that were unlucky they marked with black charcoal. (See RED-LETTER DAY.)

White Stone (Rev. ii. 17). *To him that overcometh will I give . . . a white stone; and in the stone a new name [is] written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it [i.e. the stone].* In primitive times, when travelling was difficult for want of places of public accommodation, hospitality was exercised by private individuals to a great extent. When the guest left, the host gave him a small white stone cut in two; on one half the host wrote his name, and on the other the guest; the host gave the guest the half containing his [host's] name, and *vice versa*. This was done that the guest at some future time might return the favour, if needed. Our text says, "I will give him to eat of the hidden manna"—i.e. I will feed or entertain him well, and I will keep my friendship, sacred, inviolable, and known only to himself.

White Surrey. The horse of Richard III. (See HORSE.)

"Saddle White Surrey for the field."
Shakespeare: Richard III., v. 3.

White Tincture. That preparation which the alchemists believed would convert any baser metal into silver. It is also called the Stone of the Second Order, the Little Elixir, and the Little Magisterium. (See RED TINCTURE.)

White Water-lotus [Pe-lien-kaou]. A secret society which greatly disturbed the empire of China in the reign of Koa-King. (1796-1820.)

White Widow. The Duchess of Tyrconnel, wife of Richard Talbot, Lord-deputy of Ireland under James II., created Duke of Tyrconnel a little before the king's abdication. After the death of Talbot, a female, supposed to be his duchess, supported herself for a few days by her needle. She wore a white mask, and dressed in white. (*Pennant: London*, p. 147.)

White Witch (A). A cunning fellow; one knowing in white art in contradistinction to black art.

"Two or three years past there came to these parts one . . . what the vulgar calls a white witch, a cunning man, and such like."—*Sir W. Scott: Kenilworth*, chap. ix.

White as Driven Snow. (*See SMILES.*)

White in the Eye. It is said that the devil has no white in his eyes, and hence the French locution, "*Celui qui n'a point de blanc en l'œil.*" "Do you see any white in my eye?" is asked by one who means to insinuate he is no fool or no knave—that is, he is not like the devil with no white in the eye.

Whitebait Dinner. The ministerial dinner that announces the near close of the parliamentary session. Sir Robert Preston, M.P. for Dover, first invited his friend George Rose (Secretary of the Treasury) and an elder brother of the Trinity House to dine with him at his fishing-cottage on the banks of Dagenham Lake. This was at the close of the session. Rose on one occasion proposed that Mr. Pitt, their mutual friend, should be asked to join them; this was done, and Pitt promised to repeat his visit the year following, when other members swelled the party. This went on for several years, when Pitt suggested that the muster should be in future nearer town, and Greenwich was selected. Lord Camden next advised that each man should pay his quota. The dinner became an annual feast, and was until lately (1892) a matter of course. The time of meeting was Trinity Monday, or as near Trinity Monday as circumstances would allow, and therefore was near the close of the session.

Whiteboys. A secret agrarian association organised in Ireland about the year 1769. So called because they wore white shirts in their nightly expeditions. In 1787 a new association appeared, the members of which called themselves "Right-boys." The Whiteboys were originally called "Levellers," from their

throwing down fences and levelling enclosures. (*See LEVELLERS.*)

Whitehall (London) obtained its name from the white and fresh appearance of the front, compared with the ancient buildings in York Place. (*Brayley: Londoniana.*) (*See WHITE HOUSE.*)

Whitewashed. Said of a person who has taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act. He went to prison covered with debts and soiled with "dirty ways;" he comes out with a clean bill to begin the contest of life afresh.

Whit-leather. The skin of a horse cured and whitened for whip-thongs, heding-gloves, and so on.

"Thy gentill made of whitelether whange . . . is turned now to velvet."

MS. Lansd., 241.

Whitsunday. White Sunday. The seventh Sunday after Easter, to commemorate the "Descent of the Holy Ghost" on the day of Pentecost. In the Primitive Church the newly-baptised wore white from Easter to Pentecost, and were called *alba'ti* (white-robed). The last of the Sundays, which was also the chief festival, was called emphatically *Dominica in Albis* (Sunday in White).

Another etymology is *Wit* or *Wisdom* Sunday, the day when the Apostles were filled with wisdom by the Holy Ghost.

"This day Wit-sunday is cald.
For wisdom and wit serene faid,
Was zoned to the Apostles as this day."
Canabr. Cantab. MSS., Bd. i. 1, p. 224.

(Compare *Witten-agemote*.)

"We ought to kepe this our Witsunday because the law of God was then of the Holy Wyght or Ghost deured gostly unto vs."—*Tutener* (1340).

"This day is called Wytsunday because the Holy Ghost brought wytte and wysdom into Christis disciples . . . and filled them full of ghostly wytte."—*In die Pentecostis* (printed by Wykman de Worde).

Whittington. (*See under CAT*; also *WHITTINGTON.*)

Riley in his *Mamimenta Gildhallæ Londonensis* (p. xviii.) says *achal* was used at the time for "trading" (i.e. buying and selling); and that Whittington made his money by *achal*, called *acat*. We have the word in *cater*, *caterer*.

"As much error exists respecting Dick Whittington, the following account will be useful. He was born in Gloucestershire, in the middle of the fourteenth century and was the son of a knight of good property. He went to London to learn how to become a merchant. His master was a relative, and took a great interest in the boy, who subsequently married Alice, his master's daughter. He became very rich, and was four times Mayor of London, but the first time was before the office was created Lord Mayor by Richard II. He died in 1392, during his year of office, about sixty-three years of age."

Whittle (A). A knife. (Anglo-Saxon *hwytel*, a knife; *hwæt*, sharp or keen.)

"Walter de Aldeham holds land of the king in the More, in the county of Salop, by the service of paying to the king yearly at his exchequer two knives [whittles], whereof one ought to be of that value or goodness that at the first stroke it would cut asunder in the middle a bastie-root of a year's growth, and of the length of a cubit, which service ought to be . . . on the morrow of St. Michael. . . . The said knives (whittles) to be delivered to the chamberlain to keep for the king's use."—*Blount: Ancient Tenures.*

Whittle Down. To cut away with a knife or whittle; to reduce; to encroach. In Cumberland, underpaid schoolmasters used to be called *Whittle-gait*—i.e. the privilege of knife and fork at the table of those who employ them.

The Americans "whittled down the royal throne;" "whittled out a commonwealth;" "whittle down the forest trees;" "whittle out a railroad;" "whittle down to the thin end of nothing." (Saxon, *hwytel*, a large knife.)

"We have whittled down our loss extremely, and will not allow a man more than 350 English slain out of 4500."—*Walsley.*

Whitworth Gun. (See GUN.)

Whole Duty of Man. Tenison, Bishop of Lincoln, says the author was Dr. Chaplin, of University College, Oxford. (*Evelyn: Diary.*)

Thomas Hearne ascribes the authorship to Archbishop Sancroft.

Some think Dr. Hawkins, who wrote the introduction, was the author.

The following names have also been suggested:—Lady Packington (assisted by Dr. Fell), Archbishop Sterne, Archbishop Woodhead, William Fulham, Archbishop Frewen (President of Magdalen College, Oxford), and others.

Whole Gale (A). A very heavy wind. The three degrees are a *fresh* gale, a *strong* gale, and a *heavy* or *whole* gale.

Whom the Gods Love Die Young [*Herodotus*]. Cited in *Don Juan*, canto iv. 12 (death of Haidee).

Wick, Wicked, and in French Méche, Méchant. That the two English words and the two French words should have similar resemblances and similar meanings is a remarkable coincidence, especially as the two adjectives are quite independent of the nouns in their etymology. "Wick" is the Anglo-Saxon *wæcer*, a rush or reed, but "wicked" is the Anglo-Saxon *wæc* or *wac*, vile. So "méche" is the Latin *mixta*, a wick, but "méchant" is the old French *meschânt*, unlucky.

Wicked Bible. (See BIBLE.)

Wicked Prayer Book (The). Printed 1686, octavo. The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity reads:—

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these. adultery, fornication, uncleanness, idolatry . . . they who do these things shall inherit the kingdom of God."

(Of course, "shall inherit" should be *shall not inherit*.)

Wicked Weed (The). Hops.

"After the introduction into England of the wicked weed called hops."—*Return to Edward VI.'s Parliament, 1524.*

Wicket-gate. The entrance to the road that leadeth to the Celestial City. Over the portal is the inscription:—"KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU." (*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress.*)

Wicliffe (John), called "The Morning Star of the Reformation." (1324-1384.)

Wide-awake. Felt hats are so called by a pun, because they never have a *nap* at any time; they are always wide awake.

Wide nostrils (3 syl.). (French, *Bringuenarilles*.) A huge giant, who subsisted on windmills, and lived in the island of Tohu. When Pantagruel and his fleet reached this island no food could be cooked because Widenostrils had swallowed "every individual pan, skillet, kettle, frying-pan, dripping-pan, boiler, and saucepan in the land," and died from eating a lump of butter. Tohu and Bohu, "two contiguous" islands (in Hebrew, *toil* and *confusion*), mean lands laid waste by war. The giant had eaten everything, so that there was "nothing to fry with," as the French say—i.e. nothing left to live upon.

Widow. (See GRASS WIDOW.)

Widow (in *Hudibras*). The relict of Aminadab Wilmer or Willmot, an Independent, slain at Edgehill. She had £200 left her. Sir Hudibras fell in love with her.

Widow Bird. A corruption of Whydau bird. So called from the country of Whydau, in Western Africa. The blunder is perpetuated in the scientific name given to the genus, which is the Latin *Vidua*, a widow.

Widow's Cap. This was a Roman custom. Widows were obliged to wear "weeds" for ten months. (*Seneca: Epistles*, lxxv.)

Widow's Piano. Inferior instruments sold as bargains; so called from the ordinary advertisement announcing that a *widow lady* is compelled to sell

her piano, for which she will take half-price.

Widow's Port. A wine sold for port, but of quite a different family. As a widow retains her husband's name after her husband is taken away, so this mixture of potato spirit and some inferior wine retains the name of port, though every drop of port is taken from it.

"We have all heard of widow's port, and of the instinctive dread all persons who have any respect for their health have for it."—*The Times*.

Wieland (2 syl.). The famous smith of Scandinavian fable. He and Amilias had a contest of skill in their handicraft. Wieland's sword cleft his rival down to the thighs; but so sharp was the sword, that Amilias was not aware of the cut till he attempted to stir, when he divided into two pieces. This sword was named Balmung.

Wife is from the verb to weave. (Saxon *wefan*, Danish *væve*, German *weben*, whence *wife*, a woman, one who works at the distaff.) Woman is called the *distaff*. Hence Dryden calls Anne "a distaff on the throne." While a girl was spinning her wedding clothes she was simply a spinster; but when this task was done, and she was married, she became a wife, or one who had already woven her allotted task.

Alfred, in his will, speaks of his male and female descendants as those of the *spear-side* and those of the *spindle-side*, a distinction still observed by the Germans; and hence the effigies on graves of spears and spindles.

Wig. A variation of the French *peruque*, Latin *pilucca*, our *periwig* cut short. In the middle of the eighteenth century we meet with thirty or forty different names for wigs: as the artichoke, bug, barrister's, bishop's, brush, bush [buzz], buckle, busby, chain, chancellor's, corded wolf's paw, Count Saxe's mode, the crutch, the cut bob, the detached buckle, the Dalmahoy (a bob-wig worn by tradesmen), the drop, the Dutch, the full, the half-natural, the Jansenist bob, the judge's, the ladder, the long bob, the Louis, the periwig, the pigeon's wing, the rhinoceros, the rose, the scratch, the she-dragon, the small back, the spinach seed, the staircase, the Welsh, and the wild boar's back.

A wigwig. A magnate. Louis XIV. had long flowing hair, and the courtiers, out of compliment to the young king, wore perukes. When Louis grew older he adopted the wig, which very soon

encumbered the head and shoulders of the aristocracy of England and France. Lord Chancellor, judges, and barristers still wear big wigs. Bishops used to wear them in the House of Lords till 1880.

"Au ye fâ over the clough, there will be but a wig left in the parish, and that's the minister's."—*Sir Walter Scott: The Antiquary*.

Make wigs. A perruquier, who fancied himself "married to immortal verse," sent his epic to Voltaire, asking him to examine it and give his "candid opinion" of its merits. The witty patriarch of Ferney simply wrote on the MS. "Make wigs, make wigs, make wigs," and returned it to the barber-poet. (See SUTOR, *Stick to the row*.)

Wig (A). A head. Similarly, the French call a head a *binette*. As "*Quelle binette!*" or "*Il a une drôle de binette!*" M. Binet was the court wig-maker in the reign of Louis XIV. "*M. Binet, qui fait les perruques du roy, demeure Rue des Petits-Champs.*" (*Almanack des adresses sous Louis XIV.*)

"Pleas are not lubsters, dash my wig."

S. Butler: *Hudibras*.

Wig. War (Anglo-Saxon). The word enters into many names of places, as Wigan in Lancashire, where Arthur is said to have routed the Saxons.

Wight (*Isle of*) means probably channel island. (Celtic *gwy*, water; *gwyth*, the channel.) The inhabitants used to be called Uunthii or Gwythii, the inhabitants of the channel isle.

"According to the famous *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, the island is so called from Wightgar, great grandson of King Cerdic, who conquered it. All eponymic names—that is, names of persons, like the names of places, are more fit for fable than history: as *Cissa*, to account for Cissancaster (Chichester); *Horsa* to account for Horsted; *Henysit* to account for Hengistbury; *Brutus* to account for Britain; and so on.

Wigwam. An Indian hut (America). The Knisteneaux word is *wigwamm*, and the Algonquin *wēkon-om-ut*, contracted into *wēkonom* (ou = w, as in French), whence *wēkwom*.

Wild (*Jonathan*), the detective, born at Wolverhampton, in Staffordshire. He brought to the gallows thirty-five highwaymen, twenty-two housebreakers, and ten returned convicts. He was himself hanged at Tyburn for housebreaking "amidst the execrations of an enraged populace, who pelted him with stones to the last moment of his

existence." (1682-1725.) Fielding has a novel entitled *Jonathan Wild*.

Wild Boar. An emblem of warlike fury and merciless brutality.

Wild Boy of Hamelin or *Man of Nature*, found in the forest of Hertswold, Hanover. He walked on all fours, climbed trees like a monkey, fed on grass and leaves, and could never be taught to articulate a single word. Dr. Arbuthnot and Lord Monboddo sanctioned the notion that this poor boy was really an unsophisticated specimen of the *genus homo*; but Blumenbach showed most conclusively that he was born dumb, of weak intellect, and was driven from his home by a stepmother. He was discovered in 1725, was called Peter the Wild Boy, and died at Broadway Farm, near Berkhamstead, in 1785, at the supposed age of seventy-three.

Wild Children.

(1) *Peter the Wild Boy.* (See above.)

(2) Mlle. Lablanc, found by the villagers of Soigny, near Châlons, in 1731: she died at Paris in 1785, at the supposed age of sixty-two.

(3) A child captured by three sportsmen in the woods of Cannes (France) in 1798. (See *World of Wonders*, p. 61, Correspondence.)

Wild-goose Chase. A hunt after a mare's nest. This chase has two defects: First, it is very hard to catch the goose; and, secondly, it is of very little worth when it is caught.

To lead one a wild-goose chase. To beguile one with false hopes, or put one on the pursuit of something not practicable, or at any rate not worth the chase.

Wild Huntsman.

The German tradition is that a spectral hunter with dogs frequents the Black Forest to chase the wild animals. (*Sir Walter Scott: Wild Huntsman.*)

The French story of *Le Grand Veneur* is laid in Fontainebleau Forest, and is considered to be "St. Hubert." (*Father Mattheu.*)

The English name is "Herne the Hunter," who was once a keeper in Windsor Forest. In winter time, at midnight, he walks about Herne's Oak, and blasts trees and cattle. He wears horns, and rattles a chain in a "most hideous manner." (*Merry Wives of Windsor*, iv. 4.)

Another legend is that a certain Jew would not suffer Jesus to drink out of a horse-trough, but pointed to some water in a hoof-print as good enough for "such

an enemy of Moses," and that this man is the "Wild Huntsman." (*Kuhn von Schwarz: Nordd. Sagen*, p. 499.)

Wild Oats. *He is sowing his wild oats*—indulging the buoyant folly of youth; living in youthful dissipation. The idea is that the mind is a field of good oats, but these pranks are wild oats or weeds sown amongst the good seed, choking it for a time, and about to die out and give place to genuine corn. The corresponding French phrase is "*Jeter ses premiers faux*," which reminds us of Cicero's expression, "*Nondum illi defuerunt adolescentia*." (See *OATS*.)

Wild Women [*Wildē Frauen*] of Germany resemble the Ellē-maids of Scandinavia. Like them, they are very beautiful, have long flowing hair, and live in hills. (See *WUNDERBURG*.)

Wild Women. Those who go in for "women's rights" and general topsyturvyism. Some smoke cigars in the streets, some wear knickerbockers, some stump the country as "screaming orators," all try to be as much like men as possible.

"Let anyone commend to these female runagates quietness, duty, house-staying, and the whole cohort of wild women is like an angry beehive, which a rough hand has disturbed." (*Nineteenth Century*, March, 1892, p. 463.)

Wild as a March Hare. The hare in spring, after one or two rings, will often run straight on end for several miles. This is especially the case with the buck, which therefore affords the best sport.

Wilde. *A John or Johnny Wilde* is one who wears himself to skin and bone to add house to house and barn to barn. The tale is that John Wilde, of Rodenkerchen, in the isle of Rügen, found one day a glass slipper belonging to one of the hill-folks. Next day the little brownie, in the character of a merchant, came to redeem it, and John asked as the price "that he should find a gold ducat in every furrow he ploughed." The bargain was concluded, and the avaricious hunks never ceased ploughing morning, noon, nor night, but died within twelve months from over-work. (*Rügen tradition.*)

Wile away Time (not *While*). It is the same word as "guile," to "beguile the time" (*fallere tempus*).

"To wile each moment with a fresh delight."

Lowell: Legend of Brittany, part I. stanza 6.

Wilfrid (St.). Patron saint of bakers, being himself of the craft. (634-709.)

St. Wilfrid's Needle is a narrow

passage in the crypt of Ripon cathedral, built by Odo, Archbishop of Canterbury, and used to try whether virgins deserve the name or not. It is said that none but virgins can pass this ordeal.

Wilhelm Meister (2 syl.). The first true German novel. It was by Goethe, who died 1832, aged eighty-three.

Will not when They may. *Those who will not when they may, when they will they shall have nay.*

"Qui ne prend le bien quand il peut, il ne l'a pas quand il veut."

"Quand le bien vient, on le doit prendre."

"Saisir en tout l'occasion et l'à-propos est un grand élément de bonheur et de succès."

William (2 syl.; in *Jerusalem Delivered*), Archbishop of Orange. An ecclesiastical warrior, who besought Pope Urban on his knees that he might be sent in the crusade. He took 400 armed men in his train from his own diocese.

William, youngest son of William Rufus. He wore a casque of gold, and was the leader of a large army of British bow-men and Irish volunteers in the crusading army. (*Tasso: Jerusalem Delivered*, bk. iii.)

English history teaches that William Rufus was never married. (See ORLANDO FURIOSO.)

Belted Will. William, Lord Howard, warden of the Western Marches. (1563-1640.)

"His Billboa blade, by Marchmen felt,
Hung in a broad and studded belt;
Hence, in rude phrase, the borderers still
Called noble Howard 'Belted Will.'"

See Walter Scott: *Lay of the Last Minstrel*, v. 10.

St. William of Aquitaine was one of the soldiers of Charlemagne, and helped to chase the Saracens from Languedoc. In 808 he renounced the world, and died 812. He is usually represented as a mailed soldier.

St. William of Mallaralle of Malera. A French nobleman of very abandoned life; but, being converted, he went as pilgrim to Jerusalem, and on his return retired to the desert of Malavalle. He is depicted in a Benedictine's habit, with armour lying beside him. (Died 1157.)

St. William of Montpellier is represented with a lily growing from his mouth, with the words *Ave Maria* in gold letters on it.

St. William of Monte Virgine is drawn with a wolf by his side. (Died 1142.)

St. William of Norwich was the celebrated child said to have been crucified by the Jews in 1167. He is represented as a child crowned with thorns, or crucified, or holding a hammer and nails in his hands, or wounded in his side with a knife. (See *Polyolbion*, song xxiv.)

In Percy's *Reliques* (bk. i. 3), there is a tale of a lad named Hew, son of Lady Helen, of Merryland town (Milan), who was allured by a Jew's daughter with an apple. She stuck him with a penknife, rolled him in lead, and cast him into a well. Lady Helen went in search of her boy, and the child's ghost cried out from the bottom of the well—

"The lead is wondrous heavy, mither,
The well is wondrous deep;
A keen penknife sticks in my heart, mither;
A word I dounne speak." (See HELEN.)

St. William of Roeschild is represented with a torch flaming on his grave. (Died 1203.)

St. William of York is depicted in pontificals, and bearing his archiepiscopal cross. (Died 1154.)

William II. The body of this king was picked up by Purkess, a charcoal-burner of Minestead, and conveyed in a cart to Winchester. The name of Purkess is still to be seen in the same village.

"A Minestead churl, whose wonted trade
Was burning charcoal in the glade,
Outstretched amid the gorse
The monarch found; and in his wain
He raised, and to St. Swithin's fine
Conveyed the bleeding corpse." W. S. Rose.

William III. It was not known till the discovery of the correspondence of Cardonnel, secretary of Marlborough, by the Historical MS. Commission in 1869, that our Dutch king was a great eater. Cardonnel, writing from The Hague, October, 1701, to Under-Secretary Ellis, says—"It is a pity his majesty will not be more temperate in his diet. Should I eat so much, and of the same kinds, I dare say I should scarce have survived it so long, and yet I reckon myself none of the weakest constitutions."

William of Clouderie (2 syl.). A noted outlaw and famous archer of the "north countrie." (See CLYM OF THE CLOUGH.)

William of Newburgh (Gulielmus Nebrigensis), monk of Newburgh in Yorkshire, surnamed Little, and sometimes called *Gulielmus Parvus*, wrote a history in five books, from the Conquest to 1197, edited by Thomas Hearne, in three volumes, octavo, Oxford, 1719. The Latin is good, and the work ranks with that of Malmesbury. William of Newburgh is the first writer who rejects Geoffrey of Monmouth's Trojan descent,

of the old Britons, which he calls a "figment made more absurd by Geoffrey's impudent and impertinent lies." He is, however, quite as fabulous an historian as the "impudent" Geoffrey. (1136-1208.)

William I. King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany, was called by his detractors *Kaiser Tartuffe*.

Willie-Wastle (the child's game). Willie Wastle was governor of Hume Castle, Haddington. When Cromwell sent a summons to him to surrender, he replied—

"Here I, Willie Wastle,
Stand firm in my castle,
And all the dogs in the town
Shan't pull Willie Wastle down."

Willow. To handle the willow—i.e. the cricket bat.

To wear the willow. To go into mourning, especially for a sweetheart or bride. Fuller says, "The willow is a sad tree, whereof such as have lost their love make their mourning garlands." The palmist tells us that the Jews in captivity "hanged their harps upon the willows" in sign of mourning. (cxxxvii.)

Willow Garland. An emblem of being forsaken. "All round my hat I wear a green willow." So Shakespeare: "I offered him my company to a willow-tree . . . to make him a garland, as being forsaken." (*Much Ado About Nothing*, ii. 1.) The very term weeping willow will suffice to account for its emblematical character.

Willow Pattern. To the right is a lordly mandarin's country seat. It is two storeys high to show the rank and wealth of the possessor; in the foreground is a pavilion, in the background an orange-tree, and to the right of the pavilion a peach-tree in full bearing. The estate is enclosed by an elegant wooden fence. At one end of the bridge is the famous willow-tree, and at the other the gardener's cottage, one storey high, and so humble that the grounds are wholly uncultivated, the only green thing being a small fir-tree at the back. At the top of the pattern (left-hand side) is an island, with a cottage; the grounds are highly cultivated, and much has been reclaimed from the water. The two birds are turtle-doves. The three figures on the bridge are the mandarin's daughter with a distaff nearest the cottage, the lovers with a boat in the middle, and nearest the willow-tree the mandarin with a whip.

The tradition. The mandarin had an only daughter named Li-chi, who fell in love with Chang, a young man who lived in the island home represented at the top of the pattern, and who had been her father's secretary. The father overheard them one day making vows of love under the orange-tree, and sternly forbade the unequal match; but the lovers contrived to elope, lay concealed for a while in the gardener's cottage, and thence made their escape in a boat to the island home of the young lover. The enraged mandarin pursued them with a whip, and would have beaten them to death had not the gods rewarded their fidelity by changing them both into turtle-doves. The picture is called the willow pattern not only because it is a tale of disastrous love, but because the elopement occurred "when the willow begins to shed its leaves."

Willy-nilly. *Nolens volens*; willing or not. *Will-he, nill-he*, where nill is *n'* negative, and *will*, just as *nolens* is *n'*-volens.

Wilmington. invoked by Thomson in his *Winter*, is Sir Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington, the first patron of our poet, and Speaker of the House of Commons.

Will't or Welk. to wither. This is the Dutch and German *welken* (to fade). Speuser says, "When ruddy Phœbus 'gins to welk in west"—i.e. fades in the west.

"A wilted dabochee is not a fruit of the tree of life."—J. Cook: *The Orient*, p. 148.

Wiltshire (2 syl.) is Wilton-shire, Wilton being a contraction of Wily-town (the town on the river Wily).

Winchester. According to the authority given below, Winchester was the Camelot of Arthurian romance. Hanmer, referring to *King Lear*, ii. 2, says Camelot is Queen Camel, Somersetshire, in the vicinity of which "are many large moors where are bred great quantities of geese, so that many other places are from hence supplied with quills and feathers." Kent says to the Duke of Cornwall—

"Goose, if I had you upon Sarum Plain,
I'd drive ye cackling home to Camelot."

With all due respect to Hanmer, it seems far more probable that Kent refers to Camelford, in Cornwall, where the Duke of Cornwall resided, in his castle of Tintagel. He says, "If I had you on Salisbury Plain [where geese abound], I would drive you home to Tintagel, on

the river Camel." Though the Camelot of Shakespeare is Tintagel or Camelford, yet the Camelot of King Arthur may be Queen Camel; and indeed visitors are still pointed to certain large entrenchments at South Cadbury (Cadbury Castle) called by the inhabitants "King Arthur's Palace."

"Sir Balin's sword was put into marble stone, standing as upright as a great millstone, and it swam down the stream to the city of Camelot—that is, in English, Winchester."—*History of Prince Arthur*, 44.

Wind Egg. An egg without a shell. Dr. Johnson's notion that the wind egg does not contain the principle of life is no more correct than the superstition that the hen that lays it was impregnated, like the "Thracian mares," by the wind. The usual cause of such eggs is that the hen is too fat.

Winds. *Poetical names of the winds.* The North wind, Aquilo or Bo'reas; South, Notus or Austere; East, Eurus; West, Zephyr or Favonius; North-east, Argestes; North-west, Corus; South-east, Voltumnus; South-west, Afer ventus, Africus, Africa'nus, or Libas. The Thra'scias is a north wind, but not due north.

"Boreas and Cacus, and Argeates loud,
And Thra'scias rend the woods, and seas upturn;
Notus and Afer, black with thunderous clouds,
From Scythia's bow. Thwart of these, as fierce,
Forth rush . . . Eurus and zephyr . . .
Sirocco and Libeccio (Libicus)." *Milton: Paradise Lost*, x. 699-706.

Special winds.

(1) The ETESIAN WINDS are refreshing breezes which blow annually for forty days in the Mediterranean Sea. (Greek, *et'os*, a year.)

(2) The HARMATTAN. A wind which blows periodically from the interior parts of Africa towards the Atlantic. It prevails in December, January, and February, and is generally accompanied with fog, but is so dry as to wither vegetation and cause human skin to peel off.

(3) The KHAMSIH. A fifty days' wind in Egypt, from the end of April to the inundation of the Nile. (Arabic for fifty.)

(4) The MISTRAL. A violent north-west wind blowing down the Gulf of Lyons; felt particularly at Marseilles and the south-east of France.

(5) The PAMPEO blows in the summer season, from the Andes across the pampas to the sea-coast. It is a dry, north-west wind.

(6) The PUNA WINDS prevail for four months in the Puna (table-lands of Peru). The most dry and parching winds of any.

When they prevail it is necessary to protect the face with a mask, from the heat by day and the intense cold of the night.

(7) SAM'IEL or SIMOOM'. A hot, suffocating wind that blows occasionally in Africa and Arabia. Its approach is indicated by a redness in the air. (Arabic, *samoon*, from *samma*, destructive.)

(8) The SIROCCO. A wind from Northern Africa that blows over Italy, Sicily, etc., producing extreme languor and mental debility.

(9) The SOLA'NO of Spain, a south-east wind, extremely hot, and loaded with fine dust. It produces great uneasiness; hence the proverb, "Ask no favour during the Solano." (See TRADE WINDS.)

To take or have the wind. To get or keep the upper hand. Lord Bacon uses the phrase. "To have the wind of a ship" is to be to the windward of it.

Windfall. Unexpected legacy: money which has come *de celo*. Some of the English nobility were forbidden by the tenure of their estates to fell timber, all the trees being reserved for the use of the Royal Navy. Those trees, however, which were *blown* down were excepted, and hence a good wind was often a great godsend.

Windmills. Don Quixote de la Mancha, riding through the plains of Montiel, approached thirty or forty windmills, which he declared to Sancho Panza "were giants, two leagues in length or more." Striking his spurs into Rosinante, with his lance in rest, he drove at one of the "monsters dreadful as Typhæus." The lance lodged in the sail, and the latter, striking both man and beast, lifted them into the air, shivering the lance to pieces. When the valiant knight and his steed fell to the ground they were both much injured, and Don Quixote declared that the enchanter Freston, "who carried off his library with all the books therein," had changed the giants into windmills "out of malice." (Cervantes: *Don Quixote*, bk. i. ch. viii.)

To fight with windmills. To combat chimeras. The French have the same proverb, "*Se battre contre des moulins à vent*." The allusion is, of course, to the adventure of Don Quixote referred to above.

To have windmills in your head. Fancies, chimeras. Similar to "bees in

your bonnet" (q.v.). Sancho Panza says—

"Did I not tell your worship they were windmills? and who could have thought otherwise, except such as had windmills in their head?"—*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, bk. i. ch. viii.

Windmill Street. When Charnel chapel, St. Paul's, was taken down by the Protector Somerset, in 1549, more than 1,000 cart-loads of bones were removed to Finsbury Fields, where they formed a large mound, on which three windmills were erected. It was from these mills that the street obtained its name. (*Leigh Hunt.*)

Window. (Norwegian, *vindue*.) A French window opens like folding doors; a sash window is in two parts, called sashes, one or both of which are made to slide up and down about half way.

Wine. A magnum of wine is two quarts; a tappit-hen of wine or rum is a double magnum; a jeroboom of wine or rum is a double "tappit-hen"; and a rehoboam (q.v.) is a double jeroboom.

Wine. The French say of wine that makes you stupid, it is *vin d'âne*; if it makes you maudlin, it is *vin de cerf* (from the notion that deer weep); if quarrelsome, it is *vin de lion*; if talkative, it is *vin de pie*; if sick, it is *vin de porc*; if crafty, it is *vin de renard*; if rude, it is *vin de singe*. (*See below.*)

Win of ape (Chaucer). "I trow that ye have drunken win of ape"—i.e. wine to make you drunk; in French, *vin de singe*. There is a Talmud parable which says that Satan came one day to drink with Noah, and slew a lamb, a lion, a pig, and an ape, to teach Noah that man before wine is in him is a lamb, when he drinks moderately he is a lion, when like a sot he is a swine, but after that any further excess makes him an ape that senselessly chatters and jabbers.

Wine-month. (Anglo-Saxon, *Win-month*.) The month of October, the time of vintage.

Wine Mingled with Myrrh (Mark xv. 23). Called by the Romans *Murrhina* (vinum myrrha conditum), given to malefactors to intoxicate them, that their sufferings from crucifixion might be somewhat deadened.

"Falernum" (that *divina potio*) was flavoured with myrrh.

Win'frith. The same as St. Boniface, the apostle of Germany; an Anglo-Saxon, killed by a band of heathens in 755.

Wing, Wings. Wing of a house, wing of an army, wing of a battalion or

squadron, etc., are the side-pieces which start from the main body, as the wings of birds.

Don't try to fly without wings. Attempt nothing you are not fit for. A French proverb.

On the wing. *Au vol*, about to leave.

To clip one's wings. To take down one's conceit; to hamper one's action. In French, *Rogner les ailes [à quelqu'un]*.

To lend wings. To spur one's speed.

"This sound of danger lent me wings." *R. L. Stevenson.*

To take one under your wing. To patronise and protect. The allusion is to a hen gathering her chicks under her wing.

To take wing. To fly away; to depart without warning. (French, *s'envoler*.)

Wings of Azrael (*The*). (*See AZRAEL.*)

Winged Rooks. Outwitted sharpers. A rook is a sharper, and a rookery the place of resort for sharpers. A rook is the opposite of a pigeon; a rook cheats, a pigeon is the one cheated.

"This light, young, gay in appearance, the thoughtless youth of wit and pleasure—the pigeon rather than the rook—but the heart the same shrewd, cold-blooded calculator."—*See W. Scott: Perivil of the Peak*, chap. xxviii.

Win'fred (*St.*). Patron saint of virgins, because she was beheaded by Prince Caradoc for refusing to marry him. She was Welsh by birth, and the legend says that her head falling on the ground originated the famous healing well of St. Winifred in Flintshire. She is usually drawn like St. Denis, carrying her head in her hand. Holywell, in Wales, is St. Winifred's Well, celebrated for its "miraculous" virtues.

Winkle (*Rip van*). A Dutch colonist of New York. He met with a strange man in a ravine of the Kaatskill Mountains. Rip helps him to carry a keg, and when they reach the destination Rip sees a number of odd creatures playing ninepins, but no one utters a word. Master Winkle seizes the first opportunity to take a sip at the keg, falls into a stupor, and sleeps for twenty years. On waking, his wife is dead and buried, his daughter is married, his native village has been remodelled, and America has become independent. (*Washington Irving.*)

Wint-monath [*Wind-month*]. The Anglo-Saxon name for November.

Winter, Summer. We say of an old man, "His life has extended to a

hundred winters ;" but of a blooming girl, "She has seen sixteen summers."

Winter's Tale (Shakespeare). Taken from the *Pleasant History of Dorastus and Fawnia* by Robert Green. Dorastus is called by Shakespeare Florizel and Doricles, and Fawnia is Perdita. Leontes of the *Winter's Tale* is Egistus in the novel, Polixenes is Pandosto, and Hermione is Bellaria.

Whipple-tree or Whipnltre. Mentioned in Chaucer's *Knight's Tale*, is the cornel-tree or dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) (= whiffle-tree, from whiffle = to turn).

Wisdom-tooth. The popular name for the third molar in each jaw. Wisdom-teeth appear between 17 and 25.

Wisdom of Many and the Wit of One (The). This is Lord John Russell's definition of a proverb.

Wise (The).

ALBERT II., Duke of Austria, called *The Lame and Wise*. (1289, 1330-1358.)

ALFONSO X. (or IX.) of Leon, and IV. of Castile, called *The Wise and The Astronomer*. (1203, 1252-1285.)

ABEN-ESRA, a Spanish rabbi, born at Toledo. (1119-1174.)

CHARLES V. of France, called *Le Sage*. (1337, regent 1358-1360, king 1364-1380.)

CHE-TSOU, founder of the fourteenth dynasty of China, called *Hou-pe-lae* (the model ruler), and his sovereignty *The Wise Government*. (1278-1295.)

COMTE DE LAS CASES, called *Le Sage*. (1766-1842.)

FREDERICK, Elector of Saxony. (1463, 1544-1554.)

JOHN V. of Brittany, called *The Good and Wise*. (1389, 1399-1442.)

¶ *Nathan the Wise*. A drama by Lessing, based on a story in the *Decameron*. (Day x., Novel 3.)

Wise as a Serpent. This refers to the serpent which tempted Eve, or more probably to the old notion that serpents were extremely wise.

Wise as Solomon. (See SMILES.)

Wise as the Mayor of Banbury. A blundering Sir William Curtis. The mayor referred to insisted that Henry III. reigned in England before Henry II.

The following is a fact which happened to myself in 1860. I was on a visit to a country mayor of great wealth, whose house was full of most exquisite works of art. I was particularly struck with a choice china figure, when the mayor told me how many guineas he had given for it, and added, "Of course you know 'who' it is meant for. It is John Knox signing Magna Charta."

Wise as the Women of Mungret. At Mungret, near Limerick, was a famous monastery, and one day a deputation was sent to it from Cashel to try the skill of the Mungret scholars. The head of the monastery had no desire to be put to this proof, so they habited several of their scholars as women, and sent them forth to waylay the deputation. The Cashel professors met one and another of these "women," and asked the way, or distance, or hour of the day, to all which questions they received replies in Greek. Thunder-struck with this strange occurrence, they resolved to return, saying, "What must the scholars be if even the towns-women talk in Greek?"

Wise Men or Wise Women. Fortune-tellers.

Wise Men of Greece. (See SEVEN SAGES.)

Wise Men of the East. The three Magi who followed the guiding star to Bethlehem. They are the patron saints of travellers. (See MAGI, SEVEN SAGES.)

Wise Men of Gotham (The). (See GOTHAM.)

Wiseacre. A corruption of the German *weissager* (a soothsayer or prophet). This, like the Greek *sophism*, has quite lost its original meaning, and is applied to dunces, wise only "in their own conceit."

There is a story told that Ben Jonson, at the *Devil's Tavern*, in Fleet Street, said to a country gentleman who boasted of his landed estates, "What care we for your dirt and clods? Where you have an acre of land, I have ten acres of wit." The landed gentleman retorted by calling Ben "Good Mr. Wiseacre." The story may pass for what it is worth.

Wiseest Man of Greece. So the Delphic oracle pronounced Socrates to be, and Socrates modestly made answer, "Tis because I alone of all the Greeks know that I know nothing."

Wish-wash. A reduplication of wash. Any thin liquor for drinking.

Wishy-washy. A reduplication of washy. Very thin, weak, and poor; wanting in substance or body.

Wishart (George). One of the early reformers of Scotland, condemned to the stake by Cardinal Beaton. While the fire was blazing about him he said: "He who from yon high place beholdeth me with such pride shall be brought low,

even to the ground, before the trees which supplied these faggots have shed their leaves." It was March when Wishart uttered these words, and the cardinal died in June. (See SUMMONS.)

Wishing-bone. (See MERRY-THOUGHT.)

Wishing-cap. Fortunatus had an inexhaustible purse and a wishing-cap, but these gifts proved the ruin of himself and his sons. The object of the tale is to show the vanity of human prosperity.

Wishing-coat. *Willie Wynkin's wishing-coat.* An Irish location.

"I wish I had here Willie Wynkin's wishing-coat."—*Howard Pyle: Robin Hood*, p. 200.

Wishing-rod (*The*) of the Nibelungs was of pure gold. Whoever had it could keep the whole world in subjection. It belonged to Siegfried, but when the "Nibelung hoard" was removed to Worms this rod went also.

"And thereamong was lying the wishing-rod of gold."

Which whoso could discover might in subjection hold.

All this wide world as maister, with all that dwell therein."

Letmann's Nibelungen-Lied, st. 1169.

Wisp. *Will o' the Wisp.* (See IGNIS FATUUS.)

Wisp of Straw (*A*). Sign of danger. Often hung under the arch of a bridge undergoing repairs, to warn watermen; sometimes in streets to warn passengers that the roof of a house is under repair. The Romans used to twist straw round the horns of a tossing ox or bull, to warn passers-by to beware, hence the phrase *fenum habet in cornu*, the man is crochety or dangerous. The reason why straw (or hay) is used is because it is readily come-at-able, cheap, and easily wisped into a bundle visible some long way off.

Wit. *To wit*, viz. that is to say. A translation of the French *savoir*. Wit is the Anglo-Saxon *witan* (to know). I divide my property into four parts, to wit, or *savoir*, or *namely*, or *that is to say*

Wits. Five wits. (See under FIVE.)

Witch. By drawing the blood of a witch you deprive her of her power of sorcery. Glanvil says that when Jane Brooks, the demon of Tedworth, bewitched a boy, his father scratched her face and drew blood, whereupon the boy instantly exclaimed that he was well.

"Blood will I draw on thee; thou art a witch."
Shakespeare: *1 Henry VI.*, i. 3.

Hammer for Witches (*Malleus Maleficarum*). A treatise drawn up by Heinrich Institor and Jacob Sprenger, systematising the whole doctrine of witchcraft, laying down a regular form of trial, and a course of examination. Innocent VIII. issued the celebrated bull *Summis Desiderantes* in 1484, directing inquisitors and others to put to death all practisers of witchcraft and other diabolical arts.

Dr. Sprenger computes that as many as nine millions of persons have suffered death for witchcraft since the bull of Innocent. (*Life of Mohammed*.) As late as 1705 two women were executed at Northampton for witchcraft.

Witch-ander. Matthew Hopkins, who, in the middle of the seventeenth century, travelled through the eastern counties to find out witches. At last Hopkins himself was tested by his own rule. Being cast into a river, he floated, was declared to be a wizard, and was put to death. (See above, *Hammer for Witches*.)

Witch Hazel. A shrub supposed to be efficacious in discovering witches. A forked twig of the hazel was made into a divining-rod for the purpose.

Witch of Endor. A divining woman consulted by Saul when Samuel was dead. She called up the ghost of the prophet, and Saul was told that his death was at hand. (1 Sam. xxviii.)

Witch's Bridle. An instrument of torture to make obstinate witches confess. (*Pitcairn*, vol. i. part ii. p. 50.) (See WAKING A WITCH.)

Witches' Sabbath. The muster at night-time of witches and demons to concoct mischief. The witch first anointed her feet and shoulders with the fat of a murdered babe, then mounting a broomstick, distaff, or rake, made her exit by the chimney, and rode through the air to the place of rendezvous. The assembled witches feasted together, and concluded with a dance, in which they all turned their backs to each other.

Witchcraft. The epidemic demonopathy which raged in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries.

Witenagemot. The Anglo-Saxon parliament.

"The famous assembly of our forefathers was called by various names [as] *Mycel Gæmot* (or great meeting); the Witenagemot (or meeting of the wise); and sometimes the *Mycel Geteant* (or great thought).—*Freeman: The Norman Conquest*, i. 2.

Wit'ham. *You were born, I suppose, at Little Witham. A reproof to a noodle. The pun, of course, is on little wit. Witham is in Lincolnshire.*

"I will be sworn she was not born at Witham, for Gaffer Gibbs . . . says she could not turn up a single lesson like a Christian."—*Sir Walter Scott: Heart of Mid-Lothian*, chap. xxxii.

Puns of this sort are very common. (See BEDFORDSHIRE, NOD, DUNCE, CRIPPLEGATE, SHANKS' NAG, etc.)

Withe (1 syl.). When Delilah asked Samson what would effectually bind him he told her "green withes," but when she called in the Philistines he snapped his bonds like tow. Also spelt *with*. A boy, being asked what part of speech is *with*, replied a noun, and being reproved for ignorance made answer: "Please, sir, Samson was bound with seven withs."

"It seems impossible that Samson can be held by such green withes [i.e. that a great measure can be carried by such petty shifts]."—*The Times*.

Withers of a Horse (*The*) are the muscles which unite the neck and shoulders. The skin of this part of a horse is often galled by the pommel of an ill-fitting saddle, and then the irritation of the saddle makes the horse wince. In 1 *Henry IV.*, ii. 1, one of the carriers gives direction to the ostler to ease the saddle of his horse, *Cut*. "I prythee, Tom, beat Cut's saddle . . . the poor jade is wrung on the withers," that is, the muscles are wrung, and the skin galled by the saddle. And Hamlet says (iii. 2):

"Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwringing."

That is, let those wince who are galled; as for myself, my withers are not wrung, and I am not affected by the "bob."

Within the Pale. (See under PALE.)

Witney (Oxfordshire) is the Anglo-Saxon *Witen-ey*, the island of Wismen—i.e. of the Witenagemot or national parliament.

Wit'tington. (See WHITTINGTON.)

"Beneath this stone lies Whittington,
Sir Richard rightly named,
Who three times Lord Mayor served in London,
In which he never was blamed.
He rose from indigence to wealth
By industry and thralldom,
For lo! he scorned to gain by stealth
What he got by a cat."
Epitaph (destroyed by the fire of London).

Witwold. A Sir Jerry Witwold. A pert, talkative coxcomb, vain of a little learning; one who swims with the stream of popular opinion, and gives his judgment on men and books as if he were Sir Oracle. A great pretender to virtue and

modesty, like Mr. Pecksniff, but always nosing out smut and obscenity, which he retails with virtuous indignation.

Wives of Literary Men. The following literary men, among many others, made unhappy marriages:

ADDISON.	LYTTON.
ARISTOTEL.	MILTON (first wife).
BACON (LORD).	MOLIERE.
BODACOLO.	MORE.
BYRON.	PITTAUOS.
DANTE.	RACINE.
DICKENS.	ROUSSEAU (J. J.).
DURER (ALBERT).	SCALIGER (both
EURIPIDES.	WIVES).
GARRICK.	SHAKESPEARE.
ELTON.	SHELLEY (first wife).
HOOKER.	SOCRATES.
JOHNSON (DR.).	STEELE.
JONSON (BEN).	STREVE.
KNOX.	WYCHERLEY (first
LILLY (second wife).	WIFE).

Wo! Stop! (addressed to horses). "Ho!" or "Hoe!" was formerly an exclamation commanding the knights at tournaments to cease from all further action. (See Woo'sh.)

"Scollers, as they read much of love, so when they once fall in love, there is no ho with them till they have their love."—*Cobler of Canterbury* (1008).

Woo' or Woo'e. Stop, addressed to a horse. The Latin word *ohé* has the same meaning. Thus Horace (1 *Sat.* v. 12); "*Ohe, jam satis est.*"

Woo'ah, when addressed to horses, means "Bear to the left." In the West of England they say *Woag*—i.e. wag off (Anglo-Saxon, *wok*, a bend or turn). Woo'sh is "Move off a little."

Woo-teo Dynasty. The eighth Imperial dynasty of China, established in the south Liou-yu. A cobbler, having assassinated the two preceding monarchs, usurped the crown, and took the name of Woo-teo (*King Woo*), a name assumed by many of his followers.

Woden. Another form of Odin (*q.v.*). The word is incorporated in Wodensbury (Kent), Wednesbury (Suffolk), Wansdyke (Wiltshire), Wednesday, etc.

Woe to Thee, O Land, when thy king is a child. This famous sentence is from Ecclesiastes x. 6. Often quoted in Latin, *I'ue terris ubi rex est puer.*

Woful. *Knight of the Woful Contenance.* The title given by Sancho Panza to Don Quixote. (Bk. iii. chap. v.) After his challenge of the two royal lions (pt. ii. bk. i. chap. xvii.), the adventurer called himself *Knight of the Lions*.

Wokey. *Wicked as the Witch of Wokey.* Wookey-hole is a noted cavern in Somersetshire, which has given birth to as many weird stories as the Sibyls'

Cave in Italy. The Witch of Wokey was metamorphosed into stone by a "lorned, wight" from Gaston, but left her curse behind, so that the fair damsels of Wokey rarely find "a gallant." (Perry: *Reliques*, iii. 14.)

Wolf (in music). In almost all stringed instruments (as the violin, organ, piano, harp, etc.) there is one note that is not true, generally in the bass string. This false note is by musicians called a "wolf."

✧ The squeak made in reed instruments by unskilful players is termed a "goose."

"Nature hath implanted so inveterate a hatred between the wolf and the sheep, that, being dead, yet in the operation of Nature appeareth there a sufficient trial of their discordant nature; so that the enmity between them seemeth not to dye with their bodies; for if there be put upon a lute . . . strings made of the intralles of a sheep, and amongst them . . . one made of the intralles of a wolf . . . the musician . . . cannot reconcile them to a unity and concord of sounds, so discording is that string of the wolf."—Ferne: *Blazon of Gentrie* (1568).

✧ Here Mr. Ferne attributes the musical "wolf" to a wolf-gut string; but the real cause is a faulty interval. Thus, the interval between the fourth and fifth of the major scale contains nine commas, but that between the fifth and the sixth only eight. Tuners generally distribute the defects, but some musicians prefer to throw the whole onus on the "wolf" keys.

Wolf. (Anglo-Saxon, *wulf*.)

Fennia. The wolf that scatters venom through air and water, and will swallow Odin when time shall be no more.

Sköll. The wolf that follows the sun and moon, and will swallow them ultimately. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

The Wolf. So Dryden calls the Presbytery in his *Hind and Panther*.

"Unkenpelled range in thy Polonian plains,
A fiercer foe the insatiate Wolf remains."

She-wolf of France. Isabella le Bel, wife of Edward I. According to a tradition, she murdered the king by burning his bowels with a hot iron, or by tearing them from his body with her own hands.

"She-wolf of France, with unrelenting fangs,
That tear'd the bowels of thy mangled mate."
Gray: *The Bard*.

Between dog and wolf. In Latin, "*Inter canem et lupum*"; in French, "*Entre chien et loup*." That is, neither daylight nor dark, the blind man's holiday. Generally applied to the evening dusk.

Dark as a wolf's mouth. Pitch dark.

He has seen a wolf. Said of a person

who has lost his voice. Our forefathers used to say that if a man saw a wolf before the wolf saw him he became dumb, at least for a time.

"Vix quoque Marlin
Jam fugit ipsa; lupi Marlin videre priores."
Virgil: *Bucolica*, eclogue ix.

"Our young companion has seen a wolf," said Lady Hamelin, "and has lost his tongue in consequence."—Scott: *Quentin Durward*, ch. xviii.

To see a wolf is also a good sign, inasmuch as the wolf was dedicated to Odin, the giver of victory.

He put his head into the wolf's mouth. He exposed himself to needless danger. The allusion is to the fable of the crane that put its head into a wolf's mouth in order to extract a bone. The fable is usually related of a fox instead of a wolf. (*French*.)

Holding a wolf by the ears. So Augustus said of his situation in Rome, meaning it was equally dangerous to keep hold of or to let go. Similarly, the British hold of Ireland is like that of Augustus. The French use the same locution: *Tenir le loup par les oreilles*.

To cry "Wolf!" To give a false alarm. The allusion is to the well-known fable of the shepherd lad who used to cry "Wolf!" merely to make fun of the neighbours, but when at last the wolf came no one would believe him.

In Chinese history it is said that Yeu-wang, of the third Imperial dynasty, was attached to a courtesan named Pao-tse, whom he tried by various expedients to make laugh. At length he hit upon the following: He caused the tongs to be rung as if an enemy were at the gates, and Pao-tse laughed immoderately to see the people pouring into the city in alarm. The emperor, seeing the success of his trick, repeated it over and over again; but at last an enemy really did come, and when the alarm was given no one paid attention to it, and the emperor was slain. (B.C. 770.) (See *AMYCLEAN SILENCE*.)

To keep the wolf from the door. To keep out hunger. We say of a ravenous person "He has a wolf in his stomach," an expression common to the French and Germans. Thus *manger comme un loup* is to eat voraciously, and *wolfs-magen* is the German for a keen appetite.

Wolf. *Duke of Gascony.* One of Charlemagne's knights, and the most treacherous of all, except Ganelon. He sold his guest and his family. He wore browned steel armour, damasked with silver; but his favourite weapon was

the gallows. He was never in a rage, but cruel in cold blood.

"It was Wolf, Duke of Gascony, who was the originator of the plan of tying wetted ropes round the temples of his prisoners, to make their eyeballs start from their sockets. It was he who had them sewed up in freshly-stripped bulls' hides, and exposed to the sun till the hides in shrinking broke their bones."—*Croquemitaine*, iii.

Wolf Men. Giraldus Cambrensis tells us (*Opera*, vol. v. p. 119) that Irishmen can be "changed into wolves." Nennius asserts that the "descendants of wolves are still in Ossory," and "they retransform themselves into wolves when they bite." (*Wonders of Eri*, xiv.)

"These Ossory men-wolves are of the race of Laighne Fxlaidh.

Wolf-month or Wolf-monath. The Saxon name for January, because "people are wont always in that month to be in more danger of being devoured by wolves than in any other." (*Verségan*.)

Wolf's-bane. The Germans call all poisonous herbs "bane," and the Greeks, mistaking the word for "beans," translated it by *ká'anoi*, as they did "hen-bane" (*huos kuamos*). Wolf's-bane is an aconite with a pale yellow flower, called therefore the *white-bane* to distinguish it from the *blue* aconite. White-bean would be in Greek *leukos kuamos*, which was corrupted into *lukos kuamos* (wolf-bean); but botanists, seeing the absurdity of calling aconite a "bean," restored the original German word "bane," but retained the corrupt word *lukos* (wolf), and hence the ridiculous term "wolf's-bane." (*H. Fox Talbot*.)

"This cannot be correct: (1) *bane* is not German; (2) *huos kuamos* would be hog-bean, not hen-bane; (3) How could Greeks mistranslate German? The truth is, wolf-bane is so called because meat saturated with its juice was supposed to be a wolf-poison.

Wolves. It is not true that wolves were extirpated from the island in the reign of Edgar. The tradition is based upon the words of William of Malmesbury (bk. ii. ch. viii.), who says that the tribute paid by the King of Wales, consisting of 300 wolves, ceased after the third year, because "nullum se ulterius posse invenire professus" (because he could find no more—i.e. in Wales); but in the tenth year of William I. we find that Robert de Umfraville, knight, held his lordship of Riddlesdale in Northumberland by service of defending that part of the kingdom from "wolves." In the forty-third year of Edward III.

Thomas Engarne held lands in Pitchley, Northamptonshire, by service of finding dogs at his own cost for the destruction of "wolves" and foxes. Even in the eleventh year of Henry VI. Sir Robert Plumpton held one bovate of land in the county of Notts by service of "frighting the wolves" in Shirewood Forest.

Wonder. *A nine days' wonder.* Something that causes a sensational astonishment for a few days, and is then placed in the limbo of "things forgot." Three days' amazement, three days' discussion of details, and three days of subsidence. (*See NINE, and SEVEN.*)

¶ *The eighth wonder.* The palace of the Escorial in Toledo, built by Felipe II. to commemorate his victory over the French at St. Quentin. It was dedicated to San Lorenzo, and Juan Baptista de Toledo, the architect, took a gridiron for his model—the bars being represented by rows or files of buildings, and the handle by a church. It has 1,860 rooms, 6,200 windows and doors, 80 staircases, 73 fountains, 48 wine cellars, 51 bells, and 8 organs. Its circumference is 4,800 feet (nearly a mile). Escorial is *scoria ferri*, iron dross, because its site is that of old iron works. (*See TUILERIES.*)

An eighth wonder. A work of extraordinary mechanical ingenuity, such as the Great Wall of China, the dome of Chosroes in Madain, St. Peter's of Rome, the Mennai suspension bridge, the Thames tunnel, the bridge over the Niagara, Eddystone lighthouse, the Suez Canal, the railroad over Mont Cenis, the Atlantic cable, etc.

¶ *The Three Wonders of Babylon.* The Palace, eight miles in circumference.

The Hanging Gardens. The Tower of Babel, said by some Jewish writers to be twelve miles in height! Jerome quotes contemporary authority for its being four miles high. Strabo says its height was 660 feet.

Wonder-worker. St. Gregory, of Neo-Cæsarea, in Pontus. So called because he "recalled devils at his will, stayed a river, killed a Jew by the mere effort of his will, changed a lake into solid earth, and did many other wonderful things." (*See THaumaturgus.*)

Wood. *Knight of the Wood or Knight of the Mirrors.* So called because his coat was overspread with numerous small mirrors. It was Sampson Carrasco, a bachelor of letters, who adopted

the disguise of a knight under the hope of overthrowing Don Quixote, when he would have imposed upon him the penalty of returning to his home for two years; but it so happened that Don Quixote was the victor, and Carrasco's scheme was abortive. As *Knight of the White Moon* Carrasco again challenged the Manchegan lunatic, and overthrew him; whereupon the vanquished knight was obliged to return home, and quit the profession of knight-errantry for twelve months. Before the term expired he died. (*Cervantes: Don Quixote*, pt. ii. bk. i. 11, etc.; bk. iv. 12.)

Wood. *Don't cry [or halloo] till you are out of the wood.* Do not rejoice for having escaped danger till the danger has passed away.

Wood's Halfpence. A penny coined by William Wood, to whom George I. granted letters patent for the purpose. (*See* **DRAPIER'S LETTERS**.)

"Sir Walter's (Scott) real belief in Scotch one-pound notes may be advantageously contrasted with Swift's forced frenzy about Wood's halfpence, more especially as Swift really did understand the defects of Wood's scheme, and Sir Walter was absolutely ignorant of the currency controversy in which he engaged."—*The Times*.

Woodbind. The huedweed or wild convolvulus. This is quite a different plant to the woodbine. It is a most troublesome weed in orchards, as its roots run to a great depth, and its long, climbing stalks bind round anything near it with persistent tenacity. It is one of the most difficult weeds to extirpate, as every broken fragment is apt to take root.

Woodbine. The honeysuckle or bee-wort; or perhaps the convolvulus.

"Where the bee
Strays diligent, and with extracted balm
Of fragrant woodbine loads his little thigh," *Phillips*.

Shakespeare says—

"So doth the woodbine the sweet honeysuckle
Gently entwist."

Midsommer Night's Dream, iv. 1.

Gone where the woodbine twineth. To the pawnbroker's, up the spout, where, in Quebec, "on cottage walls the woodbine may be seen twining." (*A correspondent of Quebec supplied this.*)

Woodcock (A). A fool is so called from the supposition that woodcocks are without brains. Polonius tells his daughter that protestations of love are "springs to catch woodcocks." (*Shakespeare: Hamlet*, i. 3.)

Wooden Horse (The). Babieca.

Peter of Provence had a wooden horse named Babieca. (*See* **CLAVILEÑO**.)

"This very day may be seen in the king's armoury, the identical peg with which Peter of Provence turned his Wooden Horse, which carried him through the air. It is rather larger than the pole of a coach, and stands near Babieca's saddle."—*Don Quixote*, pt. i. bk. iv. 19.

Wooden Horse (To ride the). To sail aboard a ship, brig, or boat, etc.

"He felt a little out of the way for riding the wooden horse."—*Sir Walter Scott: Redgauntlet*, chap. xv.

Wooden Horse of Troy. Virgil tells us that Ulysses had a monster wooden horse made after the death of Hector, and gave out that it was an offering to the gods to secure a prosperous voyage back to Greece. The Trojans dragged the horse within their city, but it was full of Grecian soldiers, who at night stole out of their place of concealment, slew the Trojan guards, opened the city gates, and set fire to Troy. Menelæos was one of the Greeks shut up in it. It was made by Epeios (*Latin, Epæus*).

Cambuscan's wooden horse. The *Arabian Nights* tells us of Cambuscan's horse of brass, which had a pin in the neck, and on turning this pin the horse rose into the air, and transported the rider to the place he wanted to go to. (*See* **CLAVILEÑO**.)

Wooden Mare (The). "The mare foaled of an acorn." An instrument of torture to enforce military discipline, used in the reign of Charles II. and long after. The horse was made of oak, the buck was a sharp ridge, and the four legs were like a high stool. The victim was seated on the ridge, with a firelock fastened to each foot.

"Here, Andrews, wrap a cloak round the prisoner, and do not mention his name . . . unless you would have a trot on the wooden horse."—*Sir Walter Scott: Old Mortality*, chap. ix.

Wooden Spoon. The last of the honour men—i.e. of the Junior Optimes, in the Cambridge University. Sometimes two or more "last" men are bracketed together, in which case the group is termed the spoon bracket. It is said that these men are so called because in days of yore they were presented with a wooden spoon, while the other honour men had a silver or golden one, a spoon being the usual *prix de mérite* instead of a medal. (*See* **WOODEN WEDGE**.)

Wooden Sword. *To wear the wooden sword.* To keep back sales by asking too high a price. Fools used to wear wooden swords or "daggers of lath."

Wooden Wall. When the Greeks sent to Delphi to ask how they were to defend themselves against Xerxes, who had invaded their country, the evasive answer given was to this effect—

Pallas hath urged, and Zeus, the sire of all,
Hath safely promised in a wooden wall;
Seed-time and harvest, weeping sirens shall tell
How thousands fought at Salamis and fell.

Wooden walls of Old England. The ships of war. We must now say, "The iron walls of Old England."

Wooden Wedge. Last in the classical tripos. When, in 1824, the classical tripos was instituted at Cambridge, it was debated by what name to call the last on the list. It so happened that the last on the list was Wedgewood, and the name was accepted and moulded into Wooden-wedge. (See WOODEN SPOON.)

Woodfall, brother of the Woodfall of Junius, and editor of the *Morning Chronicle*. Woodfall would attend a debate, and, without notes, report it accurately next morning. He was called *Memory Woodfall*. (1745-1803.) W. Radcliffe could do the same.

Woodwardian Professor. The professor of geology in the University of Cambridge. This professorship was founded in 1727 by Dr. Woodward.

Wool. Dyed in the wool. A hearty good fellow. * Cloth which is wool-dyed (not piece-dyed), is true throughout "and will wash."

"No wool is so white that a dyer cannot blacken it. No one is so free from faults that slander can find nothing to say against him; no book is so perfect as to be free from adverse criticism.

"Master Mainwaring's much abused,
Most grievously for things accused,
And all the dowlsh [devilish] pack;
E'en let men all their poison spit,
My lord, there is no wool so white
That dyers can't make black."

Peter Pindar: *Middleton Election*, letter vi.

Wool-gathering. Four wits are gone wool-gathering. As children sent to gather wool from hedges are absent for a trivial purpose, so persons in a "brown study" are absent-minded to no good purpose.

"But, my dear, if my wits are somewhat wool-gathering and unsettled, my heart is as true as a star."—Harriet B. Stowe.

Woollen. In 1666 an Act of Parliament was passed for "burying in woollen only," which was intended for "the encouragement of the woollen manufactures of the kingdom, and prevention of the exportation of money for the buying

and importing of linen." Repealed in 1814.

"Odious! in woollens! 'twould a sale & provoke!"
(Were the last words that poor Narcissa spoke.)
'No! let a charming chintz and Brussels lace
Wrap my cold limbs, and shade my lifeless face.
One would not, sure, be frightful when one's
Dead!

And—Betty—give the cheeks a little red."

Pope: *Moral Essays*, Ep. i.

This was the ruling passion strong in death. At the time this was written it was compulsory to bury in woollen. Narcissa did not dread death half so much as being obliged to wear flannel instead of her fine mantles. Narcissa was Mrs. Oldfield, the actress, who died 1731.

Woollen goods. (See LINEN GOODS.)

Woolsack. To sit on the woolsack. To be Lord Chancellor of England, whose seat in the House of Lords is called the woolsack. It is a large square bag of wool, without buck or arms, and covered with red cloth. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth an Act of Parliament was passed to prevent the exportation of wool; and that this source of our national wealth might be kept constantly in mind woolsacks were placed in the House of Peers, whereon the judges sat. Hence the Lord Chancellor, who presides in the House of Lords, is said to "sit on the woolsack," or to be "appointed to the woolsack."

Woolwich Infant (*The*). (See GUN.)

Worcester (*Woo'-ster*). A contraction of *Wicci-wara-ceaster* (the camp-town of the Wicii people). *W* are means people, and *Wicii* was a tribe name.

Worcester College (Oxford), founded by Sir Thomas Cookes, of Bentley, Worcestershire. Created a baronet by Charles II.

Word. A man of his word. One whose word may be depended on; trustworthy.

As good as his word: In French, "*Un homme de parole*." One who keeps his word.

By word of mouth. Orally. As "he took it down by word of mouth" (as it was spoken by the speaker).

I take you at your word. In French, "*To vous prend au mot*." I will act in reliance of what you tell me.

Pray, make no words about it. In French, "*N'en dites mot*." Don't mention it; make no fuss about it.

Speak a good word for me. In French, "*Dites un mot en ma faveur*."

To pass one's word. In French,

"*Donner sa parole.*" To promise to do something required.

Upon my word. Assuredly; by my troth.

"Upon my word, you answer . . . discreetly."
— Jane Austen.

Upon my word and honour! A strong affirmation of the speaker as to the truth of what he has asserted.

Word (The). The second person of the Christian Trinity. (John i. 1.)

Word to the Wise (A). "*Verbum sap.*"

Words. *Soft words butter no parsnips.* In Scotland an excellent dish is made of parsnips and potatoes beaten up with butter. (See BUTTER.)

Many words will not fill a bushel. Mere promises will not help the needy. If we say to a beggar, "Be thou filled," is he filled?

The object of words is to conceal thoughts. (See LANGUAGE.)

To have words with one. To quarrel; to have an angry discussion. Other phrases to the same effect are—*They exchanged words together; There passed some words between them* (in French, "*ils ont eu quelques paroles*").

Working on the Dead Horse, doing work which has been already paid for. Such work is a dead horse, because you can get no more out of it.

World. *A man of the world.* One acquainted with the ways of public and social life.

A woman of the world. A married woman. (See above.)

"*Touchstone.* To-morrow will we be married. Answer. I do desire it with all my heart; and I hope it is no dishonest desire to be a woman of the world."—Shakespeare: *As You Like It*, v. 3.

All the world and his wife. Everyone without exception.

To go to the world. To get married. The Catholics at one time exalted celibacy into "a crown of glory," and divided mankind into celibates and worldlings (or laity). The former were monks and nuns, and the latter were the *monde* (or people of the world). Similarly they divided literature into sacred and profane.

"Everyone goes to the world but I, and I may sit in a corner and cry heigho! for a husband."—Shakespeare: *Much Ado About Nothing*, ii. 1.

"If I may have your ladyship's good will to go to the world, Isabel and I will do as we may."—*Al's Well that Ends Well*, i. 2.

World (The). *The world, the flesh, and the devil.* "The world," i.e. the things of this world, in contradistinction

to religious matters; "the flesh," i.e. love of pleasure and sensual enjoyments; "the devil," i.e. all temptations to evil of every kind, as theft, murder, lying, blasphemy, and so on.

Worm. *To have a worm in one's tongue.* To be cantankerous; to snarl and bite like a mad dog.

"There is one easy artifice
That seldom has been known to miss—
To snarl at all things right or wrong.
Like a mad dog that has a worm in 's tongue."
— Samuel Butler: *Upon Modern Critics*.

To worm out information. To elicit information indirectly and piecemeal.

To worm oneself into another's favour. To insinuate oneself in an underhand manner into the good graces of another person.

A worm is a spiral instrument resembling a double corkscrew, used for drawing wads and cartridges from cannon, etc.

Worms, in Germany, according to tradition, is so called from the Lind-wurm or dragon slain by Siegfried under the hidden tree.

"Yet more I know of Siegfried that well your
your ear may hold.
Beneath the hidden tree he slew the dragon
bold
Then in his blood he bathed him, which turned
to burn his skin,
So now no weapon harms him, as oft hath
proven been."
— Nibelungen, st. 104.

Wormwood. The tradition is that this plant sprang up in the track of the serpent as it writhed along the ground when driven out of Paradise.

Worse than a Crime. *It was worse than a crime, it was a blunder.* Said by Talleyrand of the murder of the Duc d'Enghien by Napoleon I.

Worship means state or condition of worth, hence the term "his worship," meaning his *worthship*. "Thou shalt have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee" (Luke xiv. 10) means, "Thou shalt have *worth-ship* [value or appreciation]." In the marriage service the man says to the woman, "With my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow"—that is, I confer on you my rank and dignities, and endow you with my wealth; the *worship* attached to my person I share with you, and the wealth which is mine is thine also.

Never worship the gods unshod. So taught Pythagoras, and he meant in a careless and slovenly manner. (See Iamblichus: *Protreptics*, symbol 3.) The Jews took off their shoes when they entered holy ground (Exodus iii. 5).

This custom was observed by the ancient Egyptians. Mahometans and Brahmans enter holy places bare-footed; indeed, in British India, inferiors take off their shoes when they enter the room of a British officer, or the wife of an officer. The idea is that shoes get covered with dust, and holy ground must not be defiled by dirt. (*Justin Martyr: Apology*, i. 62.)

The command given to the disciples by Christ was to shake off the dust of their feet when they left a city which would not receive them.

Worsted. Yarn or thread made of wool; so called from Worsted in Norfolk, now a village, but once a large market-town with at least as many thousand inhabitants as it now contains hundreds. (*Cannden.*)

Worth = betide.

"Thus saith the Lord God: How! ye, wo worth the day!"—*Ezekiel* xxx. 2.

"Wo worth the chase! wo worth the day
That costs thy life, my gallant grey!"

Sir Walter Scott.

Worthies (*The Nine*). (See NINE.)

¶ *The Nine Worthies of London.*

(1) *Sir William Watworth*, fishmonger, who stabbed Wat Tyler, the rebel. Sir William was twice Lord Mayor. (1374, 1380.)

(2) *Sir Henry Pritchard*, who (in 1356) feasted Edward III., with 5,000 followers; Edward the Black Prince; John, King of Austria; the King of Cyprus; and David, King of Scotland.

(3) *Sir William Serwake*, who fought with the Dauphin of France, built twenty almshouses and a free school. (1418.)

(4) *Sir Thomas White*, merchant tailor, son of a poor clothier. In 1553 he kept the citizens loyal to Queen Mary during Wyatt's rebellion. Sir John White founded St. John's College, Oxford, on the spot where "two elms grew from one root."

(5) *Sir John Bonham*, entrusted with a valuable cargo for the Danish market, and made commander of the army raised to stop the progress of the great Solyman.

(6) *Christopher Croker*. Famous at the siege of Bordeaux, and companion of the Black Prince when he helped Don Pedro to the throne of Castile.

(7) *Sir John Hawkwood*. One of the Black Prince's knights, and immortalised in Italian history as Giovanni Acuti Cavaliero.

(8) *Sir Hugh Caverley*. Famous for riding Poland of a monstrous bear.

(9) *Sir Henry Maleverer*, generally called Henry of Cornhill, who lived

in the reign of Henry IV. He was a crusader, and became the guardian of "Jacob's well."

The chronicle of these worthies is told in a mixture of prose and verse by Richard Johnson, author of *The Seven Champions of Christendom*. (1592.)

Among these nine worthies we miss the names of Whittington, Gresham, and Sir John Lawrence (Lord Mayor in 1664), second to none.

Wound. *Bind the wound, and grease the weapon.* This is a Rosicrucian maxim. These early physicians applied salve to the weapon instead of to the wound, under the notion of a magical reflex action. Sir Kenelm Digby quotes several anecdotes to prove this sympathetic action.

Wra'ith. The spectral appearance of a person shortly about to die. It appears to persons at a distance, and forewarns them of the event." (*Higland superstition.*) (See FAIRY.)

Wrang'ler, in Cambridge phrase, is one who has obtained a place in the highest mathematical tripos. The first man of this class is termed the *senior wrangler*, the rest are arranged according to respective merit, and are called *second*, *third*, *fourth*, etc., wrangler, as it may be. In the Middle Ages, when letters were first elevated to respectability in modern Europe, college exercises were called *disputations*, and those who performed them *disputants*, because the main part consisted in pitting two men together, one to argue *pro* and the other *con*. In the law and theological "schools" this is still done for the bachelor's and doctor's degrees. The exercise of an opponent is called an *opponency*. Wrangling is a word-battle carried on by twisting words and trying to obfuscate an opponent—a most excellent term for the disputations of schoolmen. The opponency begins with an essay on the subject of disputes.

Wrath's Hole (Cornwall). The legend is that Bolster, a gigantic wrath or evil spirit, paid embarrassing attention to St. Agnes, who told him she would listen to his suit when he filled with his blood a small hole which she pointed out to him. The wrath joyfully accepted the terms, but the hole opened into the sea, and the wrath, being utterly exhausted, St. Agnes pushed him over the cliff.

Wraxen. Overstretched, strained, rank. *They go to school all the week, and get wraxen.* The word: are quite

wraxy. The child fell and wraxed his ankle. (Anglo-Saxon, *wrac*, miserable, wretched.)

Wright of Norwich. *Do you know Dr. Wright of Norwich?* A reproof given to a person who stops the decanter at dinner. Dr. Wright, of Norwich, was a great diner-out and excellent talker. When a person stops the bottle and is asked this question, it is as much as to say, Dr. Wright had the privilege of doing so because he entertained the table with his conversation, but you are no Dr. Wright, except in stopping the circulation of the wine.

A similar reproof is given in the combination room of our Universities in this way: The bottle-stopper is asked if he knows A or B (*any name*), and after several queries as to who A or B is, the questioner says, "He was hanged," and being asked what for, replies, "For stopping the bottle."

Write. *To write up.* To bring into public notice or estimation by favourable criticisms or accounts of, as to write up a play or an author.

Write Like an Angel (To). (*See under ANGEL.*)

Wrong. *The king (or queen) can do no wrong.*

"It seems incredible that we should have to remind Lord Ranelagh that the sovereign can do no wrong, simply because the sovereign can do nothing except by and with the advice and consent of the ministers of the Crown." - *The Times*.

Wrong End of the Stick (*You have got hold of the*). You have quite misapprehended the matter; you have got the wrong saw by the ear. There is another form of this phrase which determines the allusion. The toe of the stick is apt to be fouled with dirt, and when laid hold of defiles the hand instead of supporting the feet.

Wrong Side of the Blanket (*The*). (*See BLANKET.*)

Wrong Side of the Cloth (*That is the*). The inferior aspect. In French, *leavers du drap*.

Wrong Sow by the Ear (*You have the*). You have made a mistake in choice; come to the wrong shop or box; or misapprehended the subject. Figs are caught by the ear. (*See Sow.*)

Wrong'un (*A*). A horse which has run at any flat-race meeting not recognised by the Jockey Club is technically so called, and is boycotted by the club.

Wroth Money or Wroth Silver. Money paid to the lord in lieu of castle guard for military service; a tribute paid for killing accidentally some person of note; a tribute paid in acknowledgment of the tenancy of unenclosed land. Dugdale, in his *History of Warwickshire*, says:—

"There is a certain rent due unto the lord of this Hundred (i.e. of Knightlow, the property of the Duke of Buccleuch), called wroth-money, or warth-money, or swarth-penny. . . . *Deusditi vicecomiti vel alia castellani persoluit ob eorum prædium vel eccliam agros* (Sir Henry Spelman: *Glossary*). The rent must be paid on Martinmas Day, in the morning at Knightlow Cross, before sun-rise. The party paying it must go thrice about the cross and say, 'The wroth-money,' and then lay it [varying from 1d. to 2s. 8d.] in a hole in the said cross before good witnesses, or forfeit a white bull with red nose and ears. The amount thus collected reached in 1862 to about 9s., and all who complied with the custom were entertained at a substantial breakfast at the Duke's expense, and were treated in a glass of rum and milk."

Wulstan (*St.*). A Saxon Bishop of Worcester, who received his see from Edward the Confessor. Being accused of certain offences, and ordered to resign his see, he planted his crozier in the shrine of the Confessor, declaring if any of his accusers could draw it out he would submit to resign; as no one could do so but St. Wulstan himself, his innocence was admitted. This sort of "miracle" is the commonest of legendary wonders. Arthur proved himself king by a similar "miracle."

Wunderberg or Underbeg, on the great moor near Salzburg, the chief haunt of the Wild-women. It is said to be quite hollow, and contains churches, gardens, and cities. Here is Charles V. with crown and sceptre, lords and knights. His grey beard has twice encompassed the table at which he sits, and when it has grown long enough to go a third time round it Antichrist will appear. (*German superstition.*) (*See BARBAROSSA.*)

Wyndmonath [*Wine-month*]. The Anglo-Saxon name for October, the month for treading the wine-vats. In Domesday Book the vineyards are perpetually mentioned.

Wynd. *Ferry man for his own hand, as Henry Wynd fought.* Every man for himself; every man seeks his own advantage. When the feud between Clan Chattan and Clan Kay was decided by deadly combat on the North Inch of Perth, one of the men of Clan Chattan deserted, and Henry Wynd, a bandy-legged smith, volunteered for half-a-crown to supply his place. After killing

one man he relaxed in his efforts, and on being asked why, replied, "I have done enough for half-a-crown." He was promised wages according to his deserts, and fought bravely. After the battle he was asked what he fought for, and gave for answer that he fought "for his own hand;" whence the proverb. (*Sir Walter Scott: Tales of a Grandfather*, xvii.)

Wyoming (3 syl.). In 1778 a force of British provincials and Indians, led by Colonel Butler, drove the settlers out of the valley, and Queen Esther tomahawked fourteen of the fugitives with her own hand, in revenge for her son's death. Campbell has founded his *Gertrude of Wyoming* on this disaster, but erroneously makes Brandt leader of the expedition, and calls the place Wyoming.

"Susquehanna's side, fair Wyoming."

X

X on beer-casks indicates beer which paid ten shillings duty, and hence it came to mean beer of a given quality. Two or three crosses are mere trade-marks, intended to convey the notion of twice or thrice as strong as that which pays ten shillings duty.

Xanthos [reddish yellow]. Achilles' wonderful horse. Being chid by his master for leaving Patroclus on the field of battle, the horse turned his head reproachfully, and told Achilles that he also would soon be numbered with the dead, not from any fault of his horse, but by the decree of inexorable destiny. (*Iliad*, xix.) (*Compare Numbers* xxii. 28-30.)

* Xanthos and Baios (swift as the wind) were the offspring of Podargê the harpy and Zephyros. (*See Horses*.)

Xanthos, the river of Trôas. Elian and Pliny say that Homer called the Scamander "Xanthos" or the "Gold-red river," because it coloured with such a tinge the fleeces of sheep washed in its waters. Others maintain that it was so called because a hero named Xanthos defeated a body of Trojans on its banks, and pushed half of them into the stream, as in the battle of Blenheim the Duke of Marlborough drove the French into the Danube.

Xanthus. A large shell like those ascribed to the Tritons. The volutes generally run from right to left; and if

the Indians find a shell with the volutes running in the contrary direction, they persist that one of their gods has got into the shell for concealment.

Xantippe or **Xanthippe** (3 syl.). Wife of the philosopher Socrates. Her bad temper has rendered her name proverbial for a conjugal scold. *

"Be she as foul as was Florentius' love,
As old as Sibyl, and as curst and shrewd
As Socrates' Xanthippe, or a worse,
She moves me not."

Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew, i. 2.

Xenocrates. A disciple of Plato, noted for his continence and contempt of wealth. (B.C. 396-314.)

"Warmed by such youthful beauty, the severe
Xenocrates would not have more been chaste."
Orlando Furioso, xi. 8

Xerxes (2 syl.). A Greek way of writing the Persian Ksathra or Kshatra, a royal title assumed by Isfunder, son of Gushtasp, *daravesh*. (*See DARIUS*.)

When Xerxes invaded Greece he constructed a pontoon bridge across the Dardanelles, which, being swept away by the force of the waves, so enraged the Persian despot that he "inflicted three hundred lashes on the rebellious sea, and cast chains of iron across it." This story is probably a Greek myth, founded on the peculiar construction of Xerxes' second bridge, which consisted of three hundred boats, lashed by iron chains to two ships serving as supporters. As for the scourging, without doubt, it was given to the engineers and not to the waves.

Xerxes' Tears. It is said that when Xerxes, King of Persia, reviewed his magnificent and enormous army before starting for Greece, he wept at the thought of slaughter about to take place. "Of all this multitude, who shall say how many will return?" Emerson, in his *English Traits*, chap. iv., speaks of the Emperor Charlemagne viewing the fleet of the Norsemen in the Mediterranean Sea with tears in his eyes, and adds, "There was reason for these Xerxes' tears."

Xerxes wept at the prospective loss he expected to suffer in the invasion prepared, but Charlemagne wept at the prospective disruption of his kingdom by the hardy Norsemen.

Ximena. The Cid's bride.

Xit. Royabdwari to Edward VI.

Xury. A Moroccan boy, servant to Robinson Crusoe. (*See Robinson Crusoe*.)

Y .

Y. A letter resembling "y" was the Anglo-Saxon character for th (hard); hence y', y', y', etc., are sometimes made to stand for *the, that, this*.

Y. •See SAMIAN LETTER.

Ya'coub ebn La'ith, surnamed *al Soffar* (the brazier), because his father followed that trade in Seistan, was captain of a bandit troop, raised himself to the sovereignty of Persia, and was the first independent monarch of that country of the Mahometan faith. (873-875.)

Yacu-mama [*mother of waters*]. A fabulous sea-snake, fifty paces long and twelve yards in girth, said to lurk in the lagoons of South America, and in the river Amazon. This monster draws into its mouth whatever passes within a hundred yards of it, and for this reason an Indian will never venture to enter an unknown lagoon till he has blown his horn, which the yacu-mama never fails to answer if it is within hearing. By this means the danger apprehended is avoided. (*W aterton*.)

Ya'hoos. A savage; a very ill-mannered person. In *Gulliver's Travels* the Ya'hoos are described as brutes with human forms and vicious propensities. They are subject to the Houyhnhnms, or horses with human reason.

Ya'ma. Judge of departed souls, the Minos of the Hindus. He is represented as of a green colour, and sits on a buffalo.

Yamuna. A sacred river of the Hindus, supposed by them to have the efficacy of removing sin.

Yankee. A corruption of "English." The word got into general use thus: In 1713 one Jonathan Hastings, a farmer at Cambridge, in New York, used the word as a puffing epithet, meaning genuine, American-made, what cannot be surpassed, etc.; as, a "Yankee horse," "Yankee cider," and so on. The students of the college, catching up the term, called Hastings "Yankee Jonathan." It soon spread, and became the jocular pet name of the New Englander. Since then the term has been extended to any American of the Northern States. (Indian corruption of Anglais or English, thus: *Yengees, Yenghis, Yenghis, Yankees*.)

Yankee Doodle is Nankee Doodle

(Oliver Cromwell), who went to Oxford "with a single feather fastened in a macaroni knot," whence the rhyme—

"Nankee Doodle came to town upon his little pony,
Stuck a feather in his hat, and called it macaroni."

The brigade under Lord Percy marched out of Boston playing this air "by way of contempt," but were told they should dance to it soon in another spirit.

Yarmouth BLOATER. A red herring, for which Yarmouth is very famous. (*Lex Balatronicum*.)

Yarmouth Capons. Red herrings.

Yawn. Greek, *chaino*; German, *gahnen*; Anglo-Saxon, *gān-ian*.

Yea, Yea. *Yea* and *nay* are in answer to questions framed in the affirmative; as, "Art thou a prophet?" *Yea* or *nay*. *Yea* and *no* to questions framed in the negative; as, "Art thou not a prophet?" *Yea* or *no*. (*George P. Marsh: Lectures on the English Language*.) (See his note on the celebrated passage of Sir Thomas More, who rebukes Tyndale for using *no* instead of *nay*, p. 422.)

Year. *Annus magnus*. The Chaldaic astronomers observed that the fixed stars shift their places at about the rate of a degree in seventy-two years, according to which calculation they will perform one revolution in 5,920 years, at the end of which time they will return to their "as you were." This revolution of the fixed stars is the *annus magnus*. The Egyptians made it 30,000 years, and the Arabians 49,000. (See *Abulhasan's Meadows of Gold*.)

¶ For a year and a day. In law many acts are determined by this period of time—*e.g.* if a person wounded does not die within a year and a day, the offender is not guilty of murder; if an owner does not claim an estray within the same length of time, it belongs to the lord of the manor; a year and a day is given to prosecute appeals, etc.

Yellow. Anglo-Saxon, *geolu*, yellow; Italian, *giallo*; Danish, *gul*; Icelandic, *gull*, our gold, yellow metal.

Yellow indicates jealousy, inconstancy, and adultery. In France the doors of traitors used to be daubed with yellow. In some countries the law ordains that Jews be clothed in yellow, because they betrayed our Lord. Judas in mediæval pictures is arrayed in yellow. In Spain the vestments of the executioner are either red or yellow—the former to

indicate blood-shedding, and the latter treason.

Yellow, in blazonry, is gold, the symbol of love, constancy, and wisdom.

Yellow, in Christian symbolism, also gold, is emblematical of faith. St. Peter is represented in a robe of a golden yellow colour. In China yellow is the imperial colour.

Yellow-bellies. Frogs, fenmen. The Mexicans are so called.

"When the Queen's Prize was won at Wimbeldon, July 21st, 1885, by Sergeant Bulmer, 2nd Lincoln, his victory was hailed with 'Well done, yellow-belly!' in allusion to his being a Lincolnshire man."—*Notes and Queries*, August 22nd, 1905, p. 146.

"Ah, then, agin, it kin scarce be Mexikins neyther. It ur too fur noth for any o' them yellow-bellies."—*Captain Mayne Reid: The War Trail*, chap. lxxi.

Yellow Book of France. A report drawn up by government every year since 1861, designed to furnish historians with reliable information of the state, external and internal, of the French nation. It is called Yellow from the colour of its cover. It corresponds to our "Blue Book" and the "White Books" of Germany and Portugal.

Yellow-boy (A). A gold sovereign.

"John did not starve the cause; there wanted not yellow-boys to fee counsel."—*Arbuthnot: John Bull*.

Yellow-boy (A). A bankrupt. The French call a bankrupt *Safranier*, and *Aller au safran* means to be made a bankrupt. The allusion is to the ancient custom of painting the house of a traitor yellow. It will be remembered that the house of the Petit Bourbon was long so stigmatised on account of the treason of the Constable Bourbon.

Yellow Caps. A notable insurrection in China, in the reign of Hân-ling-tee (168-189), headed by Tchang-keo, and so called from the caps worn by the rebels, which were all of the imperial colour.

Yellow Dwarf. A certain queen had a daughter named ALL-FAIR, of incomparable beauty. One day the queen went to consult the Desert-Fairy, but, being weary, lay down to rest, and fell asleep. On waking she saw two lions approaching, and was greatly terrified. At this juncture the Yellow Dwarf arrested her attention, and promised to save her from the lions if she would consent to give him ALL-FAIR for his bride. The queen made the promise, and an orange-tree opened, into which the queen entered, and escaped the lions.

The queen now sickened, and ALL-FAIR went to consult the Desert-Fairy, but, like her mother, was threatened by the lions, and promised to be the dwarf's bride if he would contrive her escape. Next morning she awoke in her own room, and found on her finger a ring made of a single red hair, which could not be got off. The princess now sickened, and the States resolved to give her in marriage to the powerful king of the Gold Mines. On the day of espousals the Yellow Dwarf came to claim his bride, carried her off on his Spanish cat, and confined her in Steel Castle. In the meantime the Desert-Fairy made the king of the Gold Mines her captive. One day a mermaid appeared to the captive king, carried him to Steel Castle, and gave him a sword made of one entire diamond. Thus armed, the king went in, and was first encountered by four sphinxes, then by six dragons, then by twenty-four nymphs. All these he slew with the syren sword, and then came to the princess. Here he dropped his sword, which the Yellow Dwarf took possession of. The Yellow Dwarf now made the king his captive, and asked if he would give up the princess. "No," said the king; whereupon the dwarf stabbed him to the heart; and the princess, seeing him fall, threw herself upon the dead body and died also. (*Countess D'Aubigny: Fairy Tales*.)

Yellow Jack. The flag displayed from lazarettos, naval hospitals, and vessels in quarantine. (See UNION JACK.)

Yellow Jack (The). The yellow fever.

"Raymond and all his family died of yellow fever, and Fernando... had passed a few weeks recovering from a touch of yellow Jack."—*A. C. Gunter: Baron Moutet*, book iv, chap. x.

Yellowhammer (The). The eggs of this bird are spotted with red. The tradition is that the bird fluttered about the Cross, and got stained with the blood in its plumage, and by way of punishment its eggs were doomed ever after to bear marks of blood. 'Tis a very lame story, but helps to show how in former times every possible thing was made to bear some allusion to the Redeemer. Because the bird was "cursed," boys who abstain from plundering the eggs of small birds, were taught that it is as right and proper to destroy the eggs of the bunting as to persecute a Jew. (See CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS.)

✓ Hammer is a corruption of the German *ammer*, a bunting.

Yemen. Arabia Felix. Felix is a mistranslation by Ptolemy of Yemen, which means to the "right"—i.e. of Mecca. (See STONY ARABIA.)

"Beautiful are the maidens that glide
On summer-eyes through Yemen's dales."
Thomas Moore: *Fire-Worshippers*.

Yeoman (A) was anciently a forty-shilling freeholder, and as such qualified to vote, and serve on juries. In more modern times it meant a farmer who cultivated his own freehold. Later still, an upper farmer, tenant or otherwise, is often called a yeoman.

"His family were yeomen of the richer class, who for some generations had held property."—*R. C. Jebb: Richard Bentley*, chap. i, p. 2.

Yeoman's Service. Regular hard work; effectual service; excellent service whether in a good or bad cause. The reference is to the yeomen of the Free Companies.

"The whole training of Port Royal did him yeoman's service."—*Shorthouse: Sir Percival*, p. 56.

"We found a long knife, and a knotted handkerchief stained with blood, with which Claude had no doubt recently done yeoman's service."—*Miss Robinson: Whiteflore*, chap. viii.

Yeomen of the Guard. The beef-eaters (*q.v.*).

Yeth-Hounds. Dogs without heads, said to be the spirits of unbaptised children, which ramble among the woods at night, making wailing noises. (*Devonshire*.)

Yezd (1 syl.) Chief residence of the Fire-worshippers. Stephen says they have kept the sacred fire alight above 3,000 years, without suffering it to go out for a second. The sacred fire is on the mountain Ater Quedah (*Mansion of the Fire*), and he is deemed unfortunate who dies away from the mountain. (*Persia*.)

"From Yezd's eternal 'Mansion of the Fire,'
We're aged saints in dreams of heaven expire."
Thomas Moore: *Lalla Rookh*, pt. i.

Ygg'drasil'. The ash-tree, whose roots run in three directions: one to the Aas-gods in heaven, one to the Frost-giants, and the third to the under-world. Under each root is a fountain of wonderful virtues. In the tree, which drops honey, sit an eagle, a squirrel, and four stags. At the root lies the serpent Nithhöggr gnawing it, while the squirrel Ratatöskr runs up and down to sow strife between the eagle at the top and the serpent. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

"The Nornas besprinkle
The ash Ygg'drasil'."
Lord Lytton: Harold, bk. viii.

Y'mir. The personification of Chaos, or the first created being, produced by

the antagonism of heat and cold. He is called a giant, and was nourished by the four milky streams which flowed from the cow Audhum'la. While he slept, a man and woman grew out of his left arm, and sons from his feet. Thus was generated the race of the frost-giants. (*Irrimthursar*.)

Odin and his two brothers slew Ymir, and threw his carcase into the Ginnun'-gagap (abyss of abysses), when his blood formed the water of the earth, his gore the ocean, his bones the mountains, his teeth the rocks, his skull the heavens, his brains the clouds, his hair plants of every kind, and his eyebrows the wall of defence against the giants. (*Scandinavian mythology*.)

Yn'iol. An earl of decayed fortune, father of Enid, ousted from his earldom by his nephew Ed'yrn, son of Nudd, called the "Sparrow-hawk." When Ed'yrn was overthrown in single combat by Prince Geraint, he was compelled to restore the earldom to Yn'iol. (*Tennyson: Idyls of the King; Enid*.)

Yo'ke (1 syl.) Greek *zugon*, Latin *jugum*, French *joug*, Dutch *juk*, German *joch*, Anglo-Saxon *geoc* (pron. *gor*).

To pass under the yoke. To suffer the disgrace of a vanquished army. The Romans made a yoke of three spears—two upright and one resting on them. When an army was vanquished, the soldiers had to lay down their arms and pass under this archway of spears.

Yor'ick. The King of Denmark's jester, "a fellow of infinite jest and most excellent fancy." (*Hamlet*, v. 1.) In *Tristram Shandy* Sterne introduces a clergyman of that name, meant for himself.

York, when it was Saxon, was called Eorwic, and the legend is that a Duke of Effroc being drowned at the foot of the wall caused this name to be given to the city. Southwark Wall was also called the Effroc Wall or Stone. (*Victor Hugo: L'Homme qui Rit*, pt. ii. bk. iii. 1.)

York is *Eure-wic* (pron. *Forrie*), and means the town on the Eure, now called the Ouse. The Romans Latinised the word *Eure* or *Eyre* into "Evora" or "Ebora," and *wic* into "vicum;" whence Ebora-vicum, contracted into *Ebor'acum*.

York Stairs (London), by Inigo Jones. The only remains left of the splendid mansion of the Buckinghams. The site is part of the precincts of a

palace belonging to the bishops of Norwich. It then passed to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, then to the archbishops of York, then to the Crown, then to the Duke of Buckingham, who rebuilt it. The second Duke of Buckingham pulled it down, and converted it into the five streets, etc., called respectively, "George," "Villiers," "Duke," "Of," "Buckingham." The gate leading to the Thames is the only part of this mansion which remains.

Yorks (a Stock-Exchange term), the Great Northern Railway Ordinary Stock, the York line. Similarly, there are the Berwicks, the Brums, the Dovers, the Leeds, the Pots or Potteries, the Singapores, and so on. (*See STOCK-EXCHANGE SLANG.*)

Yorkshire. *I see Yorkshire, too.* I am as deep as you are, and am not to be bamboozled. The North-countrymen are proverbially "long-headed and cannie." A tale is told of a Yorkshire rustic under cross-examination. The counsel tried to make fun of him, and said to him, "Well, farmer, how go calves at York?" "Well, sir," said the farmer, "on four legs, and not on two." "Silence in the court!" cried the baffled bigwig, and tried again. "Now, farmer—remember you are on your oath—are there as many fools as ever in the West Riding?" "Well, no, sir, no; we've got our share, no doubt; but there are not so many as when you were there."

Young Chevalier. Charles Edward Stuart, the second Pretender. (1720-1788.)

Young England. A set of young noblemen and aristocratic gentlemen who tried to revive the formality and court manners of the Chesterfield school. They wore white waistcoats, patronised the pet poor, looked down upon shopkeepers, and were altogether Red-Tape Knights. Disraeli has immortalised their ways and manners, but scarcely *à caput mortuum* of their folly now remains.

Young Germany. A literary school headed by Heinrich Heine, whose aim was to liberate politics, religion, and manners from the old conventional trammels.

Young Italy. A league of Italian refugees, who associated themselves with the French republican party, called the *Charbonnerie Démocratique (q.v.)*. It was organised at Marseilles by Mazzini, and its chief object was to diffuse republican principles.

Your Petitioners shall ever Pray, etc. The part omitted is, if a petition to the Crown, "for your Majesty's most prosperous reign"; but if to Parliament, the suppressed words are, "for the prosperous success of this high and honourable court of Parliament."

Youth Restored. Iolaus was restored to youth, as Euripides says.

Phaon, the beloved of Sappho, was restored to youth on the behalf of Venus.

Æson was restored to youth by Medæa, and so was Jason.

The muses of Bacchus and their husbands were restored to youth, according to Æschylus.

Ysolde, Ysode, or Isolt. Daughter of the Queen of Ireland. Sir Tristram, being wounded, was cured by Ysolde, and on his return to Cornwall gave his uncle such a glowing description of the young princess that he sent to ask her hand in marriage. Ysolde married King Mark of Cornwall, but entertained a criminal passion for the nephew. This attachment being discovered by the king, he banished Tristram from Cornwall. Sir Tristram went to Wales, where he performed prodigies of valour, and his uncle invited him back again. The guilty intercourse being repeated, Sir Tristram was banished a second time, and went to Spain, Ermonie, and Brittany. In this last place he met with Ysolt of the White Hand, daughter of the Duke of Brittany, whom he married. After many marvellous exploits he was severely wounded, and, being told that no one could cure him but Ysolde, he sent a messenger to Cornwall, and told him if the queen consented to accompany him he was to hoist a white flag. The queen hastened to succour her lover, but Ysolt told her husband that the vessel was coming with a black sail displayed. Sir Tristram, in an agony of despair, fell on his bed and instantly expired. Soon as Ysolde heard thereof, she flung herself on the corpse and died also. King Mark buried the two in one grave, and planted over it a rose-bush and vine, which so intermingled their branches as they grew up that no man could separate them.

Ysolt of the White Hand. Daughter of the Duke of Brittany and wife of Sir Tristram. (*See above.*)

Yue-Laon, in Chinese mythology, is the old man of the moon, who unites with a silken cord all predestined

couples, after which nothing can prevent their union.

Yuga. A mundane period of years, four of which have already passed, making up an aggregate of four million solar years. In the first period men were innocent and free from disease, in the second their life was shortened by one quarter. In the first period devotion was man's object, in the second spiritual knowledge, in the third sacrifice. Compare the Hindu legend with the account given in Genesis.

Yule (1 syl.). Christmas time.

Yule Log. A great log of wood laid in ancient times across the hearth-fire on Christmas Eve. This was done with certain ceremonies and much merry-making. (Norwegian, *jul*, Christmas.)

"Ever at Yuletide, when the great log flamed
In chimney corner, laugh and jest went round!"
Aldrich: Wyandham Towers, stanza 5.

Yule Swain (*The*). A kind of Santa Klaus among the Lapps. He is eleven feet high, and rides on a goat. He appears on St. Thomas's Day, and continues his visits till Christmas Eve; but where he comes from and whither he goes nobody has the least idea.

Yuletide has been held as a sacred festival by numberless nations.

Christians hold December 25th as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

China on the same day celebrates the birth of Buddha, son of Mäya. (*Runsen*.)

Druids held during the winter solstice the festival of Nohach. (*Higgins*.)

Egypt held that Horus, son of Isis, was born towards the close of December. (*Le Clerk de Septehrus*.)

Greece celebrated in the winter solstice the birth of Demeter (*Ceres*), Dionysos (*Bacchus*), and Heracles (*Hercules*).

India. Numerous Indian tribes keep Yuletide as a religious festival. (*Moutier et Ullmann*.)

Mexico holds in the winter solstice the festival of Capacame. (*History of the Indies*, vol. II. p. 354.)

Persia at the same period honours the festival of Mithras. (*Groos*.)

Rome celebrated on December 25th the festival "Natalis Solis Invicti."

Scandinavia held at Yuletide the festival called Jul, in honour of Freya, son of Odin.

Yum'boes (2 syl.). Fairies of African mythology, about two feet high, of a white colour, and dressed like the people of Jaloff. Their favourite haunt is the range of hills called The Paps.

"When evening's shades o'er Goree's isle extend,
The nimble Yumboes from The Paps descend,
Silly approach the natives' huts, and steal
With secret hand the powdered coes cone meal."
Keightley: Fairy Mythology.

Yves (*St.*) (1 syl.). Patron saint of lawyers, being himself a lawyer. As he used his knowledge, of the law in

defending the oppressed, he is called in Brittany "the poor man's advocate."

"Advocatus, sed non laicus,
Res miranda populo."

Hymn to St. Yves.

Yvetot (pron. *Eve-tô*). The King of Yvetot. Yvetot is a town in Normandy, and the king referred to is the lord of the town, called *roi d'Yvetot* in old chronicles. The tradition is that Clotaire, son of Clovis, having slain Gauthier, lord of Yvetot, before the high altar of Soissons, made atonement by conferring the title of king on the heirs of the murdered man.

"Il était un roi d'Yvetot
Peu connu dans l'histoire ;
Se levant tard, se couchant tôt,
Dormant fort bien sans gloire,
Et couronné par Jeanneton
D'un simple bonnet de coton,
Dit-on.
Oh! oh! oh! ah! ah! ah! ah!
Quel bon petit roi c'était, là! là! là!"
Beranger. Roi d'Yvetot (1833).

A king there was, 'roi d'Yvetot' slept,
But little known in story;
Went soon to bed, till daylight clept,
And soundly without glory.
His royal brow in cotton cap
Would Janet, when he took his nap,
Bowrap.
Ah! ah! ah! ah! ha! ha! ha! ha!
A famous king this 'roi d'Yvetot.'
E. C. B.

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Za'bian. The Zabian world of fashion. The world of fashion that worships the stars, or men and women of notoriety. A Zabian is a worshipper of the sun, moon, and stars. The Chaldees and ancient Persians were Zabians.

"This is the new meteor, admired with so much devotion by the Zabian world of fashion"—*Belgravia*, No. 1.

Zacoc'ia. King of Mozambique. Camoens, in his *Lusiad*, says that he received Vasco da Gama and his men with great hospitality, believing them to be Mahometans, but the moment he discovered that they were Christians all his kindness turned to the most rancorous hate. He tried to allure them into ambush, but, failing in this, sent to Gama a pilot to conduct the fleet to Momba'ze (2 syl.), where the whole party would have been killed or reduced to slavery. This treachery failed also, because Venus drove the fleet in a contrary direction by a storm. The faithless pilot lastly attempted to run the ships upon hidden rocks, but the Nereids came to the rescue, and the pilot threw himself into the sea to escape the anger of the Portuguese adventurer. (*Camoens: Lusiad*, bks. i. ii.)

Zad'kiel (3 syl.). Angel of the planet Jupiter. (*Jewish mythology*.)

Zadkiel. The pen-name of Lieutenant Morrison, author of the *Prophetic Almanac*.

Zad'ec, in Dryden's satire of *Absalom and Achitophel*, is designed for Sancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Zad'ec the priest, whom (shunning power and place),
His lowly mind advanced to David's (Charles II.)
grace." Part I. lines 101-2.

Zakari'ja ibn Muhammed, surnamed *Kuzwini*, from Kaswin, the place of his birth. De Sacy calls him "the Pliny of the East." (1200-1283.)

Zakkum. A tree growing in the Muhammadan hell, from which a food is prepared for the damned of inexpressible bitterness.

"How will it be for him whose food is Zakkum?"—*The Koran*.

Zal. Son of Sâm Nerimân, exposed on Mount Elburz, because he was born with white hair, and therefore supposed to be the offspring of a deer. He was brought up by the wonderful bird Seemurgh (*q.v.*), and when claimed by his father, received from the foster-bird a feather to give him insight into futurity. (*Persian mythology*.)

Za'nës. The statues dispersed about the grounds on which the public games of Greece were celebrated. They were the produce of fines imposed on those who infringed the regulations.

Zano'ni. Hero of a novel so called by Lord Lytton. Zanoni is supposed to possess the power of communicating with spirits, prolonging life, and producing gold, silver, and precious stones.

Zi.n'y. More correctly, **Zanny** (Italian *zanni*, a buffoon; Latin *sannio*, "sanna" means a grimace, and "sanneo" one who makes grimaces).

"For indeed, "
"He's like the 'zani' to a tumbler
That tries tricks after him to make men laugh."
J. Jonson: *Revery Man out of his Humour*, iv. 2.

"He belonged to one of those dramatic companies called zanni, who went about the country reciting and acting."—*John Inglesant*, chap. xxvii.

Zil. A Moorish cymbal.

"Where, some hours since, was heard the swell
Of trumpet, and the clash of zil."
Thomas Moore: *Fire-Worshippers*.

Zel'ica was in love with Azim; Azim left his native Bokhara to join the Persian army, and was taken captive by the Greeks. Report said "he was dead;" Zel'ica lost her reason, joined the harem of the Veiled Prophet as "one of the

elect of Paradise," and became "priestess of the faith." When Azim joined the prophet's band, Zelica was appointed to lure him to his destruction, both of body and soul. They meet—Azim tells her to fly with him, but she tells him she is the prophet's bride, and flees from his embrace. After the death of the prophet Zelica puts on his veil, and Azim, thinking he sees the prophet, rushes on her and kills her. (*Thomas Moore: Veiled Prophet of Khorassan; Lalla Rookh*.)

Zelo'tes (3 syl.) or **Sicarii** were pious assassins among the Jews, who imposed on themselves the task of killing all who broke the Mosaic law. (*Mishnah: Sanhedrim*, ix. 6.)

"Simon Zelotes was probably a disciple of Judas the Galilæe, leader of a party of the Kenna'im (Sicarii)."—*Revan: Life of Jesus*, ix.

Zem. The sacred well of Mecca. According to Arab tradition, this is the very well that was shown to Hagar when Ishmael was perishing of thirst. Mecca is built round it.

Zen'ohis Khan [*great chief*]. A title assumed in 1206 by Temoudin, a Persian rebel, in the presence of 100 tribes. His progress was like that of a destroying angel, and by his sword Persia became part of the vast Mogul empire.

Zend-Avesta. The great work of Zoroaster, or rather Zarathustra, the Mede, who reformed the Magian religion. It is the Avesta or "Living Word," written in the Zend language (B.C. 490). It now contains the Yacna, the Vispered, the Vendidad, and the Khordah-Avesta.

"The sacred writings of the Parsees have usually been called *Zend-Avesta* by Europeans; but this is, without doubt, an inversion of the proper order of the words, as the Pahlavi books always style them '*Avistak-va-Zand*' (text and commentary)."—*Hong: Essays on the Parsis*, Essay iii. p. 19.

Zenel'ophon. A corruption of *Penelophon*. The beggar-maid loved by King Cophetua.

"The magnanimous and most illustrious king Cophetua set eye upon the pernicious and indolent beggar Zenelophon."—*Shakespeare: Love's Labour's Lost*, iv. 1.

Zenith, Na'dir. Zenith is the point of the heavens immediately over the head of the spectator. Na'dir is the opposite point, immediately beneath the spectator's feet. (French, *zénith*, *na'dir*.)

Zephon [*searcher of secrets*]. The cherub despatched by Gabriel to find Satan, after his flight from hell. Ithuriel goes with him. (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, iv. 788-796.)

Zeph'yr. The west wind, the son of Æolus and Auro'ra, and the lover of Flora. (*Roman mythology.*)

Pus de zephyr. Standing on one foot and balancing the other backwards and forwards.

Zeus (1 syl.). The Grecian Jupiter. The word means the "living one." (Sanskrit, *Djauś*, heaven.) (See JUPITER.)

Zeux'is (2 syl.), a Grecian painter, is said to have painted some grapes so well that the birds came and pecked at them.

"E'en as poor birds, deceived with painted grapes,
Do surfeit by the eye, and pine the maw."
Shakespeare: Venus and Adonis.

Zif. Hypothetical stock, entered in "salted accounts," to give a colourable balance "to the good." (Hebrew *ziph*, a book.) (*Vidocq: Les Voleurs*, vol. ii. pp. 81, 87.)

Zig. A prodigious cock, which stands with its feet on the earth and touches heaven with its head. When its wings are spread it darkens the sun, and causes a total eclipse. This cock crows before the Lord, and delighteth Him. (*Babylonish Talmud.*)

Zig. A chum, a comrade. (Italian *zigno*, a newt or little lizard.) It generally means *un mauvais camarade*, unless otherwise qualified. (*French argot.*)

"Only the bon zig Rac."—*Outida: Under Two Flags*, chap. xxv.

Zim and Jim. "His house was made a habitation for Zim and Jim, and every unclean thing" (*Godly Man's Portion*, 1663). The marginal reading of Isa. xii. 21, 22, explains Zim to be wild beasts, and Jim jackals.

Zimri, in Dryden's *Abraham and Achitophel*, is the second Duke of Buckingham. Like the captain who conspired against Asa, King of Judah, he "formed parties and joined factions," but pending the issue "he was drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, steward of his house." (1 Kings xvi. 9.)

"Some of the chiefs were princes in the land;
In the first rank of these did Zimri stand;
A man so various that he seemed to be
Not one, but all mankind's epitome.
Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong,
Was everything by starts, and nothing long."
Part I. 543-548.

Zin'call. Gipsies: so called in Spain from *Sinte* or *Sind* (India) and *calo* (black), the supposition being that they came from Hindustan, which no doubt is true. The Persian *Zangi* means an Ethiopian or Egyptian.

Zin'dikites (3 syl.). An heretical Mahometan sect, who disbelieve in God, the resurrection, and a future life. They think that the world is the production of four eternal elements, and that man is a microcosm of the world.

Zineu'ra, in the *Decameron* of Boccaccio (day ii. novel 9), is the Imogen of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*. In male attire Zineura assumed the name of Sicura'no da Finale, and Imogen of Fidele. Zineura's husband was Bernard Lomellin, and the villain was Ambrose. Imogen's husband was Posthumus Leonatus, and the villain Iachimo. In Shakespeare, the British king Cymbeline takes the place assigned by Boccaccio to the sultan.

Zion. Daughter of Zion. Jerusalem or its inhabitants. The city of David stood on Mount Zion. Zion and Jerusalem were pretty much in the same relation to each other as Old and New Edinburgh. (Hebrew, *Tziyon*, a hill.)

Zist. "Se trouver entre le zist et le zest." To be in a quandary; in a state of perfect bewilderment. Also, to shilly shally. "Zest" is anything of no value, as "*Cela ne vaut pas un zest*" (It is not worth a fig). "Zist" is the same word slightly varied.

Zobelde (2 syl.). A lady of Bagdad, whose history is related in the *Three Calendars*. The Kalif Haroun-al-Raschid married her. (*Arabian Nights.*)

Zo'diak. An imaginary belt or zone in the heavens, extending about eight degrees each side of the ecliptic.

Signs of the Zodiac. The zodiac is divided into twelve equal parts, proceeding from west to east; each part is thirty degrees, and is distinguished by a sign. Beginning with "Aries," we have first six northern and then six southern signs—i.e. six on the north side and six on the south side of the equator: Beginning with "Capricornus," we have six ascending and then six descending signs—i.e. six which ascend higher and higher towards the north, and six which descend lower and lower towards the south. The six northern signs are: Aries (the ram), Taurus (the bull), Gemini (the twins), spring signs; Cancer (the crab), Leo (the lion), Virgo (the virgin), summer signs. The six southern are: Libra (the balance), Scorpio (the scorpion), Sagittarius (the archer), autumn signs; Capricornus (the goat), Aquarius (the water-bearer), and Pisces

(the fishes), winter signs. (Greek, *zo-on*, living creatures.)

Our vernal signs the RAM begins,
Then comes the BULL, in May the TWINS; -
The CRAB in June, next LEO shines,
And VIRGO ends the northern signs.

The BALANCE brings autumnal fruits,
The SCORPION stings, the ARCHER shoots; -
December's GOAT brings wintry blast,
AQUARIUS rain, the FISH come last. E. C. B.

Zohar. The name of a Jewish book containing cabalistic expositions of the "books of Moses." Traditionally ascribed to Rabbi Simon ben Yochi, first century; but probably belonging to the thirteenth century.

"The renowned Zohar is written in Aramaic, and is a commentary on the Pentateuch, according to its divisions into fifty-two hebdomadal lessons."—*Encyclopædia Britannica*, vol. xii. p. 813.

Zollism. Harsh, ill-tempered criticism; so called from Zoilos (*q.v.*).

Zoilos (Latin, *Zoilus*). *The sword of Zoilos.* The pen of a critic. Zoilos was a literary Thersites, shrewd, witty, and spiteful. He was nicknamed *Homeromastix* (Homer's scourge), because he mercilessly assailed the epics of Homer, and called the companions of Ulysses in the island of Circe "weeping porkers" ("*chiridia klaionta*"). He also flew at Plato, Isocrates, and other high game.

"Pudentem volo Zoillum videre." *Martial*.

Zola-ise. To write like Zola, the French novelist, the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Zola is noted for his realistic novels, many of which are unfit for circulating libraries. His speciality is a reckless exposition of the licentious habits of the French. His historic novel, called the *Débâcle*, exposed the breakdown of Napoleon III. and his army in the Franco-German war (1870-1871).

Other parts of speech from Zola are Zolaesque, Zolaisation, Zolaizer, etc.

• The most complimentary meaning

of Zolaesque is the terrible descriptive style of writing. The more general meaning is licentious and coarsely erotic.

Zollverein. meaning customs union, a commercial union of German states for the purpose of establishing a uniform tariff of duties. (Begun 1819.)

Zo'phiel. An angelic scout of "swiftest wing." The word means "God's spy." (*Milton: Paradise Lost*, vi. 355.)

Zoraida (3 syl.). Daughter of Agimora'to of Algiers, who becomes a Christian and elopes with Ruy Perez de Viedma, an officer of Leon. The story is told in an episode of *Don Quixote*, called *The Captive's Life and Adventures*. (Bk. iv. chap. ix.-xi.)

Zoraide (3 syl.) or **Zoraida.** The name of a yacht belonging to the squadron at Cowes. This name is taken from Rossini's *Zoraidi et Coradin*.

Zounds! An oath, meaning God's wounds.

Zulal. That stream of Paradise, clear as crystal and delicious as nectar, which "the spirits of the just made perfect" drink of.

Zuleika. Daughter of Giaffir, Pacha of Abydos. She is all purity and loveliness. Her intelligence, joyousness, undeviating love, and strict regard to duty are beautifully portrayed. She promises to flee with Solim and become his bride; but her father, Giaffir, shoots her lover, and Zuleika dies of a broken heart. (*Byron: Bride of Abydos*.)

Zuleika. The wife of Joseph.

"It is less costly than the others, and it is remarkable that, although his wife's name, Zuleika according to tradition, is inserted in the certificates given to pilgrims, no grave having that name is shown."—*The Times Report of the visit of the Prince of Wales to the mosque of Hebron*).

Zulfagar. Ali's sword. (See **SWORD**.)

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Survivals (1892); "The Iclander's Sword" (1893); "The Golden Gate" (1896); "The Life of Napoleon" (1896); "St. Paul" (1897). In addition to the above works he has written the following novels: "Mehalah" (1880); "John Herring" (1883); "Court Royal" (1886); "Red Spider" (1887); "The Gaverocks" (1887); "Eve" (1888); "Grettir the Outlaw" (1889); "The Pennycomequicks" (1889); "My Prague Pig" (1890); "Arminell" (1890); "Urith" (1891); "Margery of Quether" (1891); "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life" (1892); "In the Roar of the Sea" (1892); "Cheap Jack Zita" (1893); "The Queen of Love" (1894); "Kitty Alone" (1894); "Dartmoor Idylls" (1896); "The Broom-Squire" (1896); "Guavas the Tinner"; "Bladys"; "Perpetua" (1897).

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(1820); "Napoleon and Other Poems" (1822); "The Reliquary" (1836); "Household Verses" (1845); "Selected Poems" (1849). Gurney's "Memoir" (1847). "Poems and Letters," with his daughter's Memoir (1853).

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Actors in the Puritan Revolution" (1878); "Lessons from my Master" (1879); "Two Great Englishwomen" (1880); "Martin Luther" (1887); "Six Christian Biographies" (1887); "The Free Church of Scotland" (1894). Edited *Glasgow Commonwealth*, *Edinburgh Witness*, the *Dial*, the *Weekly Review*.

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Beale, Professor Lionel Smith, M.D. (b. London, 1828). "Life Theories" (1871); "The Mystery of Life" (1871); "Our Morality and the Moral Question" (1887); "Lectures on the Principles and Practice of Medicine" (1889), etc. Edited *Archives of Medicine*.

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Beddoes, Thomas Lovell (b. Clifton, July 20th, 1803; d. Basle, January 26th, 1849). "The Improvisatore" (1821); "The Bride's Tragedy" (1822); "Death's Jest Book; or, the Fool's Tragedy" (1850); "Poems" (1851), with "Mémorial."

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Beesly, Professor Edward Spencer (b. Feckenham, Worcestershire, 1831). "Catiline, Clodius, and Tiberius" (1878); "Queen Elizabeth" (1888). Translated Comte, etc.

Behn, Aphra (b. Canterbury, 1692; d. London, April 16th, 1689). "The Forced Marriage" (1671); "The Amorous Prince" (1671); "The Dutch Lover" (1673); "Adelazar" (1677); "The Town Fop" (1677); "The Rover" (1677); "The Debauchee" (1677); "Sir Patient Fancy" (1678); "The Feigned Courtesans" (1679); "The Rover" (part ii. 1681); "The City Heiress" (1682); "The False Count" (1682); "The Roundheads" (1682); "The Young King" (1683); "Poems" (1684); "Miscellany" (1685); "The Lover's Watch" (1686); "The Lucky Chance" (1687); "The Emperor of the Moon" (1687); "Lycidus" (1688); "The Widow Ranter" (1690); "The Younger Brother" (1696); "Historics and Novels" (1698, eighth edition with Life, 1735). Works (1871). See Ward's "Dramatic Literature;" Kavanagh's "Women of Letters;" Jeaffreson's "Novelists;" Forsyth's "Novelists," etc.

Beke, Charles Tiltone (b. London, October 10th, 1800; d. 1874). "Origines Biblicæ" (1834); "Nile and its Tributaries" (1847); "Sources of the Nile" (1848); "Mémoire Justificatif des Pères Paez et Lobo" (Paris, 1848); "The British Captives in Abyssinia" (1867).

Bell, Henry Thomas Mackenzie (b. Liverpool, March 2nd, 1856). "The Keeping of the Vow and Other Verses" (1879); "Verses of Varied Life" (1882); "Old Year Leaves" (1883); "A Forgotten Genius: Charles Whitehead" (1884); "Spring's Immortality and Other Poems" (1893); "Life of Christina Rossetti" (1897).

Bell, Mrs. Hugh (Florence) (b. Paris). "Will o' the Wisp" (1890); "Chamber Comedies" (1890); "Nursery Comedies" (1892); "The Story of Ursula" (1895); French Plays for Children, etc.

Bennett, William Cox, LL.D. (b. Greenwich, October 14th, 1820; d. March 4th, 1895). "Poems" (1850); "Verdicts" (1852); "War Songs" (1855); "Collected Poems" (1862); "Songs for Sailors" (1873), etc.

Bentham, Jeremy (b. London, February 15th, 1748; d. 1832). "Fragment on Government" (1766); "The Hard Labour Bill" (1778); "Principles of Morals and Legislation" (1780); "Usefulness of Chemistry" (1783); "Defence of Usury" (1787); "Panopticon" (1791); "Draft of a Code for Judicial Establishment in France" (1791); "Political Tactics" (1791); "Emancipate your Colonies" (1793); "Supply without Burden" (1796); "Pauper Management" (1797); "Traité de Législation Civile et Pénale" (1802); "Two Letters to Lord Pelham" (1802); "Plea for the Constitution" (1803); "Scotch Reforms" (1808); "Chrestomathia" (1816-17); "Parliamentary Reform Catechism" (1817); "Codification and Public Instruction" (1817); "Swear Not at All" (1817); "Springs of Action" (1817); "Church of Englandism" (1818); "Radical Reform Bill" (1819); "The King against Sir C. Wolseyley" (1820); "The King against Edmunds" (1820); "Restrictive and Prohibitory Commercial System" (1821); "Art of Packing Special Juries" (1821); "Tracts Relative to Spanish and Portuguese Affairs" (1821); "Liberty of the Press" (1821); "Letter to Count Toreno" (1822); "Not Paul, but Jesus" (1823); "Truth *versus* Ashurst" (1823); "Book of Fallacies" (1824); "Peel's Magistrates' Salary Bill" (1824); "Mother Church Relieved by Bleeding" (1825); "Rationale of Reward" (1825); "Indications Respecting Lord Elgin" (1825, Postscript 1826); "Rationale of Judicial Evidence" (1827); "Codification Proposal" (1871). Biography in Bowring and Burton's edition of Works (1843). See Burton's "Benthamiana" (1838).

Bentley, Richard, D.D. (b. 1662; d. 1742). "Dissertation on the Epistles of Phalaris" (1699); "Discursus on Latin Metres" (1726); "Remarks on a Late Discourse on Freethinking" (1743); "Sermons" (1809). Edited numerous classics. Biography by Monk (1830), and by Jebb (1844). "Correspondence" (1842). Works (1856). See De Quincey's Essay.

Berkeley, George, Bishop of Cloyne (b. 1681; d. 1754). "An Attempt to Demonstrate Arithmetic without Algebra and Geometry" (1707); "New Theory of Vision" (1709); "Principles of Human Knowledge" (1710); "Three Dialogues" (1713); "Principle of Motion" (1721); "Alciphron" (1732); "Siris" (1747). Biographies by Prior

(1784); Wright (1843), and Fraser, with "Commonplace Book," in complete Works (1871).

Besant, Mrs. Annie (b. 1847). "Through Storm to Peace," Autobiography (1893); "The Path of Discipleship" (1896), etc.

Besant, Sir Walter (b. 1838). "Studies in Early French Poetry" (1868); with Professor Palmer, "Jerusalem" (1871). "The Golden Butterfly" (1871); "Ready-money Mortiboy" (1872); "The French Humorists" (1873); "The Monks of Thelema"; "By Celia's Arbour" (1878); "Twins in Trafalgar Bay" (1879); "The Seamy Side" (1880); "The Ten Years' Tenant"; "The Chaplain of the Fleet" (1881). The above novels were written in conjunction with James Rice. Sir Walter has written alone, "The Revolt of Man"; "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" (1882); "The Captain's Room"; "All in a Garden Fair"; "Readings in Rabelais" (1883); "Dorothy Forster"; "The Art of Fiction" (1884); "Uncle Jack" (1885); "Children of Gibeon" (1886); "The World Went Very Well Then" (1887); "Herr Paulus"; "Fifty Years Ago"; "The Eulogy of Richard Jefferies" (1888); "For Faith and Freedom"; "The Bell of St. Paul's"; "Captain Cook" (a biography); "To Call Her Mine" (1889); "Armored of Lyonesse"; "The Holy Rose" (1890); "St. Katherine's by the Tower" (1891); "The Ivory Gate"; "London" (1892); "The History of London"; "The Rebel Queen" (1893); "Beyond the Dreams of Avarice" (1895); "The City of Refuge"; "The Master Craftsman" (1896); "A Fountain Sealed"; "The Queen's Reign and its Commemoration" (1897). Editor of *The Author*.

Betham-Edwards, Miss Matilda Barbara (b. 1836). "John and I" (1862); "Dr. Jacob" (1864); "Kitty" (1869); "The Sylvestros" (1871); "A Year in Western France" (1876); "Bridget" (1877); "Disarmed" (1883); "Pearla" (1883); "Love and Mirage" (1884); "The Parting of the Ways" (1888); "The Roof of France" (1889); "France of To-day" (1892); "A Romance of Dijon" (1894); "Brother Gabriel" (1895); "The Dream-Charlotte" (1896); "A Storm-Bent Sky: a Story of the Revolution"; "Reminiscences" (1898), etc.

Bickerstaff, Isaac (b. 1735; d. circa 1800). "Love in a Village" (1762); "Mail of the Mill" (1765); "Lionel

and *Clarissa*" (1768); and many other plays.

Birrell, Augustine (b. 1850). "*Obiter Dicta*" (1884 and 1887); "*Life of Charlotte Brontë*" (1887); "*Res Judicata*" (1896).

Black, William (b. Glasgow, 1841). "*Love or Marriage*" (1867); "*In Silk Attire*" (1869); "*Kilmeny*" (1870); "*The Monarch of Mincing Lane*" (1871); "*A Daughter of Heth*" (1871); "*The Strange Adventures of a Phaeton*" (1872); "*A Princess of Thule*" (1873); "*The Maid of Killeena*" (1874); "*Three Feathers*" (1875); "*Madcap Violet*" (1876); "*Lady Silverdale's Sweetheart*" (1876); "*Green Pastures and Piccadilly*" (1877); "*Macleod of Dare*" (1878); "*White Wings*" and "*Sunrise*" (1880); "*That Beautiful Wretch*" (1881); "*Shandon Bells*" (1883); "*Yolande*" (1883); "*Judith Shakespeare*" (1884); "*White Heather*" (1885); "*The Wise Woman of Inverness, etc.*" (1885); "*Sabina Zembra*" (1887); "*The Strange Adventures of a House Boat*" (1888); "*The Penance of John Logan*" etc. (1889); "*Nanciebel*" (1889); "*The New Prince Fortunatus*" (1890); "*Donald Ross of Heimra*" (1891); "*Stand Fast, Craig-Boyston*" (1891); "*The Magic Ink*," etc. (1892); "*Wolfenberg*" (1892); "*The Handsome Humes*" (1893); "*Highland Cousins*" (1894); "*Brisceis*" (1896).

Blackburn, Henry (b. 1830; d. 1897). "*Travelling in Spain*" (1866); "*The Pyrenees*" (1867); "*Artists and Arabs*" (1868); "*Breton Folk*" (1880); "*Randolph Caldecott: A Personal Memoir of his Early Art Career*" (1886); "*Artistic Travels in Normandy, Brittany, the Pyrenees, Spain, and Algeria*" (1892); "*The Art of Illustration*" (1891); "*Academy Notes*."

Blackie, John Stuart (b. Glasgow, 1809; d. March 2nd, 1895). "*Prenunciation of Greek*" (1852); "*Lays and Legends of Ancient Greece*" (1857); "*Three Discourses on Beauty*" (1858); "*Lyrical Poems*" (1860); "*Homer and the Iliad*" (1866); "*Democracy*" (1867); "*Musa Burschicosa*" (1869); "*War Songs of the Germans*" (1870); "*Four Phases of Morals*" (1871); "*Lays of the Highlands and Islands*" (1872); "*Self-Culture*" (1873); "*Home Hellenics*" (1874); "*Songs*" (1876); "*The Wise Men of Greece*" (1877); "*The Natural History of Atheism*" (1877); "*Self-Culture*" (1877); "*Lay Sermons*" (1881); "*Altavona*" (1882);

"*The Wisdom of Goethe*" (1883); "*Life of Robert Burns*" (1887); "*Scottish Song*" (1889); "*A Song of Heroes*" (1890); "*Essays on Subjects of Moral and Social Interest*" (1890); "*Christianity and the Ideal of Humanity in Old Times and New*" (1893). Translated "*Faust*" (1834); "*Æschylus*" (1850).

Blackmore, Richard Doddridge (b. 1825). "*The Fate of Franklin*" (1860); "*The Farm and Fruit of Old*" (part of the *Georgics*, 1862); "*Clara Vaughan*" (1864); "*Cradock Nowell*" (1866); "*Lorna Doone*" (1869); "*The Maid of Sker*" (1872); "*Alice Lorraine*" (1875); "*Cripps the Carrier*" (1876); "*Erema*" (1877); "*Mary Anerly*" (1880); "*Christowel*" (1881); "*Tommy Upmore*" (1882); "*Springhaven*" (1887); "*Kit and Kitty*" (1889); "*Perlycross*" (1894); "*Fringilla*" (1895); "*Tales from the Telling-House*" (1896), etc. Translations of the *Georgics* (1871).

Blackstone, Sir William, LL.D. (b. London, July 10th, 1723; d. February 14th, 1780). "*Great Charter*" (1759); "*Commentaries on the Laws of England*" (1765); "*Tracts*" (1771); "*Reports of Cases*" (1781). "*Life*" (1782).

Blake, William (b. London, 1757; d. August 12th, 1828). "*Poetical Sketches*" (1793); "*Songs of Innocence*" (1789); "*Book of Thiel*" (1789); "*America*" (1793); "*Songs of Experience*" (1793); "*Gates of Paradise*" (1793); "*Vision of the Daughters of Albion*" (1793); "*Europe*" (1794); "*Book of Ahania*" (1795); "*Urizen*" (1800); "*Jerusalem*" (1804); "*Milton*" (1804). Biographies: *Gilchrist's* (1863, enlarged 1881); *Rossetti's* in "*B's Poems*" (1866); *Swinburne's* "*Essay*" (1868).

Blakey, Robert (b. 1795, d. 1878). "*History of Moral Science*" (1833); "*The History of the Philosophy of Mind*" (1848); "*History of Political Literature*" (1855). Also wrote several works on Angling, among them "*The Rivers of England and Wales*."

Blessington, Countess of (b. near Clonmel, September 1st, 1789; d. Paris, June 4th, 1849). "*The Idler in Italy*," "*Country Quarters*," "*Conversations with Byron*," etc. "*Life*," by Mad-den (1855).

Blind, Miss Mathilde (b. 1847; d. 1896). "*Tarantella*" (1884); "*The Heather on Fire*" (1886); "*Madame Roland*" (1886); "*George Elliot*"

(1888); "The Ascent of Man" (1886); "Dramas in Miniature" (1891); "Songs and Sonnets" (1893); "Birds of Passage" (1895). Has edited the works of Shelley and Byron, and translated the "Journal" of Marie Bashkirtseff, etc.

Blomfield, C. J., Bishop of London. (b. 1786; d. 1857). "Posthumous Tracts of Porson;" "Adversaria Porsoni;" "A Dissertation upon the Traditional Knowledge of a Promised Redeemer" (1819); "Five Lectures on the Gospel of St. John" (1823); "A Letter on the Present Neglect of the Lord's Day" (1830). Edited Callimachus and Æschylus.

Bloomfield, Robert (b. Honington, Suffolk, 1766; d. Sheffield, Bedfordshire, August 19th, 1823). "The Farmer's Boy" (1800); "Rural Tales and Ballads" (1802); "Good Tidings" (1804); "Wild Flowers" (1806); "Miscellaneous Poems" (1806); "The Banks of the Wye" (1811); "Works" (1814); "May Day with the Muses" (1822); "Remains" (1824). Selected Correspondence (1870).

Bolingbroke, Henry St. John, Viscount (b. Battersea, October 1st, 1678; d. December 12th, 1751). "Dissertation on Parties" (1735); "Letters on Patriotism" (1749); "On the Study of History" (1752). Selected Correspondence (1788). Biography: Mac-knight's (1865). See also J. Churton Collins's "Bolingbroke," etc. (1886).

Borrow, George (b. Norfolk, 1803; d. 1881). "The Zingali; or, An Account of the Gipsies of Spain" (1841); "The Bible in Spain" (1843); "Lavengro: The Scholar, the Gipsy, and the Priest" (1851); "The Romany Rye" (1857); "Wild Waves" (1862); "Romano Lavo Lil" (1874).

Boswell, James (b. Edinburgh, October 29th, 1740; d. London, June 19th, 1795). "Account of Corsica" (1768); "Essays in Favour of the Corsicans" (1769); "Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides with Dr. Johnson" (1785); "Life of Johnson" (1791); "Letters to Rev. W. J. Temple" (1856). "Boswelliana" (1874). See the Essays by Macaulay and Carlyle, etc.

Bowles, Rev. William Lisle (b. King's Sutton, Northamptonshire, September 24th, 1762; died Salisbury, April 7th, 1850). "Fourteen Sonnets" (1789); "Poems" (1798-1809); "The Spirit of Discovery" (1806); "The Missionary

of the Andes" (1815). "Collected Poems" (1855).

Boyd, Rev. Andrew Kennedy Hutchison, D.D., LL.D. (b. 1825). "Recreations of a Country Parson" (1859); "Leisure Hours in Town;" "East Coast Days and Memories" (1887); "The Best Last" (1888); "Twenty-five Years of St. Andrews" (1892); "St. Andrews and Elsewhere" (1895); "Last Years of St. Andrews" (1896), etc.

Boyle, Charles, Earl of Orrery (b. Chelsea, 1676; d. August 28th, 1731). Edited "Epistles of Phalaris" (1695).

Boyle, Hon. Robert (b. Lismore, January 25th, 1626; d. London, December 30th, 1692). "Physiological Essays" (1661); "The Usefulness of Experimental Natural Philosophy" (1663), etc. "Works," with Life and Correspondence (1744).

Brabourne, Lord, Edward Hugessen Knatchbull-Hugessen (b. Mersham Hatch, April 29th, 1829; d. 1893). "Stories for My Children" (1869); "Crackers for Christmas" (1870); "Moonshine" (1871); "Tales at Teatime" (1872); "Queer Folk" (1873); "Whispers from Fairyland" (1874); "River Legends" (1874); "Higgledy-Piggledy" (1875); "Uncle Joe's Stories" (1878); "Friends and Foes from Fairyland" (1885), etc. Edited "Letters of Jane Austen" (his maternal great-aunt) (1885).

Braddon, Mary Elizabeth, nee Mrs. Maxwell (b. 1837). "Lady Audley's Secret" (1862); "Aurora Floyd" (1863); "To the Bitter End" (1872); "Dead Men's Shoes" (1876); "Joshua Haggard's Daughter" (1876); "Weavers and Weft" (1877); "An Open Verdict" (1878); "The Cloven Foot" (1878); "Vixen" (1879); "The Story of Barbara" (1880); "Just as I Am" (1880); "Aphodell" (1881); "Mount Royal" (1882); "Phantom Fortune" (1883); "The Golden Calf" (1883); "Ishmael" (1884); "Wyllard's Weird" (1885); "One Thing Needful" (1886); "Cut by the County" (1887); "The Fatal Three" (1888); "The Day will Come" (1889); "One Life One Love" (1890); "Gerard" (1891); "The Venetians" (1891); "All Along the River" (1893); "Thou Art the Man" (1894); "The Christmas Hirelings" (1894); "Sons of Fire" (1895); "London Pride" (1896); "Under Love's Rule" (1897); "Rough Justice" (1898), etc.

Bradley, Rev. Edward, "Cuthbert

Bede" (b. Kidderminster, 1827; d. December 12th, 1889). "Adventures of Verdant Green" (1853); "Glencreggan" (1861); "The Curate of Cranston" (1862); "A Tour in Tartan Land" (1863); "The White Wife" (1864); "The Rook's Garden" (1865); "Mattins and Muttons" (1866); "Fotheringay and Mary Queen of Scots" (1886), etc.

Brewer, The Rev. John Sherren (b. 1810; d. 1879). "Monumenta Franciscana" (1858); "Calendar of Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII." (1862, etc.); "The Reign of Henry VIII." Also edited Fuller's "Church History of Britain" (1845), Roger Bacon's "Opus Testurum" and "Opus Minus" (1859), and the Carte and Carw Papers relating to Ireland (1867).

Brewster, Sir David, LL.D. (b. Jedburgh, December 11th, 1781; d. February 10th, 1868). "Depolarisation of Light" (1813); "Polarisation of Light by Reflection" (1815); "On the Production of Polarising Structure by Pressure" (1816); "The Laws of Polarisation" (1818); "The Kaleidoscope" (1819); "Elliptical Polarisation" (1830); "Optics" (1831), etc. "Life" (1869).

Bridges, Robert Seymour, M.B., M.R.C.P. (b. 1844). "Growth of Love" (1876), another edition, 1890; "Prometheus the Fire-giver" (1884); "Plays" (1885); "Feast of Bacchus" (1889); "Shorter Poems" (1890, 1893-1894); "Eden" (1891); "Achilles in Scyros" (1892); "Humours of the Court" (1893); "Milton's Prosody" (1893); "Overheard in Arcady" (1894); "John Keats, a Critical Essay" (1895); "Ode to Purcell and other Poems" (1896).

Britton, John (b. 1771; d. January 1st, 1857). "The Beauties of Wiltshire" (1801); "The Cathedral Antiquities of England" (1814-1835), etc.

Brontës, The, "Poems by Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell" (1816).—**Charlotte** (b. Thornton, Yorkshire, April 21st, 1816; d. Haworth, March 31st, 1855); "Jane Eyre" (1847); "Ehrlsey" (1849); "Villette" (1862); "The Professor" (1856). Life by Mrs. Gaskell (1857). See "Charlotte Brontë," by Wemyss Reid (1877); Swinburne's "Notes on Charlotte Brontë" (1877); "Charlotte Brontë," by Birrell (1887); and "The Brontës in Ireland," by Dr. William Wright (1891).—**Emily** (b. *ibid.*, 1818;

d. Haworth, 1848): "Wuthering Heights" (1847).—**Anne** (b. *ibid.*, 1820; d. Scarborough, 1849): "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall," "Agnes Grey" (1847).

Brooke, Rev. Augustus Stopford (b. Dublin, 1832). "Life of Fredk. Wm. Robertson" (1865); several vols. of "Sermons" (1868-94); "Theology in the English Poets" (1874); "Primer of English Literature" (1878); "Milton" (1879); "Poems" (1888); "Dove Cottage" (1890); "History of Early English Literature" (1892); "Development of Theology" (1893); "Irish Literature" (1893); "Tennyson: His Art and Relation to Modern Life" (1894). Has also published an edition of Turner's "Liber Studiorum" (1882); Meryon's "Etchings" (1887), and "The Golden Book of Coleridge" (1895).

Brooks, Charles Shirley (b. Brill, Oxfordshire, 1816; d. February 23rd, 1874). "The Silver Cord" (1841); "Aspen Court" (1855); "The Gordian Knot" (1858); "Sooner or Later" (1868); "Poems of Wit and Humour" (1875), etc. Was editor of *Punch*.

Brougham, Henry, Baron Brougham and Vaux (b. Edinburgh, September 19th, 1778; d. Cannes, May 7th, 1868). "Colonial Policy of the European Powers"; "Discourses of Natural Theology" (1835); "Speeches" (1838); "Dissertations on Subjects of Science" (1839); "Statesmen of the Time of George III." (1839-43); "Political Philosophy" (1840); "Albert Lnuel" (1844); "Men of Letters and Science" (1846); "The Revolution in France" (1849); "Dialogue on Instinct" (1849); "Analytical View of Newton's 'Principia'" (with Routh) (1855); "Contributions to the *Edinburgh Review*" (1857). See Works (1868); Autobiography (1871); Bibliography of his writings (1873).

Broughton, Miss Rhoda (b. North Wales, November 29th, 1840). "Cometh up as a Flower" (1867); "Not Wisely, but Too Well" (1867); "Red as a Rose is She" (1870); "Good-bye, Sweet-heart, Good-bye" (1872); "Nancy" (1873); "Joan" (1876); "Second Thoughts" (1880); "Belinda" (1883); "Doctor Cupid" (1886); "Alas!" (1890); "Mrs. Bligh" (1892); "A Beginner" (1894); "Scylla or Charybdis" (1895); "Dear Faustina" (1897), etc.

Brown, John, M.D. (b. September, 1810; d. May 11th, 1882). "Kib and

His Friends" (in *Horæ Subsecivæ*, 1858-60).

Brown, Rev. John, D.D. (b. Bolton-le-Moors, Lancs., June 19th, 1830). "God's Book for Man's Life" (1881); "John Bunyan: His Life, Times, and Work" (1885); "Bunyan's Home" (1890); "The Historic Episcopate" (1891). Editor of John Bunyan's Works.

Browne, Sir Thomas (b. London, October 19th, 1605; d. October 19th, 1682). "Religio Medici" (1642); "Pseudodoxia Epidemica; or, Inquiry into Vulgar Errors" (1646); "Hydriotaphia" (1658); "The Garden of Cyrus" (1658); "Treatise on Christian Morals" (1756, with Life by Johnson). Works (1686, new edition 1836).

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett (b. London, 1809; d. Florence, June 29th, 1861). "The Battle of Marathon," "Essay on Mind and other Poems" (1826); "Prometheus Bound, translated, with Poems" (1833); "The Seraphim" (1838); "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" (1839); "Poems" (1844); "Sonnets from the Portuguese," printed in the 2nd edition of her "Poems" (1850); "Casa Guidi Windows" (1851); "Aurora Leigh" (1856); "Poems before Congress" (1860); "A Curse for a Nation" (1861); "Last Poems" (1862); "The Greek Christian Poets" (1863). Works (1864-66). See her "Letters" (1877-1897); Memoir by Stedman; Selden's "Portraits de Femmes" (1877); and Mrs. Ritchie's "Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and the Brownings" (1892).

Browning, Robert (b. Camberwell, May 7th, 1812; d. Florence, December 12th, 1889). "Paracelsus" (1835); "Strafford" (1837); "Sordello" (1839); "Pippa Passes" (1842); "The Blot in the 'Scutcheon'" (1843); "Romances and Lyrics" (1845); "A Soul's Tragedy" (1846); "King Victor and King Charles," "Dramatic Lyrics," "Return of the Druses," "Colombe's Birthday," "Dramatic Romances," "The Soul's Errand," "Christmas Eve" (1860); "Men and Women" (1855); "Dramatis Personæ" (1864); "The Ring and the Book" (1868); "Balaustra's Adventure" (1871); "Prince Hohenstiel-Schwangau" (1871); "Fifine at the Fair" (1872); "Red Cotton Nightcap Country" (1873); "Aristophanes' Apology" (1875); "The InifAlbum" (1875); "Pacchiarotto" (1876); "Agamemnon of Æschylus" (1877); "La Salsiaz," "The Two Poets of Croisic" (1878);

"Dramatic Idyls" (1879-80); "Jocoseria" (1883); "Feriahtah's Fancies" (1884); "Parleyings with Certain People" (1887); "Asolando" (1889); "Prose Life of Strafford" (1892). Collected edition, 1888-89. See "Essays on Browning" by Nettleship (1868), and McCrie's "Religion of our Literature;" F. J. Furnivall's "A Browning Bibliography," "The Browning Society Papers;" Mrs. Orr's "Handbook to Browning," and her "Life and Letters" (1891); Symonds's "Introduction to the Study of Browning" (1886); W. Sharpe's "Life" (1890); Professor Henry Jones's "Browning as a Philosophical and Religious Teacher" (1891); F. Mary Wilson's "Browning Primer" (1891); Mrs. Ritchie's "Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and the Brownings" (1892).

Bryce, The Right Hon. James (b. Belfast, May 10th, 1838). "The Holy Roman Empire" (1864); "Transcaucasia and Ararat" (1877); "The American Commonwealth" (1888); "South Africa" (1897).

Buchanan, George (b. Killearn, Stirlingshire, February, 1506; d. September 28th, 1582). "Rudimenta Grammatica" (1550); "Jephthes" (1554); "Franciscanus" (1564); "Admonition to the Lordis Maintenanis of the King's Authoritie" (1571); "De Maria Scotorum Regina" (1572); "Baptistes" (1578); "Dialogus de Jure Regni" (1579); "Rerum Scoticorum Historia" (1582); "Paraphrasis Psalmorum Poetica" (1569); "De Prosodia" (1600). Life by Irving (1807). Works (1725).

Buchanan, Robert Williams (b. August 18th, 1841). "Undertones" (1860); "Idyls of Inverburn" (1865); "London Poems" (1866); "Napoleon Fallen" (1871); "The Land of Lorne" (1871); "The Drama of Kings" (1871); "The Fleshly School of Poetry" (1872); "Master Spirits" (1873); "Bolder the Beautiful" (1877); "God and the Man" (1881); "A Child of Nature" (1881); "The Martyrdom of Madeleine" (1882); "Ballads of Life, Love, and Humour" (1882); "Love Me for Ever" (1883); "Annan Water" (1883); "The New Abelard" (1884); "Foxglove Manor" (1884); "Matt" (1885); "Stormy Waters" (1885); "The Master of the Mine" (1885); "A Look Round Literature" (1887); "The Heir of Linn" (1888); "The City of Dream" (1888); "The Moment After" (1890); "The Outcast" (1891); "Come, Live with Me and be My Love" (1891); "The Coming

Terror, etc." (1891); "Poems for the People" (1892); "The Wandering Jew" (1893); "Woman and the Man" (1893); "Rachel Dene" (1894); "Red and White Heather" (1894); "The Devil's Case" (1896); "Marriage by Capture" (1896); "Effie Hetherington" (1896); "Lady Kilpatrick" (1896). Also several plays.

Buckingham, George Villiers, Duke of (b. Wallingford, January 30th, 1627; d. Kirkby Moorside, April 16th, 1688). "The Rehearsal" (1671), etc.

Buckle, Henry Thomas (b. 1821; d. 1862). "History of Civilisation in Europe," vol. i. (1857), vol. ii. (1861); "Miscellaneous and Posthumous Works" (1872). See J. H. Stirling's "Buckle, his Problem and his Metaphysics," in *North American Review* (1872).

Bunyan, John (b. Elstow, Bedford, 1628; d. London, August 31st, 1688). "Sighs from Hell" (1650); "Gospel Truths Opened" (1656); "The Holy City" (1665); "Grace Abounding" (1666); "Justification by Christ" (1671); "Defence of Justification" (1672); "Water Baptism" (1673); "The Pilgrim's Progress" (1678, 1684); "Life and Death of Mr. Badman" (1680); "The Barren Fig-Tree" (1683); "The Holy War" (1681); "The Pharisee and Publican" (1685); "The Jerusalem Sinner Saved" (1688). Works (1853). Biographies by Southey, Macaulay, Ivimey (1809); Philip (1839); Froude (1880); Dr. John Brown (1885); and Canon Venables.

Burgon, John William, Dean of Chichester (b. 1819; d. 1888). "Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham" (1839); "Petra" (1846); "Oxford Reformers" (1854); "Historical Notice of the Colleges of Oxford" (1857); "Inspiration and Interpretation" (1861); "Treatises on the Pastoral Office" (1864); "Ninety-one Short Sermons" (1867); "Disestablishment the Nation's Formal Rejection of God and Denial of the Faith" (1868); "The Protests of the Bishops against Dr. Temple's Consecration" (1870); "The Athanasian Creed to be Retained in its Entirety, and Why?" (1872); "A Plea for the Study of Divinity at Oxford" (1875); "The Prayer Book, a Devotional Guide and Manual" (1876); "Divergent Ritual" (1881); "The Revision Revised" (1883).

Burke, Edmund (b. Dublin, January 12th, 1728 or 1729; d. Beaconsfield, July

9th, 1797). "Vindication of Natural Society" (1756); "The Sublime and Beautiful" (1757); "Present State of the Nation" (1769); "Thoughts on the Present Discontents" (1770); "Reflections on the French Revolution" (1790); "Appeal from the New to the Old Whigs" (1791); "Letter to a Noble Lord" (1795); "Letters on a Regicide Peace" (1796); "Observations on the Conduct of the Minority" (1797); etc. Works (1801); Select Works (1874). Correspondence (1817). Best Biographies: Macknight's (1858-60), John Morley's (1867; Sketch, 1879).

Burnaby, Colonel F. G. (b. 1842; d. 1886). "A Ride to Khiva" (1876); "On Horseback Through Asia Minor" (1877); "A Ride Across the Channel" (1882); "Our Radicals" (1886). Life by R. K. Mann.

Burnand, Francis Cowley (b. 1837). "My Time and What I've Done with It" (1874); "The Incomplete Angler" (1887); "Very Much Abroad" (1890); "Rather at Sea" (1890); "Quite at Home" (1890); "The Real Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" (1893); "Happy Thoughts" Series; etc. Editor of *Punch* since 1880, and has written many burlesque and other dramatic pieces.

Burnet, Gilbert, Bishop of Salisbury (b. Edinburgh, September 18th, 1643; d. March 17th, 1715). "History of the Reformation" (1679, 1681, 1715); "History of My Own Time" (1724); etc. Life by Le Clerc (1715) and Flaxman.

Burnett, Mrs. Frances, née Hodgson (b. 1849). "That Lass o' Lowrie's" (1877); "Kathleen" (1878); "Surlly Tim" (1878); "Haworth's" (1879); "Louisiana" (1880); "A Fair Barbarian" (1881); "Through One Administration" (1883); "Vagabondia" (1884); "Little Lord Fauntleroy" (1886); "Sara Crowe, etc." (1888); "The Fortunes of Philippa Fairfax" (1888); "The Pretty Sister of José" (1889); "Little Saint Elizabeth" (1890); "Children I Have Known, etc." (1891); "Dolly" (1893); "The One I Know the Best of All" (1893); "A Lady of Quality" (1896); "His Grace the Duke of Osmonde" (1897), etc.

Burns, Robert (b. Ayr, January 25th, 1759; d. Dumfries, July 21st, 1796). "Poems" (1786). Complete Works, Currie (1800). Bibliography by McKie (1875). Centenary editions by J. A. Manson, W. Wallace, etc. (1896). See Nichol's monograph (1879), etc.

Burton, John Hill, LL.D. (b. Aberdeen? August 22nd, 1809; d. 1882). "Benthāmiana" (1838); "Life and Correspondence of Hume" (1846); "Lives of Lovat and Forbes" (1847); "Political and Social Economy" (1849); "History of Scotland from the Revolution" (1853); "The Book-Hunter" (1862); "The Scot Abroad" (1864); "The Cairngorm Mountain" (1864); "History of Scotland from the Earliest Period" (1867); "Reign of Queen Anne" (1880), etc.

Burton, Sir Richard Francis (b. 1821; d. October 19th, 1890). "Sindh" (1851); "A Pilgrimage to El Medinah and Meccah" (1856); "First Footsteps in E. Africa" (1856); "The Lake Regions of Central Africa" (1860); "The City of the Saints" (1861); "The Nile Basin" (1864); "Wit and Wisdom from West Africa" (1865); "Explorations of the Highlands of Brazil" (1869); "Zanzibar" (1872); "Etruscan Bologna" (1876); "Sindh Revisited" (1877); "Campeus, his Life and his Lusiads" (1881); "The Book of the Sword" (1881). Has translated and published privately "The Thousand Nights and a Night" (1885). Life by Lady Burton.

Burton, Robert (b. Lindley, Leicestershire, February 8th, 1756; d. January 25th, 1839). "Anatomy of Melancholy" (1621); "Philosophaster" (with Poemata) (1662).

Butler, Arthur John (b. Putney, June 21st, 1844). "Divina Commedia" with notes and translation—"Purgatory" (1880), "Paradise" (1885), "Hell" (1891); "A Companion to Dante" (1893); "Letters of Count Cavour" (1894); "Dante; his Time and his Work" (1895).

Butler, Joseph, Bishop of Durham (b. Wantage, Berkshire, May 18th, 1692; d. Bath, June 16th, 1752). "Sermons" (1726); "Analogy of Religion" (1736). Edition by W. E. Gladstone (1896).

Butler, Samuel, of Strensham, Worcester, 1612; d. 1680). "Hudibras" (1663, 1664, 1678). "Posthumous Works" (many spurious), 1715; "Remains" (1759); "Works" (1861). Life (1849).

Butler, Major-General Sir William Francis, K.C.B. (b. Tipperary, 1838). "A Narrative of the Historical Events Connected with the Sixty-ninth Regiment" (1870); "The Great Lone Land" (1872); "The Wild North Land" (1873); "In Akiufoo" (1874); "Far Out" (1881); "Red Cloud, the Solitary

Sioux" (1882); "Campaign of the Cataracts" (1887); "Charles G. Gordon" (1889); "Sir Charles Napier" (1890).

Byron, Lord, George Gordon Noel (b. London, January 22nd, 1788; d. Missolonghi, April 19th, 1824). "Hours of Idleness" (1807); "Poems" (1806); "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers" (1809); "The Curse of Minerva" (1812); "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage" (cantos i. and ii. in 1812, canto iii. in 1816, and canto iv. in 1818); "The Waltz" (1813); "The Giaour" (1813); "The Bride of Abydos" (1813); "Ode to Napoleon Buonaparte" (1814); "The Corsair" (1814); "Lara" (1814); "Hebrew Melodies" (1815); "The Siege of Corinth" and "Parisina" (1816); "The Prisoner of Chillon" (1816); "Manfred" (1817); "The Lament of Tasso" (1817); "Monody on the Death of the Right Hon. R. B. Sheridan" (1817); "Beppo" (1818); "Mazeppa" (1819); "Don Juan" (cantos i. and ii. in 1819, iii., iv., and v. in 1821, vi., vii., and viii. in 1823, ix., x., xi., xii., xiii., and xiv. in 1823, xv. and xvi. in 1824); "A Letter to John Murray on the Rev. W. L. Bowles's Strictures on the Life and Writings of Pope" (1821); "Marino Faliero," and "The Prophecy of Dante" (1821); "Sardanapalus," "The Two Foscari," and "Cain" (1821); "Werner" (1822); "The Vision of Judgment" (1822); "Heaven and Earth" (1822); "The Island" (1823); "The Age of Bronze" (1823); canto i. of the "Morgante Maggiore di Messer Luigi Pulci," translated; "The Deformed Transformed" (1824); "Parliamentary Speeches in 1812 and 1813" (1824). The following are the chief publications on the poet:—"Memoirs, Historical, and Critical, of the Life and Writings of Lord Byron, with Anecdotes of Some of his Contemporaries" (1822); "Lord Byron's Private Correspondence, including his Letters to his Mother, Written from Portugal, Spain, Greece, and Other Parts of the Mediterranean: Published from the Originals, with Notes and Observations," by A. R. C. Dallas (1824); "Recollections," by A. R. C. Dallas (1824); "Conversations with Lord Byron, Noted during a Residence with his Lordship at Pisa in the Years 1821 and 1822," by Thomas Medwin (1824); "Letters on the Character and Poetical Genius of Lord Byron," by Sir Egerton Brydges (1824); "Lord Byron," by Madame Louise Belloc (1824); "Anecdotes of Lord Byron, from Authentic Sources, with

Remarks Illustrative of his Connection with the Principal Literary Characters of the Present Day" (1825); "The Last Days of Lord Byron, with his Lordship's Opinions on Various Subjects, particularly on the State and Prospect of Greece," by William Parry (1825); "Lord Byron en Italie et en Grèce; ou, Aperçu de sa Vie et de ses Ouvrages, d'après des Sources authentiques," by the Marquis de Salvo (1825); "Narrative of Lord Byron's Voyage to Corsica and Sardinia, 1821" (1825); "A Short Narrative of Lord Byron's Last Journey to Greece, extracted from the Journal of Count Peter Gamba" (1825); "Correspondence of Lord Byron with his Friends, Including his Letters to his Mother, Written in 1809, 1810, and 1811," edited by A. R. C. Dallas (1825); "Life," by J. Galt (1825); "An Inquiry into the Moral Character of Lord Byron," by J. W. Simmonds (1826); "Memoir," by Sir H. Bulwer (1826); "Life," by W. Lake (1826); "Lord Byron and Some of his Contemporaries" (1828); "Life," by Sir Egerton Brydges (1828); "Memoirs of Lord Byron," by G. Clinton (1828); "Life, Letters, and Journals," edited by Moore (1830); "Conversations with Lord Byron," by Lady Blessington (1831); "Life," by Armstrong (1846); "The True Story of Lady Byron's Life," by Mrs. Beecher-Stowe (1867); "Medora Leigh," by Dr. MacKay (1869); "Recollections of Lord Byron," by the Countess Guiccioli (1870); "Life," by Karl Elze (1871); "Trelawney's Recollections" (new ed. 1879); "Life," by Nicholl (1881); "The Real Lord Byron," by J. Cordy Jeaffreson (1882). See Jeffrey's "Essays," Hazlitt's "Spirit of the Age" and "English Poets," Macaulay's "Essays," Swinburne's preface to a "Selection from the Poems," Sir Henry Taylor's preface to his own "Poems," Brimley's "Essays," W. M. Rossetti's preface to an edition of the "Poems," Kingsley's "Miscellanies," *Quarterly Review* for July, 1868; the "Dictionary of National Biography," etc.

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Caine, Thomas Henry Hall (b. Runcorn, 1853). "Recollections of T. G. Rossetti" (1882); "Cobwebs of Criticism" (1883); "The Shadow of a Crime" (1885); "A Son of Hagar" (1887); "Life of S. T. Coleridge" (1887); "The Decemister" (1887); "The Bondman" (1890); "The Scapegoat" (1891); "The Little Manx Nation" (1891); "Captain Navy's Honeymoon, etc." (1892); "The Manxman" (1894); "The Christian" (1897).

Caird, Edward, Master of Balliol (b. Greenock, March 22nd, 1835). "The Social Philosophy and Religion of Comte" (1835); "The Critical Philosophy of Immanuel Kant" (1889); "Essays on Literature and Philosophy" (1892); "The Evolution of Religion" (1893), etc.

Caird, Principal John, D.D., LL.D. (b. Greenock, December, 1820). "An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion" (1880); "Spinoza" (1888), etc.

Cairns, Principal John, D.D., LL.D. (b. Ayton, Berwickshire, August 23rd, 1818; d. March 12th, 1892). "Life of John Brown, D.D." (1860); "Unbelief in the Eighteenth Century" (1881); "Christ, the Morning Star," etc. (1892). "Life," by Dr. Alexander McEwen (1895.)

Calverley, Charles Stuart (b. 1833; d. 1884). "Verses and Translations" (1862); "A Verse Translation of Theocritus" (1869); "Fly Leaves" (1872). See W. J. Sendall's "The Literary Remains of C. S. C."

Camden, William (b. London, May 2nd, 1551; d. Chislehurst, November 9th, 1623). "Britannia" (1586-1607); "Institutio Græcæ Grammaticæ Compendiaria" (1597); "Anglica, Hibernica, Normannica, Cambrica, a Veteris Scripta" (1604); "Remains Concerning Britain" (1605); "Reges, Regine, Nobiles, et alii in Ecclesia Collegiata B. Petri Westmonasterii Sepulti, usque ad annum 1606" (1606); "Annales Rerum Anglicarum et Hibernicarum regnante Elizabetha" (1615); "A Description of Scotland" (1695); and some minor works.

Campbell, John, Baron (b. 1781, d. 1861). "Reports of Cases Determined at Nisi Prius" (1807-16); "Letter to Lord Stanley" (1837); "Speeches at the Bar and House of Commons" (1842); "Lives of the Chancellors and Keepers of the Great Seal of England" (1845-48); "Lives of the Chief Justices of

England" (1849-57); "Shakespeare's Legacies Acquirements," See "Life of John Campbell," by Hon. Mrs. Hardcastle.

Campbell, Thomas (b. Glasgow, July 27th, 1777; d. Boulogne, June 15th, 1811). "Pleasures of Hope" (1799); "Poems" (1803); "Annals of Great Britain" (1806); "Gertrude of Wyoming" (1809); "Specimens of the British Poets" (1819-48); "Theodoric" (1824); "Life of Mrs. Siddons" (1834); "Letters from the South" (1837); "Life of Petrarch" (1841); "The Pilgrim of Glencoe" (1842); "Frederick the Great" (1843); "History of Our Own Times" (1843); "A Poet's Residence in Algiers" (1845). "Life and Letters," by Beattie (1849). "Literary Reminiscences of Thomas Campbell," by Cyrus Rodding (1859).

Candlish, Robert Smith, D.D. (b. March 23rd, 1807; d. October 19th, 1873). "Scripture Characters and Miscellanies" (1850); "Examination of Mr. Maurice's Theological Essays" (1854); "Life in a Risen Saviour" (1858); "Reason and Revelation" (1859); "The Atonement" (1861); "The Fatherhood of God" (1865); "Sermons, with Biographical Preface" (1871); "Gospel of Forgiveness" (1878). "Life," by J. L. Watson.

Carleton, William (b. Prillisk, Co. Tyrone, 1794; d. January 30th, 1869). "Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry" (1830, 1833); "Tales of Ireland" (1834); "Fardorougha the Miser" (1839); "Valentino McClutchy, the Irish Agent" (1845); "Parry Sashta" (1845); "The Black Prophet" (1847); "The Tithe Proctor" (1849); "The Red Hall" (1852); "The Squanders of Castle Squander" (1852); "Willy Reilly" (1855); "The Emigrants" (1857); "The Evil Eye" (1860); "The Double Prophecy" (1862); "Redmond Count O'Hanlon" (1862); "The Silver Acre," etc. (1862); "Fair of Emyvale" (1870); "Life" by O'Donoghue, etc.

Carlyle, Thomas (b. Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, December 4th, 1795; d. London, February 5th, 1881). Brewster's "Edinburgh Encyclopedia" (1820-23), articles on Lady Mary Wortley Montague, Montaigne, Montesquieu, Montfaucon, Dr. Moore, Sir John Moore, Necker, Nelson, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Mungo Park, Lord Chatham, William Pitt; in *The New Edinburgh Review* (1821-22)

papers on Joanna Baillie's "Metrical Legends" and Goethe's "Faust"; "Schiller's Life and Writings" (1823-25); translation of "Legendre's Geometry," with essay on "Proportion" (1824); a translation of Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister" (1824); "German Romances: Specimens of the Chief Authors, with Biographical and Critical Notices" (1827); Essays in various Reviews and Magazines, republished in the *Miscellanies* (1827-1837); "Sartor Resartus" (1833-34); "The French Revolution" (1837); "Chartism" (1839); "Heroes and Hero-Worship" (1840); "Past and Present" (1843); "Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, with Elucidation, and a Connecting Narrative" (1845); "Latter-Day Pamphlets" (1850); articles in *The Examiner* (1848) on Louis Philippe (March 4th), Repeal of the Union (April 29th), Legislation for Ireland (May 13th); articles in *The Spectator* (1848) on Ireland and the British Chief Governor, and Irish Regiments (of the New Era) (May 13th); The Death of Charles Buller, in *The Examiner* (December 2nd, 1848); "Life of John Sterling" (1851); "Life of Friedrich II." (1865); "On the Choice of Books" (1866); and "Shooting Niagara — and After?" in *Macmillan's Magazine* for 1867. In 1875 Carlyle published a small volume of the "Early Kings of Norway, and the Portraits of John Knox." For Biography, see Horne's "Spirit of the Age"; the preface to "The Choice of Books"; "Reminiscences" (1881); Wylie's "Life" (1881); Froude's "Life of Carlyle" (1882-84), "Reminiscences" (1883), and "Letters and Memorials of Jane Welsh Carlyle" (1883); "The Correspondence of Thomas Carlyle and R. W. Emerson," edited by C. E. Norton (1883); Norton's "Letters of Carlyle" (1887). See also *British and Foreign Review* for October, 1840, by Giuseppe Mazzini; "Essays," by George Brinley Greg's "Literary and Social Judgments," Morley's "Critical Miscellanies"; *Quarterly Review* for July, 1865; *Westminster Review* for January, 1865; J. Russell Lowell's "My Study Windows"; Mozley's "Essays" (1878); "Lives," by Moncreux D. Conway, H. J. Nicholl, and Richard Garnett, and D. Masson's "Carlyle, Personally and in his Writings" (1885), etc.

Carpenter, William Benjamin, M.D., LL.D. (b. Bristol, 1813; d. 1885). "Principles of Human Physiology"

(1846); "Animal Physiology" (1847); "Mechanical Physiology" (1847); "The Physiology of Temperance" (1853); "The Principles of Comparative Physiology" (1854); "The Microscope and its Revelations" (1856); "Principles of Mental Physiology" (1874), etc.

Carpenter, Right Rev. William Boyd, D.D., D.C.L. (b. *circa* 1811). "Witness of the Heart for Christ" (1879); "The Permanent Elements of Religion" (1889); "Lectures on Preaching" (1895).

Carroll, Lewis, pseudonym of Rev. C. L. Dodgson (b. 1833, d. 1898). "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" (1868); "Phantasmagoria" (1869); "Alice Through the Looking-Glass" (1872); "The Hunting of the Snark" (1876); "Doublets" (1879); "Euclid and his Modern Rivals" (1879); "Rhyme? and Reason?" (1883); "A Tangled Tale" (1886); "The Game of Logic" (1887); "Symbolic Logic" (1896), etc.

Cary, Henry Francis (b. 1772; d. 1844). "Inferno of Dante, with an English Translation in Blank Verso" (1806); "Translation of the Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso" (1813); "Lives of the English Poets, from Johnson to Kirke White" (1846); "The Early French Poets" (1847). Mr. Cary also translated the "Birds" of Aristophanes and the "Odes" of Pindar. *See* "Memoirs of the Rev. H. F. Cary," by his son.

Chalmers, George (b. Fochabers, Morayshire, 1742; d. May 31st, 1825). "Caledonia" (1807-24); "Lives" of Defoe (1786), Ruddiman (1791), Allan Ramsay (1800), etc.

Chalmers, Thomas, D.D. (b. Anstruther, March 17th, 1780; d. Edinburgh, May 30th, 1847). "Extent and Stability of the National Resources" (1808); "Astronomical Discourses" (1816); "Political Economy" (1832); "Adaptation of Nature to the Constitution of Man" (1833), etc. "Life" by Hanna prefixed to Works (1849). *See* also Memoir by Mrs. Oliphant (1893).

Chambers, Robert (b. Peebles, 1802; d. March 17th, 1871). "Illustrations of the Author of 'Waverley'" (1822); "Traditions of Edinburgh" (1824); "Walks in Edinburgh" (1825); "History of the English Language and Literature" (1837); "Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation" (1844); "Exploration," a sequel to the "Vestiges"

(1845); "Essays" (1847); "Ancient Sea Margins" (1848); "History of Scotland" (new edition, 1849); "Scottish Jests and Anecdotes" (1856); "Edinburgh Merchants and Merchandise in Old Times" (1859); "Edinburgh Papers" (1861); "Domestic Annals of Scotland." Memoir by William Chambers (1871). *(See also CHAMBERS, WILLIAM, LL.D.)*

Chambers, William, LL.D. (b. Peebles, 1800; d. May 20th, 1883). "A History of the Gipsies" (1822); "The Book of Scotland" (1830); "Glenormiston" (1849); "Fiddy" (1851); "Something of Italy" (1862); "A History of Peebles-shire" (1864); "Sketches" (1866); "France" (1866); "About Railways" (1866); "Memoir of Robert Chambers" (1871); "Ailie Gilroy" (1872); "Stories of Old Families" (1878); "Story of St. Giles's Church, Edinburgh" (1879); "The Story of a Long and Busy Life" (1882), etc. Editor, with his brother Robert, of many educational and other works.

Chapman, George (b. near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 1557 or 1559; d. 1631). "Skianuktos, the Shadow of Night" (1595); "Ovid's Banquet of Sense" (1595); "The Shield of Achilles" (1596); "The Blind Beggar of Alexandria" (1598); "An Humorous Dayes Myrth" (1599); "All Fooles" (1605); "Eastward Hoe" (1605); "Monsieur d'Olive" (1606); "The Gentleman Usher" (1606); "Bussy d'Ambois" (1607); "The Conspiracie and Tragedie of Charles, Duke of Byron" (1608); "Euthymie Raptus; or, the Teares of Peace" (1609); "May Day" (1611); "An Epicede, or Funerall Song, on the Most Disastrous Death of Henry, Prince of Wales" (1612); "The Widowes Teares" (1612); "The Memorable Maske of the Two Honourable Houses of Inns of Court" (1614); "Andromeda Liberator; or, the Nuptials of Perseus and Andromeda" (1614); "Eugenia; or, True Nobilities Trance" (1614); "Two Wise Men and all the Rest Fooles" (1619); "Pro Vere Autumnal Lachrymæ, to the Memory of Sir Horatio Vere" (1622); "A Justification of the Strange Action of Nero, being the Fifth Satire of Juvenal, Translated" (1629); "Cæsar and Pompey" (1631); "The Ball," "The Tragedie of Chabot, Admirall of France" (1639); "Revenge for Honour" (1654); "The Tragedie of Alphonssus, Emperor of Germany" (1654); and "The Second Maiden's Tragedy." He also published translations of Homer

(1596), Hesiod (1612), and *Museus* (1616). Chapman's *Works* were edited, in 1874, by R. H. Shepherd. For Biography and Criticism, see Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses;" Longbaine's "Dramatic Poets;" Warton's "English Poetry;" Campbell's "English Poets;" Hazlitt's "Age of Elizabeth;" Hallam's "Literature of Europe;" Swinburne's introduction to the *Works* (1875); and Morley's "English Writers," vols. x. and xi. He has been panegyricised by Waller, Pope, Dr. Johnson, Godwin, Lamb, Coleridge, Keats, etc.

Charles, Mrs. Elizabeth (b. 1826; d. 1896). "The Draytons and Davenants" (1841); "The Chronicles of the Schönberg Cotta Family" (1863); "The Diary of Mrs. Kitty Trevylyan" (1884); "Our Seven Homes" (1896), etc.

Chatterton, Thomas (b. Bristol, November 20th, 1752; d. Holborn, August 25th, 1770). Wrote various pieces—asccribed by him to one Thomas Rowley—which were first published in a collective form by Thomas Tyrwhitt, in 1777, under the title of "The Poems supposed to have been written at Bristol by Thomas Rowley and Others in the Fifteenth Century, with an Introductory Account of the several Pieces, and a Glossary." This was followed, in 1778, by "Chatterton's Miscellanies in Prose and Verse," and in 1784 by a "Supplement to the Miscellanies of Thomas Chatterton." Of the bitter and protracted controversy that arose upon the question of the authenticity of the Poems, an account is given in Kippis's "Biographia Britannica;" a list of the principal pamphlets published in the course of the dispute being contained in Lowndes's "Bibliographer's Manual" under the heading of "Rowley." Editions of the Poems were issued in 1803, 1842, 1865, and 1871; but see "Poetical Works by Thomas Chatterton, with Essay on the Rowley Poems," by Prof. W. Skeat, and "Memoir" by Edward Bell (1875). For Biography, see the "Lives" by Gregory (1789), Davis (1809), Dix (1837), Martin (1865), Wilson (1869), and Masson (1875). For Criticism, see the Essays by Tyrwhitt, Southey, Warton, Campbell, Scott, Masson, Wilson, etc.

Chaucer, Geoffrey (b. about 1340; d. Westminster, 1400), was author of the following works:—"The Canterbury Tales;" "The Court of Love;" "The Parlement of Birdes; or, the Assembly

of Foules;" "The Boke of Cupid, God of Love; or, the Cuckow and the Nightingale;" "The Flower and the Leaf;" "Troilus and Cressyde;" "Chaucer's A, B, C;" "Chaucer's Dream;" "The Boke of the Duchesse;" "Of Quene Anelyda and the False Arcite;" "The House of Fame;" "The Legende of Goode Women;" "The Romaunt of the Rose;" "The Complaynt of a Lovers Lyfe;" "The Complaynt of Mars and Venus;" "A Goodly Ballade of Chaucer;" and "A Praise of Women." His minor poems are:—"The Complaynte of the Dethe of Pite;" "Ballade de Village Sauns Peynture;" "Ballade Sent to King Richard;" "The Complaynte of Chaucer to his Purse;" "Good Counsell of Chaucer;" "Prosperity;" "A Ballade;" "L'Envoy de Chaucer a Scogan;" "L'Envoy de Chaucer a Buleton;" "Ætas Prima;" "Leaulté Vault Richesse;" "Proverbes de Chaucer;" "Roundel;" "Virelai;" "Chaucer's Prophecy;" "Chaucer's Wordes unto his own Scrivener;" and "Oratio Galfridi Chaucer." These two lists, at any rate, represent the poems attributed to Chaucer by the earlier editors. Later critics deny his claim to such poems as "The Court of Love," "The Flower and the Leaf," and "Chaucer's Dream." Works of Chaucer were first printed in 1532; followed by editions in 1542, 1561 (Stowe), 1598 (Speght), 1721 (Urry), 1775 (Tyrwhitt), 1822 (Singer), 1845 (Sir H. Nicolas), and 1855 (Bell). Editions have been published by Professor Childs in America, by D. Morris in the "Aldine Poets," and by Professor W. W. Skeat, etc. A Biography of the poet is given by his editors, and a "Life" has been written by Godwin. See also "Illustrations" by Todd (1810); "The Riches of Chaucer," with a Memoir by Charles Cowden Clarke (1835); "Poems of Chaucer Modernised," by Wordsworth, Leigh Hunt, Horne, Bell, and others, with "Life" by Schmitz (1841); "Tales from Chaucer in Prose;" "Chaucer's England," by Matthew Browne; the Memoir by Skeat; the publications of the Chaucer Society, *passim*; Warton's "English Poetry;" Hazlitt's "English Poets;" Campbell's "English Poets;" Coleridge's "Table Talk;" J. R. Lowell's "My Study Windows;" Minto's "English Poets;" Kissner's "Essays on Chaucer;" Lindner's "Essay on Chaucer's Alliterations;" the "Dictionary of National Biography," and Morley's "English Writers," vols. v. and vi.

Chesterfield, Earl of, Philip Dormer Stanhope (b. London, September 22nd, 1694; d. March 24th, 1773). "Letters to his Son, Philip Stanhope," which, together with several other "Pieces on Various Subjects," were first published in 1774. In addition to his "Miscellaneous Works," published with "Memoirs of his Life," by Dr. Maty in 1777, are included "Miscellaneous Pieces and Characters;" "Letters to his Friends;" "The Art of Pleasing;" "Free Thoughts and Bold Truths;" "The Case of the Hanover Forces, with Vindication and Further Vindication;" "The Lords' Protest;" "Letter to the Abbé de Ville;" and "Poems." Selections from the Works were published in 1874. His Letters were edited by Earl Stanhope in 1846. *See* Mrs. Oliphant's "Historical Sketches of the Reign of George II.," Hayward's "Biographical Essays," *Quarterly Review* for 1845, and M. Sainte-Beuve's "Causeries de Lundi."

Cheyne, Rev. Professor Kelly, D.D. (b. London, September 18th, 1841). "The Hallowing of Criticism" (1888); "The Origin and Religious Contents of the Psalter" (1891); "Aids to the Devout Study of Criticism" (1892); "Founders of the Old Testament Criticism" (1893); "Introduction to the Book of Isaiah" (1895), etc.

Chillingworth, William (b. Oxford, October, 1602; d. January 30th, 1644). "Religion of Protestants a Way to Salvation" (1638); Works, with "Life" by Birch (1742); best edition, 1838. *See* Principal Tulloch's "Rational Theology in England," Ifunt's "History of Religious Thought," Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses," Fuller's "Worthies," Mæzeaux' "Historical and Critical Account of the Life and Writings of William Chillingworth," and Cheynell's "Chillingworthii Novissima."

Church, Rev. Alfred John (b. 1829). "Roman Life in the Days of Cicero" (1883); "The Chantry Priest of Barnet" (1884); "Carthage" (1886); "Early Britain" (1889); "Stories from the Early Comedians" (1892); "The Fall of Athens" (1894); "Stories from English History" (1896), etc. etc.

Church, Richard William, Dean of St. Paul's (b. Lisbon, 1815; d. December 9th, 1890). "Life of St. Anselm" (1871); "The Beginning of the Middle Ages" (1877); "Spenser" (1878); "Bacon" (1878); "Dante and Other Essays" (1898); "Miscellaneous Essays" (1898);

"The Oxford Movement" (1891); "Cathedral and University Sermons" (1892); "Village Sermons" (1892-94). "Life and Letters," by his daughter, M. C. Church.

Churchill, Charles (b. Westminster, February, 1731; d. Boulogne, November 4th, 1764). "The Iliad" (1761); "An Apology to the Critical Reviewers" (1761); "Night, an Epistle" (1761); "The Ghost" (1762); "The Prophecy of Famine" (1763); "An Epistle to William Hogarth" (1763); "The Conference" (1763); "The Duellist" (1763); "The Author" (1764); "Gotham" (1764); "The Candidate" (1764); "The Farewell" (1764); "The Times" (1764); "Independence" (1764); "The Journey;" and the "Dedication to Churchill's Sermons." Works in 1770. *See* the edition of 1804, with "An Authentic Account of his Life," by W. Tooke. *See* also Campbell's "English Poets," Cowper's "Letters," Forster's "Essays," and the introductory essay, by Hannyay, prefixed to the "Aldine Edition" of the poems (1867).

Cibber, Colley (b. London, 1671; d. December 12th, 1757). "Love's Last Shift; or, the Fool in Fashion" (1695); "Woman's Wit" (1697); "Xerxes" (1699); "The Careless Husband" (1704); "The Nonjuror" (1717). "Works" (1721). *See* his "Apology for His Own Life" (1740).

Clarendon, Earl of, Edward Hyde (b. Dinton, Wilts, February 18th, 1608; d. Rouen, December 9th, 1674). "Brief View and Survey of the Dangerous and Pernicious Errors to Church and State in Hobbes' 'Leviathan'" (1676); "The History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England, to which is added an Historical View of the Affairs in Ireland" (1702); "The History of the Rebellion and Civil War in Ireland" (1720); "The Life of Edward, Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of England, and Chancellor of the University of Oxford, being a Continuation of the History of the Grand Rebellion, from the Restoration to his Banishment in 1667, written by Himself" (1759); "Essay on an Active and Contemplative Life, and Dialogue on Education and the Respect Due to Age" (1764-95); "Religion and Policy, and the Countenance and Assistance Each should Give to the Other" (1811); "Essays, Moral and Entertaining, on the Various Faculties and Passions of the Human Mind" (1816); "The Natural History

of the Passions." For Biography, *see* Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses;" "An Historical Inquiry respecting the Character of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon," by the Hon. Agar Ellis (1827); and the "Life of Clarendon," by T. H. Lister; Hallam's "Literary History;" Macaulay's "History;" Campbell's "Lord Chancellors," and the "Dictionary of National Biography." The Clarendon Press edition of "The Rebellion in England," with Warburton's Notes (1849); "State Papers" (1767, 1773, 1786).

Clarke, Charles Cowden (b. Enfield, December 15th, 1787; d. March 13th, 1877). "Tales from Chaucer" (1833); "Shakespeare Characters, chiefly Subordinate" (1863); "Molière Characters" (1865), etc. *See* "Recollections of Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke" (1878).

Clarke, Mrs. Mary Cowden, *née* Novello (b. June, 1809; d. 1898). "A Complete Concordance to the Works of Shakespeare" (1845); "The Adventures of Kit Bam, Mariner" (1848); "The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines" (1850); "The Iron Cousin" (1854); "World-Noted Women" (1857); "Many Happy Returns of the Day: A Birthday Book" (1860); "Trust and Remittance" (1873); "A Rambling Story" (1874); "My Long Life" (1896). Edited (with her husband) "Cassell's Illustrated Shakespeare" (1865-69; new form, 1874). (*See* CLARKE, CHARLES COWDEN.)

Clarke, Samuel, D.D. (b. Norwich, October 11th, 1675; d. May 17th, 1729). "Sermons" (including those on "The Being and Attributes of God" and "The Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion"); "A Paraphrase of the Four Evangelists," "Three Practical Essays on Baptism, Confirmation, and Repentance," "An Exposition on the Church Catechism," "A Letter on the Immortality of the Soul," "Reflections on Toland's 'Amyntor,'" "The Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity," "Several Tracts Relating to the Subject of the Trinity," "Papers on the Principles of Natural Philosophy and Religion," "A Letter on Velocity and Force in Bodies in Motion;" all included in the collected edition of Clarke's "Works," published in 1738 under the editorship of Benjamin Hoadley, Bishop of Winchester. *See* the "Lives" by Hoadley and by Whiston (1748).

Clayden, Peter William (b. Walsingham, October 20th, 1827). "Samuel

Sharpe" (1884); "The Early Life of Samuel Rogers" (1887); "Rogers and his Contemporaries" (1889), etc.

Clifford, Rev. John, LL.B., D.D. (b. Sawley, near Derby, October 16th, 1836). "Is Life Worth Living?" (1880); "The Dawn of Manhood" (1886); "The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible" (1892); "The Christian Certainties" (1893), etc.

Clifford, William Kingdon (b. 1845; d. 1879). "Elements of Dynamics" (1878); "Seeing and Thinking" (1879); "Lectures and Essays," edited by Leslie Stephen and W. H. Pollock, with a Memoir (1879); "The Common Sense of the Exact Sciences" (1885); "The Elements of Dynamics" (1887).

Clifford (Lucy), Mrs. William Kingdon, *née* Lane. "Anyhow Stories" (1882); "Mrs. Keith's Crime" (1883); "Very Short Stories and Verses for Children" (1886); "Love-Letters of a Worldly Woman" (1891); "Aunt Anne" (1892); "A Wild Proxy" (1893); "A Flash of Summer" (1895); "Mere Stories" (1896); "The Last Touches" (1896).

Clough, Arthur Hugh (b. 1819; d. 1861). "The Bothie of Tober-na-Vuolich, a Long Vacation Pastoral;" "Dipsychus;" "Amours de Voyage;" "Mari Magno;" "Ambarvalia;" a translation of the "Lives" of Plutarch. "Poems and Prose Remains," edited by Mrs. Clough (1869); "Poems and Essays," with "Life" by J. A. Symonds (1871); S. Waddington's "Arthur Clough: A Monograph" (1883). *See* "Memoir," by F. T. Palgrave, prefixed to the "Poems" (1863); "Essays," by R. H. Hutton; *Cornhill* for 1866; *Quarterly Review* for 1869; *Contemporary Review* for 1869, and *Macmillan's Magazine*, vols. vi. and xv.

Cobbe, Miss Frances Power (b. December 4th, 1822). "Essays on the Pursuits of Women" (1863); "Broken Lights: Prospects of Religious Faith" (1864); "Cities of the Past" (1864); "Religious Duty" (1864); "Studies of Ethical and Social Subjects" (1865); "Dawning Lights" (1868); "Alone to the Alone" (1871); "Darwinism in Morals" (1872); "Hopes of the Human Race" (1874); "Moral Aspects of Vivisection" (1877); "Duties of Women" (1881); "The Peak in Darien" (1882); "Scientific Spirit of the Age" (1888); "The Friend of Man, and his Friends—the Poets" (1889); "The Modern Rack" (1889). "Life of F. P. Cobbe" (1894).

Cobbett, William (b. Farnham, Surrey, March 9th, 1762; d. Ash, near Farnham, June 18th, 1835). "The Works of Peter Porcupine" (1801); "The Political Register" (1802-35); "A History of the Reformation" (1810); "A Year's Residence in the United States" (1818-19); "An English Grammar, in a Series of Letters to his Son" (1819); "Cottage Economy," "Rural Rides in England," "Curse of Paper Money," "Advice to Young Men," "A Legacy to Parsons," and other works. A selection from his political writings was published, with a "Life," by his son, in 1837. See the "Life" by Huish (1835), by Smith (1878).

Cockburn, Henry Thomas, Lord (b. Edinburgh, October 26th, 1779; d. Bonaly, near Edinburgh, April 26th, 1854). "The Life and Correspondence of Lord Jeffrey" (1852); "Memorials of his Times" (1856), of which additional volumes appeared in 1874; "Correspondence" (1874).

Coke, Sir Edward (b. Mileham, Norfolk, 1551; d. September 3rd, 1633) "The Institutes," the first part of which, originally published in 1628, was reprinted in 1823 and 1832 as "The Institutes of the Laws of England; or, a Commentary upon Littleton by Lord Coke, Revised and Corrected, with Additions of Notes, References, and Proper Tables, by Francis Hargrave and Charles Butler, including also the Notes of Lord Hale and Lord Chancellor Nottingham, with additional Notes by Charles Butler, of Lincoln's Inn." The second part of "The Institutes," containing a commentary on Magna Charta and an exposition of many ancient and other statutes, appeared in 1642; the third part, concerning high treason and other pleas of the crown and criminal causes, in 1644; and the fourth part, concerning the jurisdiction of courts, in the same year. "The Book of Entries" (1614); "Reports from 14 Elizabeth to 13 James I." (1600-16); "The Compleat Copyholder," "Reading on 27 Edward the First," called the "Statute de Finibus Levatis," and "A Treatise on Bail and Mainprize," the last three being published in 1764.

Colenso, John William, D.D., Bishop of Natal (b. January 24th, 1814; d. June 20th, 1883). Several works on arithmetic and algebra; "Village Sermons" (1853); "Ten Weeks in Natal" (1855); a translation of "The Epistle to the Romans" (1861); "The Penta-

teuch and Book of Joshua Critically Examined" (1862-72); "Natal Sermons" (1866); a criticism on "The Speaker's Commentary" (1871); "Lectures on the Pentateuch" (1873). He also wrote a Zulu Grammar and Dictionary. "Life" by Rev. Sir G. W. Cox (1888).

Coleridge, Hartley (b. Clevedon, 1796; d. Ambleside, 1849). "Worthies of Yorkshire and Lancashire." His "Poetical Remains" and "Essays and Marginalia" appeared in 1851, with a "Memoir" by his brother, the Rev. Derwent Coleridge. See *Macmillan's Magazine*, vol. v.

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor (b. Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, October 21st, 1772; d. Highgate, July 25th, 1834). "The Foll of Robespierre" (1794); "Poems" (1794); "Conciones ad Populum" (1795); "The Ancient Mariner" (1798); "The Friend" (1812); "Remorse" (1813); "Christabel" (1816); "Biographia Literaria" (1817); "Lay Sermons" (1816-17); "Zapolya" (1818); "Aids to Reflection" (1825); "Table Talk" (1835); and "Remains" (1836). See the "Life" by Gilman (1838); the "Reminiscences" by Cottle (1847); and edition of "Poems and Dramas" (1878); H. D. Traill's Biography in the *English Men of Letters* series; Hall Caine's Biography (1887); "Samuel Taylor Coleridge and the Romantic School," by Alois Brandl, translated by Lady Eastlake (1887). For Criticism, see Shairp's "Studies in Poetry," Swinburne's "Essays and Studies," Hazlitt's "English Poets," Hunt's "Imagination and Fancy," *Quarterly Review* for 1868, *Westminster Review* for 1868, etc. See also Carlyle's "Life of Sterling." Coleridge's own "Biographia Literaria," "Specimens of Coleridge's Table Talk," Lamb's "Letters," Chorley's "Authors of England," and Stopford Brooke's "Golden Book of Coleridge" (1895). "Letters," edited by E. Hartley Coleridge (1895).

Collier, Jeremy (b. September 23rd, 1650; d. April 26th, 1726). "Essays upon Several Moral Subjects" (1697-1705); "A Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English Stage" (1698); "The Great Historical, Geographical, Genealogical Dictionary" (1701); "An Ecclesiastical History of Great Britain, Chiefly of England, from the First Planting of Christianity to the End of the Reign of King Charles the Second, with a Brief Account of the Affairs of Religion in Ireland, Collected

from the Best Ancient Historians" (1706), and "Discourses on Practical Subjects."

Collier, John Payne (b. January 11th, 1789; d. September 17th, 1883). "The Poetical Decameron" (1820); "The Poet's Pilgrimage" (1822); an edition of Dodsley's "Old Plays" (1825); "History of Dramatic Poetry" (1831); "New Facts regarding the Life of Shakespeare" (1835); editions of Shakespeare's Works (1842 and 1853); "Memoirs of Actors in the Plays of Shakespeare" (1846); an edition of the "Works of Spenser" (1862); and a "Bibliographical Account of Rare Books" (1865). Reproductions of some of our curious old classic works, begun in 1866.

Collins, John Churton (b. Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, March 26th, 1849). "Bolingbroke and Voltaire in England" (1886); "Illustrations of Tennyson" (1891); "The Study of English Literature" (1891); "Jonathan Swift" (1893); "Essays and Studies" (1895). Has edited works of Cyril Tourneur, Milton, Lord Herbert of Cherbury, Dryden, etc.

Collins, Mortimer (b. Plymouth, 1827; d. 1876). "Summer Songs" (1860); "The Vivian Romance;" "Who is the Heir?" (1865); "Mr. Carrington;" "Marquis and Merchant;" "The Ivory Gate" (1869); "The Inn of Strange Meetings, and Other Poems" (1871); "The Secret of Long Life" (1871); "Miranda" (1873); "Sweet Anno Page;" "Two Plunges for a Pearl" (1872); "Squire Silchester;" "Transmigration;" "Frances;" "Princess Clarice;" "Sweet and Twenty" (1871); "From Midnight to Midnight;" "A Fight with Fortune;" and "Blacksmith and Scholar." See his "Life" (1877).

Collins, William (b. Chichester, December 25th, 1721; d. June 12th, 1756). "Persian Eclogues and Odes" (1742); "Verses to Sir Thomas Hanmer on his Edition of Shakespeare's Works" (1743); "Odes on Several Descriptive and Allegoric Subjects" (1747); and "An Ode Occasioned by the Death of Mr. Thomson" (1749). Poetical works, with Memoir by Langhorne, in 1765; with a prefatory essay by Mrs. Barbauld, in 1797; with "Life" by Dr. Johnson, in 1798; with biographical and critical notes by Dyce, in 1827; with a Memoir by Sir Harris Nicolas, in 1830; with a Memoir by Moy Thomas, in 1858.

Collins, William Wilkie (b. Lon-

don, January, 1824; d. 1889). "Antonina; or, the Fall of Rome" (1850); "Ramblers Beyond Railways; or, Notes on Cornwall" (1851); "Basil" (1852); "Mr. Wray's Cash-box" (1852); "Hide and Seek" (1854); "After Dark, and Other Stories" (1856); "The Dead Secret" (1857); "The Queen of Hearts" (1859); "The Woman in White" (1859); "No Name" (1862); "My Miscellanies" (1863); "Armada" (1866); "The Moonstone" (1868); "Man and Wife" (1870); "Poor Miss Finch" (1872); "Miss or Mrs. ? and Other Stories" (1873); "The New Magdalen" (1873); "The Law and the Lady" (1875); "Two Destinies" (1876); "Haunted Hotels" (1879); "Little Novels" (1887); "The Legacy of Cain" (1888); "Blind Love" (1890); two plays, "The Lighthouse," and "The Frozen Deep," with dramatic versions of "Armada," "No Name," and "The Moonstone."

Colman, George, the Elder (b. Florence, 1733; d. 1794). "Polly Honeycomb" (1760); "The Jealous Wife" (1761); "The Clandestine Marriage" (in conjunction with Garrick) (1766); a translation of Horace's "De Arte Poetica" (1783), etc. See "Random Records" (1839), by his son George (b. October 21st, 1762; d. October 26th, 1836).

Colquhoun, Archibald Ross (b. off the Cape, March, 1846). "Across Chryse" (1883); "The Truth about Tonquin" (1884); "Amongst the Sháns" (1885); "Burmah and the Burnese" (1885); "Report on the Railway Connection of Burmah and China" (in collaboration) (1888); "Matabeleland" (1894).

Colvin, Sidney (b. Norwood, June 18th, 1845). "Children in Italian and English Design" (1872); "Londor" (1882); "Keats" (1886), etc. Editor of "Selections from the Writings of Walter Savage Landor," in 1884; the Works of R. L. Stevenson etc.

Combe, George (b. Edinburgh, October 21st, 1788; d. August 14th, 1858). "Essays on Phrenology" (1819); "The Constitution of Man" (1828); "A System of Phrenology" (1835); "Notes on the United States" (1841); "Phrenology Applied to Painting and Sculpture," "The Relation of Science to Religion," "Capital Punishment," "National Education," "The Currency Question," etc. See "Life," by C. Gibbon (1878).

Congreve, William (b. Stafford,

February, 1670; d. January 19th, 1729). "The Old Bachelor" (1693); "The Double Dealer" (1694); "Love for Love" (1695); "The Mourning Bride" (1697); "The Way of the World" (1700); and "Poems" (1710). Editions of his Works appeared in 1710 and 1810, an introduction being written to the latter by Leigh Hunt. "Memoirs of the Life, Writings, and Amours of William Congreve" was published by Charles Wilson in 1730. See Thackeray's "English Humorists," Johnson's "Lives of the Poets," Macanlay's "Essays," and E. Gosse's "Congreve."

Conway, Hugh, pseudonym of F. Fergus (b. 1840; d. 1885). "Called Back" (1883); "Dark Days" (1884); "A Family Affair" (1885), and several posthumous novels.

Conway, Sir William Martin, Knt. (b. Rochester, 1856). "Zermatt Pocket-Book" (1881); "Woodcutters of the Netherlands in the Fifteenth Century" (1884); "Gallery of Art of the Royal Institution, Liverpool" (1884); "Artistic Development of Reynolds and Gainsborough" (1885); "Early Flemish Artists, etc." (1887); "Literary Remains of Albrecht Dürer" (1889); "Climber's Guide to the Central Pennine Alps" (1890); "Climber's Guide to the Eastern Pennine Alps" (1891); "Dawn of Art in the Ancient World" (1891); "Climbing and Exploration in the Karakoram-Himalayas" (1894); "The Alps from End to End" (1895); "The First Crossing of Spitsbergen" (1897), etc.

Cook, Dutton (b. 1832; d. 1883). "Paul Foster's Daughter" (1861); "Hobson's Choice" (1866); "Over Head and Ears" (1868); "Doubleday's Children" (1875). Also some volumes of collected essays on theatrical subjects.

Cooper, Thomas (b. Leicester, March 28th, 1805; d. July 15th, 1892). "The Purgatory of Suicides" (1845); "Wise Saws and Modern Instances" (1845); "The Baron's Yule Feast" (1846); "The Condition of the People" (1846); "The Triumphs of Perseverance" (1847); "The Triumphs of Enterprise" (1847); "Alderman Ralph" (1853); "The Family Feud" (1854); "The Bridge of History over the Gulf of Time" (1871); "The Verity of Christ's Resurrection" (1875), etc. Edited in 1849 *The Plain Speaker*, and in 1850 *Cooper's Journal*. See his Autobiography (1872). Poetical Works (1878).

Corelli, Marie (b. 1864). "A Romance of Two Worlds" (1886); "Vendetta" (1886); "Thelma" (1887); "Ardath" (1889); "My Wonderful Wife" (1889); "Wormwood" (1890); "The Soul of Lilith" (1892); "Barabas" (1893); "Sorrows of Satan" (1895); "The Mighty Atom" (1896); "The Murder of Delicia" (1896); "Aska" (1897); "June" (1897).

Cornwall, Barry. (See PROUTER.)

Couch, Arthur Thomas Quiller, "Q" (b. 1863). "Dead Man's Rock" (1887); "The Astonishing History of Troy Town" (1888); "The Splendid Spur" (1889); "Noughts and Crosses" (1891); "The Blue Pavilions" (1891); "The Warwickshire Avon" (1892); "I Saw Three Ships," etc. (1892); "The Delectable Duchy" (1893); "Green Bays" (1893). Edited "The Golden Pome" (1895). "Wandering Heath" (1895); "Adventures in Criticism" (1896); Conclusion of "St. Ives" (1897).

Courthope, Professor William John, C.B. (b. 1812). "Genius of Spenser" (1868); "Ludibra Luna" (1869); "Paradise of Birds" (1870); "Addison" (1881); "Liberal Movement in English Literature" (1885); "A History of English Poetry," vol. i. (1895).

Cowley, Abraham (b. 1618; d. 1667). "Poetical Blossoms" (1633); "Naufragium Joculare, Comœdia" (1638); "Love's Riddle, a Pastoral Comedy" (1638); "A Satyr against Separativity" (1642); "A Satyr: the Puritan and the Papist" (1643); "The Mistress; or, Several Copies of Love Verses" (1647); "Four Ages of England" (1648); "The Guardian, a Comœdie" (1650); "Ode upon the Blessed Restoration and Return of Charles the Second" (1660); "A Proposition for the Advancement of Experimental Philosophy" (1661); "A Vision concerning his late Pretended Highness, Cromwell the Wicked" (1661); "Plantarum Libri duo" (1662); "Verses upon Several Occasions" (1663); "Cutler of Coleman Street, a Comœdy" (1663); "Poemata Latina" (1668); and "A Poem on the late Civil War" (1679). His complete Works, with "Life," by Bishop Sprat, appeared in 1688. His select Works were edited by Bishop Hurd in 1772-77; his "Prose Works, including his Essays in Prose and Verso," 1826.

Cowper, William (b. 1731; d. 1800). "Anti-Thelyphthora" (1781);

"Table Talk," "Truth," "Expostulations," and "The Progress of Error" (1782); "John Gilpin," a ballad (1782); "The Task" (1784); "Tirocinium" (1784); a translation of Homer (1791); Gay's "Fables" in Latin and "The Castaway" (1799). An edition of his Works was edited by Southey, and includes his "Life," Poems, Correspondence, and Translations complete. See also Poems, edited by Dr. John Johnson (1808); "The Works and Correspondence, with Life," by Grimshaw (1836); "Poems and Translations," with "Life," by the Rev. H. F. Cary (1839); "Poems," with "Life," by Sir Harris Nicholas; and the editions of the Poems by Bell, Willmott, Benham (the "Globe" edition), and C. C. Clarke (1872). For additional Biography, see "Life and Posthumous Writings," by William Hayley (1803); "Memoirs of the Early Life of William Cowper, written by Himself" (1816); the "Life," by Thomas Taylor (1835), and that by Wright (1892); also Cheever's "Lectures on Cowper" (1856).

Cox, Rev. Sir George William (b. 1827). "Poems, Legendary and Historical" (1850); "Tales of Ancient Greece" (1868); "The Mythology of the Aryan Nations" (1870); "A History of Greece" (1874); "British Rule in India" (1881); "A Concise History of England" (1887); "Life of J. W. Colenso" (1888); etc. He also edited, with W. T. Brande, a *Dictionary of Science, Literature, and Art*.

Cox, Samuel, D.D. (b. London, 1826; d. March 29th, 1893). "The Secret of Life" (1866); "Quest of the Chief Good" (1868); "The Resurrection" (1869); "An Expositor's Notebook" (1872); "The Pilgrim Psalms" (1874); "Biblical Expositions" (1874); "Inductive Theology" (1874); "The Book of Ruth" (1876); "Salvator Mundi" (1877); "Expository Essays and Discourses" (1877); "Commentary on the Book of Job" (1880); "The Genesis of Evil," etc. (1880); "The Larger Hope" (1883); "Balaam" (1884); "Miracles" (1884); "Expositions" (1885 and 1888); "The House and its Builder," etc. (1888). First editor of the *Expositor*.

Crabbe, George (b. Aldborough, Suffolk, December 24th, 1754; d. Trowbridge, Wiltshire, February 8th, 1832). "Inebriety" (1775); "The Candidate" (1779); "The Library" (1781); "The Village" (1783); "The Newspaper" (1785); "The Parish Register" (1807);

"The Borough" (1810); "Tales in Verse" (1812); "Tales of the Hall" (1819); "Variation of Public Opinion as it Respects Religion" (1817); "Outlines of Natural Theology" (1840); and "Posthumous Sermons" (1850). "Life," by his son, in 1838. See also T. E. Kebbel's "Life." For Criticism, see Jeffrey's and Roscoe's Essays.

Cralk, Mrs. (See MULOCH, DINAH MARIA.)

Cralk, George Little (b. Fifeshire, 1798; d. June, 1866). "The Pursuit of Knowledge under Difficulties" (1831); "A History of English Literature" (1844); "A Manual of English Literature"; "A History of the Origin of the English Language"; "Spenser and his Poetry"; "Bacon: his Writings and Philosophy" (1846); "The English of Shakespeare"; "A History of British Commerce from the Earliest Time"; "The Romance of the Peerage" (1850); etc.

Cranmer, Thomas (b. Aslacton, Notts., July 2nd, 1489; d. at stake, Oxford, July 21st, 1556). "Catechismus, that is to say, a Shorte Instruction into Christian Religion for the singular Commoditie and Profyte of Children and Yong People" (1548); "A Defence of the True and Catholike Doctrine of the Sacrament, with a Confutation of Sundry Errors concernyng the Same" (1550); "An Answer unto a Crafty and Sophistical Cavillation devised by Stephen Gardner, Byshop of Winchester, agaynst the Trewe and Godly Doctrine of the moste Holy Sacrament" (1551); "A Confutation of Unwritten Verities, both bi the Holye Scriptures and most Auncient Autors" (1558); etc. "Works," edited by the Rev. H. Jenkyns (1834), and by the Rev. J. C. Cox, for the Parker Society. See Hook's "Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury," the "Lives" by Strype (1694), Gilpin (1784), Todd (1831), Cox (1814), and J. M. Norton (1863); and "Vindication of Cranmer's Character," by D'Aubigné (1849).

Crashaw, Richard (b. London, circa 1616; d. circa 1650). "Epigrammata Sacra" (1634); "Steps to the Temple" (1646); etc. Works (1858).

Crawford and Balcarres, Earl of- Alexander William, Lord Lindsay (b. October 16th, 1812; d. 1880). "Letters on Egypt" (1838); "The Evidence and Theory of Christianity" (1841); "Progression by Antagonism" (1846);

"Sketches of the History of Christian Art" (1847); "The Lives of the Lindseys" (1849); "The Case of Gorham v. the Bishop of Exeter" (1850); "Scepticism and the Church of England" (1861); "Ecumenicity" (1870); "Argo" (1876); etc.

Creasy, Sir Edward (b. 1812; d. 1878). "The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World" (1851); "The Rise and Progress of the British Constitution" (1853); "The History of the Ottoman Turks" (1854-56); "The History of England from the Earliest to the Present Time" (1869-70); "The Imperial and Colonial Institutions of the Britannic Empire" (1872).

Creighton, Right Rev. Mandell, D.D. (b. Carlisle, 1843). "Age of Elizabeth" (1876); "Life of Simon de Montfort" (1876); "The Tudors and the Reformation" (1876); "History of the Papacy during the Period of the Reformation" (1882-6); "A Life of Thomas Wolsey" (1888); "Carlisle" (1889); "Persecution and Tolerance" (1895).

Crockett, S. R. (b. Duchrae, 1859). "Dulce Cor" (1886); "Stickit Minister" (1893); "Raiders"; "Mad Sir Uchtred"; "Lilac Sun bonnet"; "Play Actress" (1894); "Bog-Myrtle and Peat"; "Men of the Moss-Hags"; "Sweetheart Travellers" (1895); "Cleg Kelly"; "The Grey Man" (1896); "Lad's Love"; "Lóchinvar"; "Sir Toady Lion" (1897); "The Standard-Bearer" (1898).

Croker, John Wilson (b. 1780; d. 1837). "Familiar Epistles on the Irish Stage" (1803); "An Intercepted Letter from Canton" (1805); "Songs of Tralfgar" (1806); "A Sketch of Ireland, Past and Present" (1807); "The Battle of Talavera" (1809); "The Battle of Albuera" (1811); contributions to the *Quarterly Review*, and annotated edition of Boswell's "Life of Johnson."

Croker, Thomas Crofton (b. 1798; d. 1854). "Researches in the South of Ireland" (1824); "The Fairy Legends and Traditions of Ireland" (1825); "Legends of the Lakes" (1828); "Daniel O'Rourke" (1828); "Barney Mahoney" (1832); "My Village versus Our Village" (1832); "The Popular Songs of Ireland" (1839); "The Tour of M. Boullaye le Gour in Ireland" (1844).

Crowe, Mrs. Catherine (b. 1800; d. 1876). "Susan Hopley" (1841); "Men and Women" (1843); "Lily Dawson" (1847); "Pippie's Warning" (1848);

"The Night Side of Nature" (1848); "Light and Darkness" (1850); "Adventures of a Beauty" (1852); "The Last Portrait" (1871).

Cruden, Alexander (b. Aberdeen, May 31st, 1700; d. Islington, November 1st, 1770). "A Complete Concordance to the Holy Scriptures" (1737); "A Scripture Dictionary; or, Guide to the Holy Scriptures" (1770); etc.

Cumberland, Richard (b. Cambridge, February 19th, 1732; d. London, May 7th, 1811). "The West Indian" (1771); "The Wheel of Fortune"; "The Jew"; and "The Fashionable Lover"; three Novels, entitled "Arun- del" (1789), "Henry" (1795), and "John de Lancaster"; and some poems: "Calvary; Or, the Death of Christ" (1792); "The Exodist" (1807-8); and "Retrospection" (1811); "Anecdotes of Eminent Spanish Painters" (1782); "The Observer" (1785). Posthumous Dramatic Works, edited by Jansen, in 1813. The "Memoirs of Richard Cumberland, written by Himself," appeared in 1806.

Cunningham, Allan (b. Blackwood, near Dumfries, 1784; d. October 29th, 1842). "Memoirs of Mark Macrabin, the Cameronian"; "Sir Marmaduke Maxwell"; "Traditional Tales of the English and Scottish Peasantry"; "Paul Jones"; "Sir Michael Scott"; "Lord Roldan"; "The Maid of Elvar"; "Lives of Eminent British Painters, Sculptors, and Architects"; "A Life of David Wilkie"; and an edition of Burns, with memoir. "Poems and Songs" edited by Peter Cunningham in 1847. See his "Life" by David Hogg (1873).

Cunningham, Peter (b. Pimlico, April 7th, 1816; d. May, 1869). "A Handbook to London"; "A Life of Drummond of Hawthornden"; "A Handbook to Westminster Abbey"; "A Life of Inigo Jones"; "Modern London"; "A Memoir of J. M. W. Turner"; and "The Story of Nell Gwynne"; besides editions of "The Songs of England and Scotland"; Campbell's "Specimens of the English Poets"; the Works of Oliver Goldsmith; Johnson's "Lives of the Poets"; Massinger's Works; and the "Letters" of Horace Walpole.

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Dale, Robert Wm., D.D., LL.D. (b. London, December 1st, 1829;

d. Birmingham, March 13th, 1895). "Life of John Angell James" (1861); "Protestantism" (1874); "The Atonement;" "The Epistle to the Ephesians" (1882); "A Manual of Congregational Principles" (1884); "Laws of Christ for Common Life" (1884); "Impressions of Australia" (1889); "The Living Christ and the Four Gospels" (1890); "The Fellowship of Christ" (1891); "Christian Doctrine" (1891); etc. Edited the *Congregationalist*.

Dalling and Bulwer, Lord (b. 1801; d. 1872). "Ode on the Death of Napoleon" (1822); "The Autumn in Greece" (1826); "The Monarchy of the Middle Classes" (1834); "A Life of Lord Byron" (1835); "Historical Characters" (1867); "Life of Lord Palmerston" (1871-74); "Sir Robert Peel" (1874).

Daniel, Samuel (b. Taunton, 1562; d. Beckington, near Frome, Somersetshire, October 14th, 1619). "Delia and Rosamond" (1592); "The Civil Wars between the Two Houses of Lancaster and York" (1595-1609); "Philotas;" "Cleopatra" (1599); "Hymen's Triumph" (1615); etc. Works in 1623.

D'Arblay, Madame (b. King's Lynn, 1752; d. Bath, 1840). "Evelina" (1779); "Cecilia" (1782); "Edwin and Elgitha" (1795); "Camilla" (1796); "The Wanderer; or, Female Difficulties" (1814); and "Memoirs of Dr. Charles Burney" (1832). Her "Diary," edited by her niece, was published in 1846. For Biography and Criticism, see Jeaffreson's "Novels and Novelists;" Miss Kavanagh's "English Women of Letters;" and Macaulay's "Essays."

Darwin, Charles Robert (b. February 12th, 1809; d. April 19th, 1882). "Journal of Researches in Various Countries visited by H.M.S. *Beagle* in 1831-36;" "The Structure and Distribution of Coral Reefs" (1842); "Geological Observations on Volcanic Islands" (1844); "Geological Observations on South America" (1846); "Monograph of the Family Cirripedia" (1851); "The Fossil Lepidoderm of Great Britain" (1855); "The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection" (1859); "Fertilisation of Orchids" (1862); "Domesticated Animals and Cultivated Plants; or, the Principles of Variation, Inheritance, Reversion, Crossing, Interbreeding, and Selection under Domestication" (1867); "The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex" (1871); "The Expression of Emotion in Man

and Animals" (1872); "Movements and Habits of Climbing Plants" (1875); "Insectivorous Plants" (1875); "Effects of Cross-Fertilisation in Plants" (1876); "Formation of Vegetable Mould" (1881). See Krause's "Charles Darwin, und sein Verhältniss zu Deutschland" (1885); and "Lives" by J. G. Romanes (1882); Grant Allen (1885); Francis Darwin (1887), and T. G. Bottany (1887).

Darwin, Erasmus (b. Elton, Nottinghamshire, December 12th, 1731; d. Derby, August 18th, 1802). "The Botanic Garden" (1791); "Zoonomia; or, the Laws of Organic Life" (1794-96); "A Plan for the Conduct of Female Education in Boarding Schools" (1797); "Phytologia; or, the Philosophy of Agriculture and Gardening" (1799); "The Temple of Nature; or, the Origin of Society" (1803); and "The Shrine of Nature." "Works" in 1809. "Memoirs, with Anecdotes and Criticisms," by Miss Seward in 1804; Krause's "Erasmus Darwin" (translated, 1829).

Dasent, Sir George Webbe (b. St. Vincent, 1820). "The Prose or Younger Edda" (1842); "Theophilus Eutychianus, from the original Greek, in Icelandic, Low German, and other Languages" (1845); "The Norseman in Iceland" (1855); "Popular Tales from the Norse, with an Introductory Essay" (1859); "The Story of Gislir, from the Icelandic" (1866); "Annals of an Eventful Life" (1870); "Three to One" (1872); "Jest and Earnest" (1873); "Tales from the Fjeld" (1873); "Half a Life" (1874); and "The Vikings of the Baltic" (1875).

Davenant, Sir William (b. Oxford, 1605; d. London, April 7th, 1668). "The Tragedy of Alkivino, King of the Lombards" (1629); "The Cruel Brother" (1630); "The Just Italian" (1630); "The Temple of Love" (1634); "The Triumphs of the Prince d'Amour" (1635); "The Platonic Lovers" (1636); "The Witts" (1636); "Britannia Triumphans" (1637); "Madagascar, and other Poems" (1638); "Salmacida Spolia" (1639); "The Unfortunate Lovers" (1643); "London, King Charles, his Augusta, or City Royal" (1648); "Love and Honour" (1649); "Gondibert, an Heroic Poem" (1651); "The Cruelty of the Spaniards in Peru" (1658); "A Panegyric to his Excellency the Lord General Monk" (1659); "The History of Sir Francis Drake" (1659); "A Poem on his Sacred Majesties Most Happy Return to His

Dominions" (1660); "The Siege of Rhodes" (1663); "The Rivals" (1668); and "The Man's a Master" (1668). His Works were printed collectively in 1672-73. *See* Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses."

Davids, Thomas William Rhys, Ph.D., LL.D. (b. Colchester, May 12th, 1843). "Buddhism" (1877); "Buddhist Birth Stories" (1880); "Origin and Growth of Religion as illustrated by Buddhism" (1881), etc.

Davidson, John (b. 1857). "Bruce" (1886); "Plays" (1889); "In a Music-hall, etc." (1891); "Perfidy" (1891); "The Great Men and a Practical Novelist" (1891); "Fleet Street Eclogues" (1893); "A Random Itinerary" (1893); "Sentences and Paragraphs" (1893); "Baptist Lake" (1894); "Ballads and Songs" (1894); "The Wonderful Mission of Earl Lavender" (1894); "Collected Edition of Plays" (1894); "Fleet Street Eclogues II." (1895); "New Ballads" (1896).

Davidson, Samuel, D.D., LL.D. (b. Ballymena, Ireland, 1807). "Sacred Hermeneutics" (1843); "The Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament" (1848 and 1858); "An Introduction to the New Testament" (1848); "The Interpretation of the Bible" (1856); "The English Old Testament Version Revised" (1873); an English version of Tischendorf's "New Testament" (1875); "The Canon of the Bible" (1877); "The Doctrine of Last Things" (1882).

Davies, Rev. John Llewelyn (b. Chichester, February 26th, 1826), has translated, conjointly with Dr. Vaughan, "The Republic" of Plato; edited the Epistles to the Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon; and written "The Manifestation of the Son of God" (1864); "Morality according to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" (1865); "The Gospel and Modern Life" (1869); "Theology and Morality" (1873); "Warnings against Superstition" (1874); "Order and Growth" (1891), etc.

De Tabley, John Byrne Leicester, Lord (b. 1835, d. 1895). "Philoctetes" (1866); "Rehearsals" (1870); "Searching the Net" (1873); "Soldier of Fortune" (1876); "Guide to the Study of Book-Plates" (1880); "Poems, Dramatic and Lyrical" (1893 and 1895).

De Vere, Aubrey Thomas (b. 1814). "The Waldenses" (1842); "Searches after Proserpine" (1843); "English

Misrule and Irish Misdeeds" (1848); "Poems, Miscellaneous and Spiced" (1853); "The Church Establishment of Ireland" (1867); "The Church Settlement of Ireland" (1868); "The Legends of St. Patrick" (1872); "Legends of the Saxon Saints" (1879); "Constitutional and Unconstitutional Political Action" (1881); "Foray of Queen Meade, and other Legends of Ireland's Heroic Age" (1882); "St. Peter's Chains" (1888); "Medieval Records and Sonnets" (1893); "Religious Problems of the Nineteenth Century" (1893); "Recollections" (1897).

Defoe, Daniel (b. London, 1661; d. London, 1731). "Presbytery Rough-drawn" (1683); "A Tract against the Proclamation of the Repeal of the Penal Laws" (1687); "A Tract upon the Dispensing Power" (1689); "Essay on Projects" (1697); "The True-Born Englishman" (1701); "The Shortest Way with Dissenters" (1702); "A Hymn to the Pillory" (1703); "Jure Divino" (1706); "A History of the Union" (1709); "Reasons against the Succession of the House of Hanover" (1713); "Appeal to Honour and Justice" (1715); "Robinson Crusoe" (1719); "Captain Singleton" (1720); "Duncan Campbell" (1720); "Moll Flanders" (1721); "Colonel Jack" (1722); "Journal of the Plague" (1722); "Memoirs of a Cavalier" (1723); "Roxana" (1724); "New Voyage Round the World" (1725); "The Life of Captain Carleton" (1728), etc. Works in 1841. "Life, and Recently-discovered Writings," by Leo, in 1869. *See* also the Biographies by Chalmers (1790), Wilson (1830), Forster (1855), Chadwick (1859), and Wright (1891). For Criticism, *see* Foster's "Essays," Masson's "British Novelists," Kingsley's introduction to his edition of "Robinson Crusoe," Roscoe's "Essays," Lamb's "Works," Scott's "Biographies," Stephen's "Hours in a Library," and Minto's monograph.

Dekker, Thomas (b. circa 1570; d. 1637). "Phaeton" (1597); "Old Fortunatus" (1600); "Shoemaker's Holiday" (1600); "Satiromastix" (1602), etc. Works (1873).

Denham, Sir John (b. Dublin, 1615; d. March, 1668). "Cooper's Hill," a poem (1642); and "The Sophy," a tragedy (1642). "Poems and Translations collected in 1709 and 1719. *See* Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses" and Johnson's "Lives of the Poets."

Dibdin, Thomas Frognall, D.D. (b. Salcutta, 1776; d. November 18th, 1847). • "Poems" (1797); "An Introduction to the Knowledge of Rare and Valuable Editions of the Greek and Latin Classics" (1803); "Bibliomania, or Book Madness" (1811); "Bibliotheca Spenseriana" (1814); "The Bibliographical Decameron; or, Ten Days' Pleasant Discourse upon Illuminated Manuscripts, etc." (1817); "Sermons" (1820-25); "The Bibliographical, Antiquarian, and Picturesque Tour in France and Germany" (1821); "Ædes Althorpiana" (1822); "The Library Companion" (1824); "La Belle Marianne: a Tale of Truth and Woe" (1824); "Sunday Library" (1831); "Bibliophobia" (1832); "A Bibliographical, Antiquarian, and Picturesque Tour in the Northern Counties of England and of Scotland" (1838); and editions of the works of Ames, Sir Thomas More, Thomas à Kempis, Fénelon, and others. *See* his "Reminiscences of a Literary Life" (1836).

Dickens, Charles (b. Landport, Hampshire, February 7th, 1812; d. Gadshill, June 9th, 1870). "Sketches by Boz" (1836); "The Pickwick Papers" (1836); "Sunday under Three Heads" (1836); "The Strange Gentleman" (1836); "The Village Coquettes" (1836); "Oliver Twist" (1838); "Nicholas Nickleby" (1838); "The Old Curiosity Shop" (1840); "Barnaby Rudge" (1840); "American Notes" (1842); "Martin Chuzzlewit" (1843); "A Christmas Carol" (1843); "The Chimes" (1844); "Dombey and Son" (1846); "The Haunted Man" (1847); "David Copperfield" (1849); "The Child's History of England" (1851); "Bleak House" (1852); "Hard Times" (1854); "Little Dorrit" (1855); "A Tale of Two Cities" (1859); "Hunted Down" (1860); "The Uncommercial Traveller" (1860); "Great Expectations" (1861); "Our Mutual Friend" (1864); "The Holiday Romance" (1868); "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," unfinished (1870); "Speeches" (1871); and various Christmas numbers, or portions of Christmas numbers, in *All the Year Round*. "Letters" (1879). For Biography, *see* "A Story of his Life," by Theodore Taylor (1870); the "Life" by R. S. Mackenzie (1870); and the "Life" by John Forster, completed in 1873; "Charles Dickens," by Mary Dickens (1885); and T. Marzial's Biography (1887). *See also* "Sketch" and "Things and People" by G. A. Sala; "Yester-

days with Authors," by J. T. Fields. For Criticism, *see* "Essays" by George Brimley; George Stott in *The Contemporary Review* for February, 1869; Jeaffreson's "Novels and Novelists;" Masson's "Novelists and their Styles;" Buchanan's "Master Spirits;" Horne's "New Spirit of the Age;" *The Westminster Review* for July, 1864, and April, 1865; Canning's "Philosophy of Charles Dickens" (1880), etc.

Dilke, Sir Charles Wentworth (b. 1843). "Greater Britain" (1868); "The Fall of Prince Florestan of Monaco" (1874); "The Eastern Question" (1878); "European Politics" (1887); "The British Army" (1888); "Problems of Greater Britain" (1890); "Imperial Defence" (part author) (1892). Has edited "The Papers of a Critic" by his grandfather.

Dilke, Lady Emilia Frances (formerly Mrs. Mark Pattison, *née* Strong). "The Renaissance of Art in France" (1879); "Claude Lorraine," in French (1884); "The Shrine of Death, etc." (1886); "Art in the Modern State" (1888); "The Shrine of Love," etc. (1891). Edited Memoirs of Mark Pattison (1885).

Disraeli, Benjamin, Earl of Beaconsfield (b. London, December 21st, 1804; d. London, April 19th, 1881). "Vivian Grey" (1826 and 1827); "The Voyage of Captain Popanilla" (1828); "The Young Duke" (1831); "Contarini Fleming" (1832); "The Wondrous Tale of Alroy" (1833); "The Rise of Iskander" (1833); "Ixion in Heaven" (1833); "The Revolutionary Epic" (1834); "Vindication of the English Constitution" (1835); "Letters of Runnymede" (1835); "Henrietta Temple" (1837); "Venetia" (1837); "Alarcos," a tragedy (1839); "Coningsby; or, the New Generation" (1844); "Sybil; or, the Two Nations" (1845); "Tancred; or, the New Crusade" (1847); "Lord George Bentinck, a Political Biography" (1851); "Church and Queen: Speeches" (1865); "Constitutional Reform: Speeches" (1866); "Parliamentary Reform: Speeches" (1867); "Speeches on Conservative Policy" (1870); "Lothair" (1871); "Address at Glasgow University" (1873); and "Endymion" (1881). *See* "Life" by O'Connor (1879); Brandes (1880), Clarigny (1880), Foggo (1881), and Froude (1890); McCarthy's "History of Our Own Time" (1878-80); Clayden's "England under Lord Beaconsfield" (1879); "The Selected

Speeches of Lord Beaconsfield," edited by T. E. Kebbel.

D'Israeli, Isaac (b. Enfield, 1766; d. Bradenham House, Bucks, 1848). "A Poetical Epistle on the Abuse of Satire" (1780); "A Defence of Poetry" (1790); "Vaurien" (1797); "Romances" (1799); "Narrative Poems" (1803); "Flin-Flams" (1805); "Despotism; or, the Fall of the Jesuits" (1811); "The History of Cupid and Psyche" (1813); "The Genius of Judaism" (1833); "The Crisis Examined" (1834); and a few others, besides his better-known works, "The Curiosities of Literature" (1791, 1793, 1823); "The Calamities of Authors" (1812); "The Quarrels of Authors" (1814); "The Literary Character" (1816); and "The Literary and Political Character of James I." (1816). "Life," by his son, in library edition of the "Curiosities."

Dixon, William Hepworth (b. Newton Heath, Yorkshire, June 30th, 1821; d. December, 1879). "John Howard, a Memoir" (1849); "A Life of William Penn" (1851); "Robert Blake, Admiral and General, at Sea" (1852); "The Personal History of Lord Bacon" (1860); "The Holy Land" (1865); "New America" (1867); "Spiritual Wives" (1868); "Free Russia" (1870); "Her Majesty's Tower" (1871); "The Switzers" (1872); "Two Queens" (1873); "White Conquest" (1875); "Dianna, Lady Lyle" (1877); "Ruby Grey" (1878); "Royal Windsor" (1878); "British Cyprus" (1879). Edited the *Alhæcum*.

Dobell, Sydney (b. near London, 1824; d. November 14th, 1874). "The Roman" (1850); "Sonnets on the War" (with Alex. Smith, 1853); "Balder" (1854); "England in Time of War" (1856); "Parliamentary Reform" (1865); "England's Day" (1871); "Poetical Works" (1875); "Thoughts on Art, Philosophy, and Religion" (1876). "Life" (1878). See also John Nichol's "Introductory Notice and Mémoires to the Poetical Works of Sydney Dobell."

Dobson, Henry Austin (b. Plymouth, January 18th, 1840). "Vignettes in Rhyme" (1873); "Vers de Société" (1873); "Proverbs in Porcelain" (1877); "The Life of Fielding" in the *English Men of Letters* series; "The Life of Hogarth" (1879); "Old-World Idyls" (1883); "At the Sign of the Lyre" (1885); "The Life of Steele" (1886); "Life of Oliver Goldsmith" (1888); "Poems on Several Occasions" (1889); "Four Frenchwomen" (1890); "Horace Walpole" (1890); "Eighteenth Century Vignettes" (1892, 1895, and 1896).

Doddridge, Philip, D.D. (b. London, June 26th, 1702; d. Lisbon, October 26th, 1751). "Some Remarkable Passages in the Life of Colonel James Gardiner" (1747); "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul" (1750); "The Family Expositor" (1760); "A Course of Lectures on the Principal Subjects in Pneumatology, Ethics, and Divinity" (1794); and "Sermons on Various Subjects" (1826). "Memoirs," by Job Orton (1766); "Life" (1831).

Dods, Professor Marcus, D.D. (b. Belford, Northumberland, 1834). "The Prayer that Teaches to Pray" (1863); "The Epistles to the Seven Churches" (1867); "Israel's Iron Age" (1874); "Mohammed, Buddha, and Christ" (1877); "The Parables of Our Lord" (1886); "An Introduction to the New Testament" (1888); "Erasmus and other Essays" (1891).

Donaldson, Principal James, LL.D. (b. Aberdeen, April 26th, 1831). "Critical History of Christian Literature and Doctrine from the Death of the Apostles to the Nicene Council" (1864-66), etc. Co-editor of "The Ante-Nicene Christian Library."

Donne, John, D.D. (b. London, 1573; d. March 31st, 1631). "The Pseudo-Martyr" (1610); "Conclave Ignatii; or, Ignatius, his Conclave" (1611); "An Elegy on the Untimely Death of the Incomparable Prince Henry" (1613); "Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, and Several Steps in my Sickness" (1624); "An Anatomy of the World" (1625); "Polydoron; or, a Miscellania of Morall, Philosophical, and Theological Sentences" (1631); "Death's Duell" (1632); "A Sheaf of Miscellany Epigrams" (1632); "Juvenilia; or, Certain Paradoxes and Problems" (1633); "Bia Thanatos" (1644); "Essays in Divinity" (1651); "Letters to Several Persons of Honour" (1651); and other "Works," collected in 1635, and republished with a "Memoir" by Dean Alford in 1839. "Sermons," with a "Life" by Isaac Walton, in 1640-49.

Doran, John, LL.D. (b. 1807; d. January 25th, 1878). "History and Antiquities of the Town and Borough of Reading" (1835); "Filia Dolorosa, Memoirs of the Duchess of Angoulême" (1852); Anthon's "Anabasis of Xeno-

phon" (1853); "A Life of Dr. Young" (1854); "Table Traits, and Something on Them" (1854); "Habits and Men" (1855); "Lives of the Queens of the House of Hanover" (1855); "Knights and their Days" (1856); "Monarchs Retired from Business" (1857); "The History of Court Fools" (1858); "New Pictures and Old Panels" (1859); "The Last Journals of Horace Walpole" (1859); "Lives of the Princes of Wales" (1860); "A Memoir of Queen Adelaide" (1861); "The Bentley Ballads" (1861); "Their Majesties' Servants" (1863); "Saints and Sinners; or, In Church and About It" (1868); "A Lady of the Last Century—Mrs. Elizabeth Montague" (1873); "'Mann' and Manuevs at the Court of Florence, 1740-1786" (1875); "London in Jacobite Times" (1878); "Memories of our Great Towns" (1878), etc. Edited *Notes and Queries*.

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Doyle, Arthur Conan (b. Edinburgh, 1859). "A Study in Scarlet" (1888); "The Mystery of Cloombur" (1888); "Micah Clarke" (1889); "The Firm of Girdlestone" (1890); "The Sign of Four" (1890); "The Captain of the Polestar," etc. (1890); "The White Company" (1891); "The Doings of Raffles Haw" (1891); "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" (1891); "The Great Shadow," etc. (1893); "The Refugees" (1893); "Round the Red Lamp" (1894); "The Parasite" (1894); "The Stark-Munro Letters" (1895); "The Exploits of Brigadier Gerard" (1895); "Rodney Stone" (1896); "Uncle Bernac" (1897); "The Tragedy of the Korosko" (1897); "Songs of Action" (1898).

Drayton, Michael (b. 1563; d. 1631). "Polyolbion" (1612-22); "The Barons' Wars;" "England's Heroical Epistles;" "The Man in the Moone;" "Endimion and Phoebe;" "Idea;" "The Shepherd's Garland;" "Matilda;" "Mortimeriados;" "The Owle;" "The Battle of Agincourt" (1627); "The Muses Elizium;" "Piers Gaveston;" "Nymphidia, the Court of Fairy;"

and other works, collected in 1752, with "An Historical Essay on his Life and Writings." See Hooper's edition of "Works" (1876).

Driver, Professor Samuel Rolles, D.D. (b. Southampton, 1840). "Isaiah: his Life and Time, and the Writings which bear his Name" (1888); "An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament" (1891); "Sermons on Subjects connected with the Old Testament" (1892); a "Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Deuteronomy" (1895); Works on Hebrew, etc.

Drummond, Professor Henry (b. Stirling, 1851; d. 1897). "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" (1883); "Tropical Africa" (1888); "The Ascent of Man" (1894), etc.

Drummond, Principal James, LL.D. (b. Dublin, May 14th, 1835). "Spiritual Religion" (1870); "The Jewish Messiah" (1877); "Introduction to the Study of Theology" (1884); "Philo-Judaus" (1888); "Via, Veritas, Vita" (1894).

Drummond, William (b. Hawthornden, near Edinburgh, December 13th, 1585; d. December 4th, 1649). "The Cypress Grove;" "Tears on the Death of Meliades" (1613); "Poems: Amorous, Funerall, Divine, Pastoral, in Sonnets, Songs, Sextains, Madrigals" (1616); "For the Feasting, a Panegyric on the King's Most Excellent Majestie" (1617); "Floures of Sion" (1623); "Polemio-Middinia, carmen Macaronicum" (1684); and "The History of Scotland from the Year 1423 untill the Year 1542" (1655). His "Conversations with Ben Jonson" (1619), edited in 1842 by David Laing, who also wrote a "Memoir" of the poet in the fourth volume of "Archæologia Scotica." Poems edited by W. C. Ward, with "Memoir" (1895). See the "Memoirs" by Cunningham (1823) and Masson (1873).

Dryden, John (b. Aldwinkle, Northamptonshire, August 9th, 1631; d. London, May 1st, 1701). "Heroic Stanzas on the Death of Oliver Cromwell" (1658); "Astræa Redux" (1660); "To His Sacred Majesty" (1661); "To my Lord Chancellor" (1662); "The Wild Gallant" (1663); "The Rival Ladies" (1665); "The Indian Queen" (with Sir Robert Howard) (1664); "The Indian Emperor" (1665); "Annus Mirabilis" (1667); "Essay of Dramatic Poesie" (1667); "Secret Love" (1667); "Sir Martin Marr-all" (1667); "All for Love"

(1668); "An Evening's Love" (1668); "Tyrannic Love" (1669); "Of Heroick Plays" and "The Conquest of Granada" (1672); "Marriage à la Mode" (1672); "The Assiguation" (1672); "Amboyna" (1673); "The State of Innocence and the Fall of Man" (1674); "Aurenge Zebe; or, the Great Mogul" (1675); "Oedipus" (1679); "Limherham" (1679); "Epistles of Ovid" (1679); "The Spanish Friar" (1681); "Absalom and Achitophel" (1681); "The Medal: a Satire against Sedition" (1681); "Mac-Flecknoe" (1682); "Religio Laici" (1682); "The Duke of Guise" (1682); "Albion and Albannus" (1685); "Threnodia Augustalis" (1685); "The Hind and the Panther" (1687); "Britannia Rediviva" (1689); "Don Sebastian" (1690); "Amphitryon" (1690); "King Arthur" (1691); "Cleomenes" (with Thomas Southern) (1692); "Love Triumphant" (1694); a "Translation of Virgil" (1697); "Alexander's Feast" (1697); "Fables" (1700); and other works, including translations and editions. The dramatic works have been frequently reprinted, and editions of the poems published by Bell and Christie. For Biography, see the "Lives" by Scott, Hooper, and Malone; for Criticism, Bell, Christie, Scott, Johnson's "Lives," Hazlitt's "English Poets," Campbell's "Specimens," Clough's "Life and Letters," Lowell's "Among my Books," Masson's "Essays," and Ward's "Dramatic Literature."

Du Maurier, George Louis Palmella Busson (b. March 6th, 1834; d. 1896); "Peter Ibbetson" (1891); "Trilby" (1894); "The Martian" (1896).

D'Urfey, Thomas (b. Exeter, 1639; d. 1723). Wrote twenty-six plays (a list of which is given in Lowndes's "Bibliographer's Manual"); "Archerie Revived; or, the Bowman's Excellence: an Heroic Poem" (1676); "The Progress of Honesty: a Pindarique Poem" (1681); "Butler's Ghost; or, Hudibras, the Fourth Part, with Reflections upon these Times" (1682); "Songs" (1687); "Collins' Walk through London and Westminster, a Poem in Burlesque" (1690); "Satires, Elegies, and Odes" (1690); "Stories, Moral and Comical" (1691); "Tales, Tragical and Comical" (1704); "A Collection of New Ballads" (1716); "The Merry Musician" (1716); "New Operas" (1721); and "The English Stage Italianized, in a new Dramatic Entertainment called Dido and Aeneas" (1727). His Dramatic Works appeared

in a collected form in 1676-1709. His poetical pieces were published in six volumes, in 1719-20, under the title of "Wit and Mirth; or, Pills to Purge Melancholy," and have since been reprinted.

Duff, The Right Hon. Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant, G.C.S.I. (b. 1829). "Studies on European Politics" (1866); "A Glance over Europe" (1867); "A Political Survey" (1868); "East India Financial Statement" (1869); "Elgin Speeches" (1871); "Expositio Laboremus" (1872); "Notes of an Indian Journey" (1876); "Miscellanies, Literary and Political" (1879); "Ernest Renan" (1893).

Dufferin and Ava, Marquis of, Frederick Temple Hamilton Blackwood (b. 1826). "Narrative of a Journey from Oxford to Skibbereen" (1848); "Letters from High Latitudes" (1860); "The Honourable Impulsia Gushington;" "Irish Emigration and the Tenure of Land in Ireland;" "Contribution to an Inquiry into the State of Ireland," etc.; "Speeches Delivered in India" (1890); "Address Delivered at St. Andrews" (1891). Has edited "Songs, Poems, and Verses of Baroness Dufferin, afterwards Countess of Gifford" (1894).

Dufferin and Ava, Marchioness of, Harriot Georgina Blackwood, nee Hamilton. "Our Vice-Regal Life in India" (1889); "My Canadian Journal" (1891), etc.

Duffy, The Hon. Sir Charles Gavan, K.C.M.G. (b. Monaghan, 1816). "Young Ireland: a Fragment of Irish History, 1840-50" (1880); "Four Years of Irish History, 1845-49" (1883), etc.

Dugdale, Sir William (b. at Shus-toke, Warwickshire, September 12th, 1605; d. February 10th, 1686). "Monasticon Anglicanum" (1655-73, new edition 1846); "Antiquities of Warwickshire" (1656); "Memoirs of English Laws" (1666); "The Ancient Use of Bearing Arms" (1682). Autobiography in second edition of his "History of St. Paul's" (1658), and with Journal and Correspondence (1827).

Dyce, the Rev. Alexander (b. 1798; d. 1869). "Select Translations of Quintus Smyrnaeus" (1821); "Specimens of the English Poetesses" (1823); "Recollections of the Table Talk of Samuel Rogers" (1858). Is chiefly known for his excellent editions of

Marlowe, Peele, Greene, Webster, Middleton, Beaumont and Fletcher, etc.

Dykés, Principal James Oswald, D.D. (b. Port Glasgow, 1835). "The Written Word," etc. (1868); "Problems of Faith" (1875); "Sermons" (1881); "The Law of the Ten Words" (1884); "The Gospel According to St. Paul" (1885); "Plain Words on Great Themes" (1892), etc.

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Eadie, John, LL.D. (b. Alloa, 1813; d. Glasgow, 1876). Edited "The Bible Cyclopaedia," and published Commentaries on several of St. Paul's Epistles; "Divine Love: Doctrinal, Practical, and Experimental;" "Paul the Preacher;" "The Classified Bible;" "Dictionary of the Bible for Young Persons;" and a "History of the English Bible" (1877). See his "Life" (1878).

• **Eastlake, Sir Charles Lock** (b. Plymouth, 1793; d. Florence, December 23rd, 1865). "Materials for a History of Oil Painting" (1847); "Contributions to the Literature of the Fine Arts" (1848). He also edited Kugler's "Handbook of Painting" (1843), and translated Goethe's "Theory of Colours" (1840).

Edgeworth, Maria (b. Haro Hatch, Berkshire, January 1st, 1767; d. Edgeworthstown, Longford, Ireland, May 21st, 1849). "Collected Works" in 1825. The edition of 1856 includes "Moral Tales," "Popular Tales," "Belinda," "Castle Rackrent," "Essay on Irish Bulls," "The Noble Science of Self-Justification," "Finnice," "The Dun," "Tales of Fashionable Life," "Patronage," "Comic Dramas," "Leonora," "Letters for Literary Ladies," "Harrington," "Thoughts on Boredom," "Ormond," and "Helen." Besides these Miss Edgeworth published "Early Lessons for Children;" "The Parent's Assistant; or, Stories for Children;" "Harry and Lucy;" "Little Plays for Young People;" and "Orlando;" and concluded the Memoirs of her father, Richard Lovell Edgeworth. See her Memoir by Mrs. Edgeworth (1867); also "Life and Letters" by A. J. C. Hare (1894).

Edwards, Amelia Blandford (b. 1831; d. April 15th, 1892). "My Brother's Wife" (1856); "Hand and

Glove" (1859); "Barbara's History" (1864); "Half a Million of Money" (1865); "Miss Carew" (1865); "Debenham's Vow" (1870); "In the Days of my Youth" (1873); "M. Maurice" (1873); "Untrodden Peaks" (1873); "A Thousand Miles up the Nile" (1877); "Lord Brackenbury" (1880); "Pharaohs, Fellahs, and Explorers" (1891). Also wrote many articles on Egyptology, and translated M. Maspero's "L'Archéologie Égyptienne."

Egerton, George, vere Mary Charalita Egerton Clairmonte, née Dunne (b. Melbourne, Australia). "Keywords" (1893); "Discords" (1894); "Fantasias" (1897); "The Wheel of God" (1898).

Elliot, George, Mrs. J. W. Cross, née Marian Evans (b. November 22nd, 1819; d. December 22nd, 1880). Besides translations of Strauss's "Life of Jesus" (1846) and Feuerbach's "Essence of Christianity" (1853), she published:—"Scenes of Clerical Life" (1858); "Adam Bede" (1859); "The Mill on the Floss" (1860); "Silas Marner" (1861); "Romola" (1863); "Felix Holt" (1866); "Middlemarch" (1871-72); "Daniel Deronda" (1876); "Impressions of Theophrastus Such" (1879); "The Spanish Gipsy" (1868); "The Legend of Jubal" (1874). See R. H. Hutton's "Essays" and "The Beauties of George Eliot." For Biography, see the "Life" by J. W. Cross and Mathilde Blind's "George Eliot" in the *Eminent Women* series.

Ellicott, The Right Rev. Charles John, D.D. (b. Whitwell, near Stamford, April 25th, 1819). "The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (1860); "Considerations on the Revision of the English Version of the New Testament" (1870); "Present Dangers of the Church" (1877); "Modern Unbelief" (1877); "The Being of God" (1879); "Fundamental Doctrine" (1885), etc. Editor of Commentaries on the Old and the New Testament, etc.

Elliott, Ebenezer (b. near Rotherham, March 17th, 1781; d. near Barnsley, December 1st, 1849). "Corn-Law Rhymes" (1881-46), etc. Works (1876). "Life" by Searle. See Carlyle's "Essay on the Corn-Law Rhymes" and Autobiographical Sketch in *Athenæum* of January 12th, 1850.

Etherege, Sir George (b. Oxfordshire, 1636; d. Ratishon, 1694). "The Comical Revenge; or, Love in a Tub"

(1664); "She Would if She Could" (1668); "The Man of Mode; or, Sir Fopling Flutter" (1670); "The Trial of the Poets for the Bays." "Works" in 1704. For Biography, see the "Biographia Britannica," the "Dictionary of National Biography," and *The Fortnightly Review*, first series.

Evelyn, John (b. Wotton, Surrey, October 31st, 1620; d. February 20th, 1706). "Sylva" (1664); "Term" (1675); "Mundus Muliebris" (1690); "Diary" (1818 and 1837; new edition, 1859).

Ewing, Juliana Horatia Orr (b. 1812; d. 1885). "The Brownies, and Other Tales" (1870); "A Flat Iron for a Farthing" (1873); "A Great Emergency, and Other Tales" (1877); "We and the World" (1881); "Old-fashioned Fairy Tales" (1882); "Jackanapes" (1884); "The Story of a Short Life" (1885).

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Fairbairn, Principal Andrew Martin, D.D. (b. near Edinburgh, November 4th, 1838). "Studies in the Philosophy of Religion and History" (1876); "Studies in the Life of Christ" (1880); "The City of God" (1883); "Religion in History and in the Life of To-day" (1884); "The Place of Christ in Modern Theology" (1893).

Falconer, William (b. Edinburgh, February 11th, 1732; d. at sea, 1769). "The Shipwreck" (1762); "The Demagogue" (1765); "The Marine Dictionary" (1769). See the Rev. J. Mitford's preface to the Aldine edition of his Poems, "The Lives of the Scottish Poets," Laing's "Lives of Scottish Authors" and the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Falkland, Viscount. (See CARY, LUCIUS.)

Faraday, Michael, D.C.L. (b. Stoke Newington, September 22nd, 1791; d. Hampton Court, August 25th, 1867). "Chemical Manipulation" (1827); "Experimental Researches on Electricity," etc. See Tyndall's "Faraday as a Discoverer" (1869), and the "Life and Letters" (1870).

Farjeon, Benjamin Leopold (b. London, May 12th, 1833). "Grif" (1870); "Joshua Marvel" (1871); "London's Heart" (1873); "Jessie Trim" (1874); "Christmas Stories"

(1874); "Love's Victory" (1875); "Duchess of Rosemary Lane" (1876); "House of White Shadows" (1884); "Great Porter Square" (1884); "The Sacred Nugget" (1885); "In a Silver Sea" (1886); "The Nine of Hearts" (1886); "A Secret Inheritance" (1887); "The Tragedy of Featherstone" (1887); "Miser Farebrother" (1888); "Toilers of Babylon" (1888); "A Young Girl's Life" (1889); "A Strange Enchantment" (1889); "The Blood-White Rose" (1889); "Dr. Glennie's Daughter" (1889); "Basil and Annette" (1890); "The Peril of Richard Pardon" (1890); "Mystery of M. Felix" (1890); "For the Defence" (1891); "March of Fate" (1892); "Something Occurred" (1893); "The Last Tenant" (1893); "Aaron the Jew" (1894); "The Betrayal of John Fordham" (1896).

Farquhar, George (b. 1678; d. 1707). "Love and a Bottle" (1698); "The Constant Couple" (1700); "Sir Harry Wildair" (1701); "The Inconstant" (1703); "The Stage Coach" (1704); "The Twin Rivals" (1705); "The Recruiting Officer" (1706); and "The Beaux' Stratagem" (1707). "Works" in 1714.

Farrar, Very Rev. Frederick William, D.D. (b. Bombay, 1831). "Origin of Language," "Chapters on Language" (1865); "The Fall of Man, and Other Sermons" (1865); "A Lecture on Public School Education" (1867); "Seekers after God" (1869); "Families of Speech" (1870); "The Witness of History to Christ" (1871); "The Silence and Voices of God" (1873); "The Life of Christ" (1874); "Marlborough Sermons" (1876); "Eternal Hope" (1878); "Saintly Workers" (1878); "The Life and Work of St. Paul" (1879); "Mercy and Judgment" (1881); "Early Days of Christianity" (1882); "Solomon" (1887); "Lives of the Fathers" (1889); "The Minor Prophets" (1890); "The Wider Hope" (1890); "The Passion Play at Oberammergau" (1890); "Truths to Live By" (1890); "Darkness and Dawn" (1891); "Social and Present-Day Questions" (1891); "The Voice from Sinai" (1892); "Dawn of Christianity" (1895); "Gathering Clouds" (1896); "The Three Homes" (1896); also "Eric; or, Little by Little," and other stories of school life.

Fawcett, Henry (b. 1833; d. 1884). "A Manual of Political Economy," "The

Economic Position of the British Labourer," "Pauperism, its Causes and Remedies," "Speeches" and "Free Trade and Protection," etc.

Fenn, George Manville (b. Pimlico, 1831). "Bent, not Broken" (1866); "Double Cuning" (1886); "The Story of Antony Grace" (1887); "Commodore Junk" (1888); "The Lass that Loved a Soldier" (1889); "Lady Maude's Mania" (1890); "The Black Bar" (1893); "Fire Island" (1894); "The Tiger Lily" (1894); "The Queen's Scarlet" (1895); "Cursed by a Fortune" (1896); "Quicksilver" (1896), etc. etc.

Ferguson, Sir Samuel (b. 1810; d. 1886). "The Cromlech on Howth" (1864); "The Lays of the Western Isles" (1865); "Cungal, a Poem in Five Books" (1872); "Leabhar Breac" (1876); "Poems" (1880); "Shakespearean Breviaries" (1882); "The Forging of the Anchor" (1883).

Ferrier, James Frederick (b. Edinburgh, November, 1808; d. June 11th, 1864). "Institutes of Metaphysics: The Theory of Knowing and Being" (1854); "Lectures on Greek Philosophy" (1864). Edited Works of Professor Wilson.

Ferrier, Susan Edmonston (b. Edinburgh, 1782; d. November 7th, 1854). "Marriage" (1818); "The Inheritance" (1824); and "Destiny; or, The Chief's Daughter" (1831). "Works" in 1841.

Field, Michael (pseudonym of Miss Bradley and Miss Cooper). "Cal-lirrhoe," etc." (1884); "The Father's Tragedy," etc." (1885); "Brutus Ultor" (1886); "Canute the Great," etc." (1887); "Long Ago" (1889); "The Tragic Mary" (1890); "Sight and Song" (1892); "A Question of Memory" (1893); "Underneath the Bough" (1893); "Attila, my Attila" (1895).

Fielding, Henry (b. near Glastonbury, April 22nd, 1707; d. Lisbon, October 8th, 1754). "The Adventures of Joseph Andrews" (1742); "A Journey from this World to the Next" (1743); "The History of Jonathan Wild" (1743); "The History of Tom Jones" (1749); "Amelia" (1751); the following dramatic pieces: "Love in Several Masques," "The Temple Beau," "The Author's Farce," "The Coffee-house Politician," "Tom Thumb," "The Modern Husband," "The Mook Doctor," "The Miser," "The Intriguing Chamber-

maid," "Don Quixote in England," "Pasquin," "The Historical Register," "The Wedding Day," and various miscellaneous works, including "Essays on the Characters of Man," and "A Journal of a Voyage to Lisbon." Collected editions of his writings appeared in 1743, 1762, and (edited by Roscoe) 1848. His novels were published, with an introduction by Sir Walter Scott, in 1821, in Ballantyne's "Novelist's Library." For Biography and Criticism, see the "Lives" by Murphy and Lawrence, Lady M. Wortley Montagu's "Letters," Jesse's "Celebrated Etonians," Thackeray's "Lectures on the Humorists," Masson's "Novelists and their Styles," and Dobson's "Fielding" in the *English Men of Letters* series.

Finlay, George, LL.D. (b. Scotland, 1799; d. January 26th, 1875). "Greece under the Romans" (1843); "History of Greece, from its Conquest by the Crusaders to its Conquest by the Turks" (1851); "History of the Byzantine Empire" (1852); "History of the Byzantine and Greek Empires" (1854); "History of Greece under Othoman and Venetian Dominion" (1854); "History of the Greek Revolution" (1861).

Fitzgerald, Edward (b. 1809; d. 1883). Published translations of "Six Dramas of Calderon" (1853); the "Agamemnon;" "Omar Khayyam and Salaman and Absal;" and wrote "Euphranor, a Dialogue on Youth," and "Polonius, a Collection of Wise Saws and Modern Instances." "Letters and Literary Remains," edited by W. Akis Wright (1889).

Flecknoe, Richard (d. 1678). "Hierothalamium; or, the Heavenly Nuptials of our Blessed Saviour with a Pious Soule" (1626); "The Affections of a Pious Soule unto our Saviour Christ" (1640); "Miscellania; or, Poems of all Sorts" (1633); "A Relation of Ten Years' Travells in Europe, Asia, Affrique, and America" (1654); "Love's Dominion" (1654); "The Diarium or Journal, divided into twelve jornadas in burlesque Rhime or Drolling Verse" (1656); "Enigmatical Characters, all taken from the Life" (1658); "The Marriage of Oceanus and Britannia" (1659); "Heroic Portraits" (1660); "Love's Kingdom, a Pastoral Trage-Comedy, with a Short Treatise on the English Stage" (1664); "Erminia: a Trage-Comedy" (1665); "The Damoiselles à la Mode, a Comedy" (1667);

"Sir William Davenant's Voyage to the other World" (1668), etc.

Fletcher, John (b. Rye, Sussex, December, 1579; d. 1625). "The Elder Brother;" "The Spanish Curate;" "The Humorous Lieutenant;" "The Faithful Shepherdess;" "Boadicea;" "The Loyal Subject;" "Rule a Wife and Have a Wife;" "The Chances;" "The Wild-geese Chase;" "A Wife for a Month;" "The Captain;" "The Prophetess;" "Love's Cure;" "Women Pleased;" "The Sea Voyage;" "The Fair Maid of the Inn;" "The Two Noble Kinsmen" (supposed to have been revised by William Shakespeare); "The False One;" "The Lover's Progress" and "The Noble Gentleman" (which are supposed to have been written with Shirley); "Love's Pilgrimage;" "The Night Walker;" "The Queen of Corinth;" "The Maid in the Mill;" "The Nice Valour;" a number of plays written in conjunction with Beaumont, for which see BEAUMONT and FLETCHER.

Foote, Samuel (b. Truro, 1719; d. Dover, October 21st, 1777). "The Diversions of the Morning" (1747); "The Auction of Pictures" (1748); "Taste" (1752); "The Englishman in Paris" (1753); "The Knights" (1754); "The Englishman Returned from Paris" (1756); "The Author" (1757); "The Minor" (1760); "The Orators" (1762); "The Lyar" (1762); "The Tryal of Samuel Footé" (1763); "The Mayor of Garrat" (1764); "The Patron" (1764); "The Commissary" (1765); "Prelude on Opening the Theatre" (1767); "The Devil upon Two Sticks" (1768); "The Lame Lover" (1770); "The Maid of Bath" (1771); "The Nabob" (1772); "Piety in Pattens" (1773); "The Cozeners" (1774); "The Bankrupt" (1776); "The Capuchin" (1776); "A Trip to Calais" (1778); "Lindamira" (1805); "The Slanderer;" and "The Young Hypocrite." "Dramatic Works" in 1778. For Biography, see the "Life" by Cooke (1805), Davies's "Life of Garrick," Boswell's "Life of Johnson," the "Biographia Dramatica," the "Dictionary of National Biography," and Forster's "Essays."

Forbes, James David, D.C.L. (b. Edinburgh, April 20th, 1809; d. 1868). "Travels through the Alps of Savoy" (1843); "Norway and its Glaciers" (1853); "Tour of Mont Blanc" (1855);

"The Theory of Glaciers" (1859). Life by Principal Shairp and others (1873).

Ford, John (b. Ilington, N. Devon, 1586; d. Ilington, 1640). "The Lover's Melancholy" (1629); "'Tis Pity She's a Whore" (1633); "The Broken Heart" (1633); "Love's Sacrifice" (1633); "Perkin Warbeck" (1634); "The Fancies, Chaste and Noble" (1638); "The Lady's Trial" (1639); "Beauty in a Trance" (1653); "The Sun's Darling" (1657); "Witch of Edmonton" (with Dekker and Rowley); "The Royal Combat;" "An Ill Beginning has a Good End;" "The Fairy Knight" (with Dekker); "A Late Murder of the Sonne upon the Mother" (with Webster); and "The Bristowe Merchant" (with Dekker). "Works," 1869. See Swinburne's "Essays and Studies," Minto's "English Poets," Ward's "Dramatic Literature." Works edited by Gifford and Dyce (1895).

Forman, Harry Buxton (b. London, July 11th, 1842). "Our Living Poets" (1861), etc. Has edited the works of Shelley, Keats, etc.

Forster, John (b. Newcastle, 1812; d. February 1st, 1876). "Statesman of the Commonwealth of England" (1831-34); "A Life of Oliver Goldsmith" (1848); "Biographical and Historical Essays" (1859); "The Arrest of the Five Members by Charles the First" and "Debates on the Grand Remonstrance" (1860); "Sir John Eliot," a biography (1864); "Walter Savage Landor," a biography (1868); "The Life of Charles Dickens" (1872-74); and "A Life of Jonathan Swift" (unfinished), (1876). Edited the *Daily News* (1846) and the *Examiner* (1847-58).

Foster, John (b. Halifax, September 17th, 1770; d. Stapleton, near Bristol, October 15th, 1843). "Essays, in a Series of Letters to a Friend" (1805); "On the Evils of Popular Ignorance" (1819); followed by other works, the chief one, "Contributions, Biographical, Literary, and Philosophical, to the *Eclectic Review*" (1840). Selected Works in Bohn's Standard Library. See "The Life and Correspondence of John Foster," by Dr. Ryland; also the "Life" by Shepherd.

Fox or Foke, John (b. Boston, 1517; d. 1587). Wrote "De Non Plecendis Morte Adulteris Consultatio" (1548); "De Censurâ seu Excommunicatione Ecclesiastica" (1551); "De Christo Triumphante" (1551); "Tables of

Grammar" (1552); "Acts and Monuments of the Church" (1562); and many other works, for a list of which see Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses." See also Churton's "Life of Nowell," Fuller's "Church History," and Morley's "English Writers," vols. viii. and xi.

Francillon, Robert Edward (b. Gloucester, 1841). "Earl's Dene" (1870); "Pearl and Emerald" (1872); "Zelda's Fortune" (1873); "Olympia" (1874); "A Dog and his Shadow" (1876); "Strange Waters" (1878); "Queen Cophetua" (1880); "A Real Queen" (1884); "Romances of the Law" (1889); "Ropes of Sand" (1893); "Jack Doyle's Daughter" (1894), etc.

Freeman, Professor Edward Augustus, D.C.L., LL.D. (b. Harborne, Staffordshire, 1823; d. 1892). "Church Restoration" (1846); "A History of Architecture" (1849); "An Essay on Window Tracery" (1850); "The Architecture of Llandaff Cathedral" (1851); "The History and Conquests of the Saracens" (1856); "Ancient Greece and Mediæval Italy" in "Oxford Essays" (1858); "The History and Antiquities of St. David's," with Rev. W. Basil Jones (1860); "The History of Federal Government" (1863); "The History of the Norman Conquest" (1867-76); "Old English History for Children" (1869); "The Cathedral Church of Wells" (1870); "Historical Essays" (1871-2-3); "Growth of the English Constitution" (1872); "The Unity of History" (1872); "Comparative Politics" (1873); "Disestablishment and Disendowment" (1874); "Historical and Architectural Studies" (1876); "The Ottoman Power in Europe" (1877); "The Reign of William Rufus" (1881); "Some Impressions of the United States" (1883); "The English People in their Home" (1884); "The Practical Bearing of General European History" (1884); "The Methods of Historical Study" (1886); "Chief Periods of European History" (1886); "Exeter" (1887); "Four Oxford Lectures" (1887); "William the Conqueror" (1888); "History of Sicily from the Earliest Times" (1891); "Sicily, Phœnician, Greek, and Roman," (1892); "History of Federal Government in Greece and Italy" (1893); "Studies of Travel" (1893). The fourth volume of the "History of Sicily" appeared in 1895. "Life" by W. R. W. Stephens (1895).

Fremantle, The Hon. and Very Rev. Wm. Henry (b. Swanbourne, Bucks., 1831). "The Gospel of the Secular Life" (1882); "The World as the Subject of Redemption" (1885), etc.

Frere, John Hookham (b. 1769; d. 1841). Contributed to the famous *Anti-Jacobin*, in which he wrote, among other *jeux d'esprit*, "The Loves of the Triangles," and, with George Canning, "The Needy Knife-Grinder." He also published a translation of Aristophanes (1840), and a work called "Theocritus Restitutus." See "The Works of the Right Hon. J. H. Frere," with a Memoir by Sir Bartle Frere (1871).

Friswell, James Hain (b. Newport, 1827; d. 1878). "Life Portraits of Shakespeare"; "The Gentle Life" (1864); "The Better Self"; "Other People's Windows"; "One of Two"; "Out and About"; "About in the World"; "A Man's Thoughts"; "Varia"; "Francis Spira, and other Poems," besides editions of Sidney, Montaigne, A' Kempis, and others.

Froude, Professor James Anthony, LL.D. (b. Dartington, Devonshire, April 23rd, 1818; d. October 20th, 1894). "The Shadows of the Clouds" (1847); "The Nemesis of Faith" (1849); "The History of England from the Fall of Wolsey to the Death of Elizabeth" (1846-70); three series of "Short Studies on Great Subjects" (1869, 1872, and 1877); "The English in Ireland in the Eighteenth Century" (1871-74); "Julius Cæsar" (1879); "Bunyan" (1880); "Thomas Carlyle; a History of the First Forty Years of his Life" (1882); "Carlyle's Reminiscences" (1883); "Letters and Memorials of Jane Welsh Carlyle" (1884); "Oceana" (1886); "The English in the West Indies" (1888); "The Two Chiefs of Dunboy" (1889); "Lord Beaconsfield" (1890); "Divorce of Catherine of Aragon" (1891); "The Spanish Story of the Armada," etc. (1892); "Life and Letters of Erasmus" (1894); "English Seamen in the Sixteenth Century" (1895).

Fuller, Thomas (b. 1608; d. August 16th, 1661). "David's Hainous Sinne, Heartie Repentance, Heavie Punishment," a poem (1631); "The Historie of the Holy Warre" (1639-40-42-47-51); "The Holy and Profane States" (1642-48-52-58); "Good Thoughts in Bad Times" (1643); "Good Thoughts in Worse Times" (1646); "Mixt Con-

temptations in *Better Times*" (1660); "Andronicus; or, the Unfortunate Politician" (1649); "A Pisgah-sight of Palestine" (1650); "Abel Redivivus; or, the Dead yet Speaking" (1651); "The Church History of Britain from the Birth of Christ to 1648" (1656); "The Appeal of Injured Innocence" (1659); "The History of the Worthies of England" (1662), etc., etc. "A Selection from the Writings of Fuller" was made by Arthur Broome (1815); see also Charles Lamb's "Works" and Basil Montagu's "Selections." There are "Lives" of Fuller by A. T. Russell (1844) and J. E. Bailey (1874).

Fullerton, Lady Georgina (b. Tixall Hall, Staffs., September 23rd, 1812; d. January 19th, 1885). "Ellen Middleton" (1844); "Grantley Manor" (1847); "Lady-bird" (1852); "Laurentia" (1861); "Too Strange not to be True" (1864); "Constance Sherwood" (1865); "A Stormy Life" (1867); "Mrs. Gerald's Niece" (1869); "Dramas from the Lives of the Saints" (1872); "The Gold-Digger, and other Verses" (1872); "A Will and a Way" (1881). Several biographical works, etc. "Life," by A. Craven.

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Gairdner, James (b. 1828). "Historia Regis Henrici Septimi" (1858); "Letters and Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III. and Henry VII." (1861-63); "The Houses of York and Lancaster" (1874); "Historical Collections of a London Citizen" (1876); "Life and Reign of Richard III." (1878); "Three Fifteenth-Century Chronicles" (1880); "Studies in English History," with James Spedding (1881); "Henry the Seventh" (1889). Has also edited the "Paston Letters" (1872-75), and several volumes of the "Letters and Papers of Henry VIII.," etc.

Gale, Norman Rowland (b. Kew, 1862). "A Country Muse" (1892 and 1895); "A June Romance" (1892); "Orchard Songs" (1893); "Cricket Songs" (1894); "Songs for Little People" (1896).

Galt, John (b. 1779; d. 1839). "Annals of the Parish" (1821); "Sir Andrew Wylie" (1822); "The Entail" (1823), etc. See "Autobiography" (1833); "Literary Life and Miscellanies" (1834), and Delta's "Memoir."

Galton, Francis, F.R.S. (b. 1822). "The Telotype" (1850); "The Art of Travel" (1855); "Vacation Tourists" (1861); "Meteorographica" (1863); "Hereditary Genius" (1869); "English Men of Science, their Nature and Nurture" (1874); "Inquiries into Human Faculties" (1883); "Record of Family Faculties" (1884); "Experience on Prehension" (1887); "Natural Inheritance" (1889); "Finger Prints" (1892).

Gardiner, Professor Samuel Rawson, LL.D. (b. 1829). "The History of England from the Accession of James I. to the Disgrace of Chief Justice Coke" (1863); "Prince Charles and the Spanish Marriage" (1869); "The Personal Government of Charles I." (1877); "England under the Duke of Buckingham and Charles I." (1878); "The Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I." (1879); "The History of the Great Civil War" (1886-91); "History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate," vol. i. (1894). Has edited "The Constitutional Documents of the Puritan Revolution" (1889), and for the Camden Society "The Porteus Papers" (1871); "The Hamilton Papers" (1880); "Documents Illustrating the Impeachment of the Duke of Buckingham" (1889), etc.

Garnett, Richard, LL.D., C.B. (b. Lichfield, February 27th, 1835). "Io in Egypt, and other Poems" (1859); "Iphigenia in Delphi" (1890); "Poems" (1893); Biographies of Carlyle, Emerson, Milton, etc.

Gascoigne, George (b. 1530; d. 1577). Works first published in 1589, as "The Pleasauntest Works of George Gascoigne, Esquire; newlye compyled into One Volume; that is to say, his 'Flowers, Herbes, Weedes'; 'The Fruites of Warre'; 'The Comedy called Supposes'; 'The Tragedy of Iocasta'; 'The Steele Glasse'; 'The Complaynt of Philomene'; 'The Story of Ferdinando Jeronimi'; and 'The Pleasures at Kenilworth Castle.'" See Warton's "History of English Poetry," Morley's "English Writers," vols. viii. and xi., and the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Gaskell, Elizabeth Cleghorn (b. 1810; d. 1865). "Mary Barton" (1848); "Moorland Cottage" (1850); "Cranford" (1853); "Ruth" (1853); "North and South" (1855); "Memoir of Charlotte Brontë" (1857); "Cousin Phyllis" (1857); "Right at Last" (1860); "Silvia's Lovers" (1863); "Wives and Daughters" (unfinished) (1865).

Gay, John (b. near Barnstaple, 1688; d. London, December 4th, 1732). "Rural Sports" (1711); "The Shepherd's Week" (1714); "Trivia" (1715); "What d'ye Call It?" (1715); "Three Weeks after Marriage" (1715); "Fables" (1726); "Beggar's Opera" (1727), etc. Lives by Coxe (1796) and Owen (1804).

Gickie, Rev. John Cunningham, D.D. (b. Edinburgh, 1824). "The Life and Words of Christ" (1877); "The English Reformation" (1879); "Hours with the Bible" (1880); "Old Testament Characters" (1884); "The Holy Land and the Bible" (1887); "The Bible by Modern Light" (1894); "Landmarks of Old Testament History" (1894), etc.

Gibbon, Edward (b. Putney, April 27th, 1737; d. January 16th, 1794). "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" (1776-88); "Essais sur l'Etude de la Littérature" (1761); "Antiquities of the House of Brunswick" and other miscellaneous works, published, with Memoir, in 1799, under the editorship of John, Lord Sheffield. The Autobiography was afterwards edited by Dean Milman (1839). See Memoir by J. C. Morison (1879), and "Proceedings of the Gibbon Commemoration" (1895).

Gifford, William (b. Ashburton, Devonshire, April, 1756; d. London, December 31st, 1826). "Baviad" (1794); "Mæviad" (1795), etc. Autobiography prefixed to his translation of "Juvenal."

Giffillan, Rev. George (b. Comrie, Perthshire, 1813; d. August 13th, 1878). "Gallery of Literary Portraits," three series (1845, 1849, 1855); "Bards of the Bible" (1850); "Book of British Poesy" (1851); "Martyrs, Heroes, and Bards of the Scottish Covenant" (1852); "The Grand Discovery" (1854); "History of a Man" (1856); "Christianity and Our Era" (1857); "Night" (1867); "Remoter Stars in the Church Sky" (1867); "Modern Christian Heroes" (1869); "Life of Sir W. Scott" (1870); "Comrie and its Neighbourhood" (1872); "Life of Rev. W. Anderson" (1877); "Sketches, Literary and Theological" (1881), etc. Editor of "Library Edition of the Popular Poets and Poetry of Britain," etc.

Ginsburg, Christian, L.L.D. (b. Warsaw, 1830). "The Karaites, their History and Literature" (1862); "The Essenes" (1864); "The Kabbalah" (1865); Commentaries, an edition of the Massorah, etc.

Gissing, Algernon (b. Wakefield, November 25th, 1860). "Joy Cometh in the Morning" (1888); "Both of this Parish" (1889); "A Village Hampden" (1890); "A Moorland Idyll" (1891); "A Masquerader" (1892); "At Society's Expense" (1893); "Between Two Opinions" (1893); "A Vagabond in Arts" (1894); "Sport of Stars" (1895).

Gissing, George Robert (b. Wakefield, 1857). "A Life's Morning" (1888); "The Nether World" (1889); "The Emancipated" (1890); "New Grub Street" (1891); "Born in Exile" (1892); "Denzil Quarrier" (1892); "The Odd Women" (1893); "In the Year of Jubilee" (1894); "Eve's Ransom" (1894); "The Paying Guest" (1895); "The Whirlpool" (1895); "Human Odds and Ends" (1897).

Gladstone, Right Hon. W. E. (b. Liverpool, December 29th, 1809; d. May 19th, 1898). "The State considered in its Relations with the Church" (1838); "Church Principles considered in their Results" (1841); "Remarks on recent Commercial Legislation" (1845); "Letters to the Earl of Aberdeen on the State Prosecutions of the Neapolitan Government" (1850-51); "Studies on Homer and the Homeric Age" (1858); Wedgwood: an Address" (1863); "Ancient Greece: an Address" (1865); "A Chapter of Autobiography" (1868); "On 'Ecce Homo'" (1868); "Juventus Mundi: Gods and Men of the Heroic Age in Greece" (1869); "The Vatican Decrees" (1874); "Vaticanism" (1875); "Rome and the Latest Fashions in Religion" (1875); "Homeric Synchronism" (1876); "The Turk in Europe" (1876); "Lessons in Massacre" (1877); "Gleanings of Past Years" (1879); "The Irish Question" (1886); "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture" (1890); "Landmarks of Homeric Study" (1890); "An Academic Sketch" (1892); "Horace's Odes and the Carmen Sæculare," translation (1895); "The Psalter" (1895); Edition of Bishop Butler's Works (1896), etc. Collected edition of his Speeches, edited by A. W. Hutton and H. J. Cohen, in progress. See R. H. Hutton's "Sketches of Contemporary Statesmen"; "Life" by Barnett Smith (1879); by G. W. E. Russell; and H. W. Lucy's "Diary of Two Parliaments" (1886), and the same author's biography (1896).

Godwin, Mary. (See WOLLSTONECRAFT.)

Godwin, William (b. Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, March 3rd, 1756; d. London, April 7th, 1836). "Sketches of History" (1784); "Political Justice" (1793); "Caleb Williams" (1794); "Life of Lord Chatham;" "Cloudesley;" "Damon and Delia;" "Deloraine;" "The Enquirer;" "The Genius of Christianity Unveiled;" "On Population" (1820); "The Herald of Literature;" "The History of the Commonwealth of England;" "Imogen;" "Lives of the Necromancers" (1834); "Mandeville;" "Life of Geoffrey Chaucer" (1803); "St. Leon," and "Thoughts on Man." He also published a Memoir of his wife in 1798. See the "Life" by Kegan Paul (1876), and Leslie Stephen's "Hours in a Library."

Goldsmith, Oliver (b. Pallas, Longford, Ireland, November 10th, 1728; d. London, April 4th, 1774). "Essays" (1758-65); "The Bee" (1759); "An Enquiry into the Present State of Polite Learning" (1759); "Biographies" (Voltaire, 1759; Thomas Parnell, 1768; Bolingbroke, 1770; Richard Nash); "The Citizen of the World" (1760-62); "The Traveller; or, a Prospect of Society" (1764); "The Vicar of Wakefield" (1766); "The Hermit: a Ballad" (1766); "The Good-Natured Man" (1768); "The Deserted Village" (1770); "She Stoops to Conquer" (1773); "Retaliation: a Poem" (1774); "The Captivity: an Oratorio;" some miscellaneous poems and various compilations, including "Memoirs of a Protestant condemned to the Gallies of France for his Religion;" "History of England in a Series of Letters from a Nobleman to his Son;" "A Survey of Experimental Philosophy;" "A Short English Grammar;" a translation of a French "History of Philosophy;" a collection of "Poems for Young Ladies;" another collection called "Beauties of English Poetry;" a "Roman History;" a "History of the Earth and of Animated Nature;" a "History of England;" a "History of Greece;" a translation of Scarron's "Comic Romance;" and contributions to *The Gentleman's Journal*, *The Lady's Magazine*, *The Westminster Magazine*, *The Public Ledger*, *The Busy Body*, *The Critical Review*, *The Monthly Review*, and *The British Magazine*. His Life has been written by Sir James Prior (1837), John Forster (1848), W. Irving (1849), W. Black (1879), and Henry Austin Dobson (1888).

Goodwin, Harvey, D.D., Bishop of

Carlisle (b. King's Lynn, 1818; d. November 25th, 1891). "Memoir of Bishop Mackenzie" (1864); "Essays on the Pentateuch" (1867); "Walks in the Regions of Science and Faith" (1883); "The Foundations of the Creed" (1889), etc.

Gordon-Cumming, Miss Constance Frederica (b. Altyre, May 26th, 1837). "From the Hebrides to the Himalayas" (1876); "At Homo in Fiji" (1881); "A Lady's Cruise in a French Man-of-War" (1882); "Fire Fountains" (1883); "Granite Crags" (1884); "The Cornwall to Egypt" (1885); "Wanderings in China" (1886); "Two Happy Years in Ceylon" (1891), etc.

Gore, the Rev. Canon Charles, (b. 1853). "Roman Catholic Claims" (1886); "The Ministry of the Christian Church" (1888); "The Incarnation of the Son of God" (1891). Editor of and contributor to "Lux Mundi;" also edited G. J. Romanes' "Thoughts on Religion" (1895), etc.

Gosse, Edmund William (b. London, September 21st, 1849). "On Viol and Flute" (1873); "King Erik" (1876); "The Unknown Lover" (1878); "Studies in the Literature of Northern Europe" (1879); "New Poems" (1879); "A Selection of English Odes" (1881); "Gray," in the *English Men of Letters* series (1882); "A Memoir of Cecil Lawson" (1883); "A Critical Essay on George Tinworth" (1883); "Seventeenth-Century Studies" (1883); "The Works of Thomas Gray" (1884); "Firdausi in Exile" (1885); "From Shakespeare to Pope" (1885); "Sir W. Raleigh" (1886); "Northern Studies" (1886); "Life of William Congreve" (1887); "History of Eighteenth-Century Literature" (1889); "Life of P. H. Gosse" (his father) (1890); "On Viol and Flute" Poems (collected) (1890); "Robert Browning: Personalia" (1890); "Gossip in a Library" (1891); "The Jacobean Poets" (1891); "The Secret of Narcisso" (1892); "Questions at Issue" (1893); "In Russet and Silver," poems (1894); "The Works of L. T. Beddoes" (1894); "Critical Kit-Kats" (1896).

Gower, John (b. 1325?; d. 1402). "Speculum Meditantis," in French; "Vox Clamantis," in Latin; "Confessio Amantis," in English. See Warton's "History of English Poetry," and Morley's "English Writers," vols. iv.-vi.

Grand, Madame Sarah, *née* Mrs. Frances E. MacFall. "Ideals" (1888); "A Domestic Experiment" (1891); "Singularly Deluded" (1893); "The Heavenly Twins" (1893); "Our Manifold Nature" (1894); "The Beth Book" (1897).

Grant, James (b. Edinburgh, August 1st, 1822; d. 1887). "The Romance of War; or, Highlanders in Spain" (1846); "Highlanders of Belgium" (1847); "The Adventures of an Aide-de-Camp" (1848); "Memoirs of Kirkcaldy of Grange" (1849); "Walter Fenton" (1850); "Edinburgh Castle" (1850); "Bothwell; or, the Days of Mary, Queen of Scots" (1851); "Memoirs of Sir John Hepburn, Marshal of France, and Colonel of the Scots Brigade" (1851); "Jane Seton; or, the King's Advocate" (1853); "Philip Rollo; or, the Scottish Musketeers" (1851); "Frank Hilton; or, the Queen's Own" (1855); "The Yellow Frigate" (1855); "The Phantom Regiment" (1856); "Harry Ogilvie; or, the Black Dragoon" (1856); "Laura Everingham" (1857); "Memoirs of the Marquis of Montrose" (1858); "Arthur Blane; or, the Hundred Cuirassiers" (1858); "The Cavaliers of Fortune" (1858); "Lucy Arden: a Tale of 1715" (1859); "Legends of the Black Watch" (1859); "Mary of Lorraine" (1860); "Oliver Ellis; or, the Fusiliers" (1861); "Dick Rodney; or, the Adventures of an Eton Boy" (1861); "The Captain of the Guard" (1862); "The Adventures of Rob Roy" (1863); "Letty Hyde's Lovers" (1863); "Second to None" (1864); "The King's Own Borderers" (1865); "The Constable of Franco" (1866); "The White Cockade; or, Faith and Fortitude" (1867); "First Love and Last Love" (1868); "The Secret Dispatch" (1868); "The Girl He Married" (1869); "Jack Manly, his Adventures" (1870); "Lady Wedderburn's Wish" (1870); "Only an Ensign" (1871); "Under the Red Dragon" (1871); "British Battles on Land and Sea" (1873); "Shall I Win Her?" (1874); "Fairer than a Fairy" (1874); "One of the Six Hundred" (1876); "Morley Ashton" (1876); "Six Years Ago" (1877); "Old and New Edinburgh;" and other works.

Gray, Thomas (b. London, December 26th, 1716; d. Cambridge, July 30th, 1771). "Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College" (1742); "Ode on Spring," "Hymn to Adversity," "Elegy written in a Country Churchyard" (1751); "The Alliance of Education and Government,"

"Ode to Vicissitude," "The Progress of Poesy," and "The Bard" (1757); "Ode on the Installation of the Duke of Grafton to the Chancellorship of the University of Cambridge" (1769); and some minor pieces. His poems have been edited by Gilbert Wakefield (1786), Mitford (1835-43), Moultrie (1845), E. W. Gosse (1884), and several others. The standard Biography is that by Mason, published in 1778. There is another by Gosse, in the *English Men of Letters* series. For Criticism, see Johnson's "Lives of the Poets," Hazlitt's "Lectures on the English Poets," Roscoe's "Essays," Drake's "Literary Hours," Brydges' "Censura Literaria," and other works.

Green, John Richard (b. 1837; d. 1883). "A Short History of the English People" (1874); "A History of the English People" (1877-80); "The Making of England" (1882); "The Conquest of England" (1884).

Green, Mrs. John Richard, *née* Stopford (b. Kells, co. Meath). "Henry the Second" (1888); "Town Life in the Fifteenth Century" (1894).

Green, Professor Thomas Hill (b. 1836; d. 1882). "Prolegomena to Ethics," edited by A. C. Bradley (1883). "Works," edited by R. L. Nettleship (1885-88). "Lectures on the Principles of Political Obligations" (1896). Edited the Philosophical Works of David Hume.

Greene, Robert (b. Norwich, 1560; d. September 3rd, 1592). A full catalogue of this writer's works may be found in Lowndes's "Bibliographer's Manual." Romances — "Menaphon" (1587); "Pandosto, the Triumph of Time; or, the History of Doraustus and Faunus" (1588); "A Pair of Turtle Doves; or, the Tragical History of Bellora and Fidelio" (1606); "The History of Arlasto, King of Denmark" (1617). Autobiography — "Greene's Never Too Late" (1590); "Farewell to Folly" (1591); "Greene's Groat's-worth of Wit, bought with a Million of Repentance" (1592); "Greene's Vision" (1592); "The Repentance of Robert Greene" (1592). Plays — "Mammilia" (1593); "The Honourable Historie of Frier Bacon and Frier Bongay" (1594); "The Historie of Orlando Furioso" (1594); "Comical Historie of Alphonsus, King of Arragon;" "A Looking-Glasse for London and England" (with Lodge, 1594); "The Scottish Historie of James IV." (1598). Miscellaneous —

"The Myrrour of Modestie" (1584); "Morando" (1584); "Euphuus, his Censure to Philautus" (1587); "Perimedes, the Blacksmith" (1588); "Alcida" (1588); "The Spanish Masquerado" (1589). For Biography and Criticism, see Collier's "Poetical Decameron" and "Dramatic Poetry," Campbell's "Specimens of the English Poets," Hazlitt's "Age of Elizabeth," Dyce's edition of Greene's Works, Brydges' "Censura Literaria," Beloe's "Anecdotes," Ritson's "Bibliographia Poetica," Wood's "Fasti Oxonienses," *The Retrospective Review*, the "Shakespeare Library," Jusserand's "English Novel in the Time of Elizabeth," the "Dictionary of National Biography," and Morley's "English Writers," vols. x. and xi.

Greg, William Rathbone (b. 1809, d. 1881). "Why are Women Redundant?" (1869); "Essays on Political and Social Science;" "Enigmas of Life" (1872); "Literary and Social Judgments;" "Political Problems;" "The Creed of Christendom" (3rd edition, 1873); "The Great Duel, its Meaning and Results;" "Truth *versus* Edification;" "Rocks Ahead; or, Warnings of Cassandra" (1874); "Mistaken Aims and Attainable Ideals of the Artisan Class" (1876); "Literary and Social Judgments" (1877); "Miscellaneous Essays" (1881-82).

Greville, Fulke (b. 1556; d. 1628). "The Life of the Renowned Sir Philip Sidney" (published 1652); "A Letter to an Honourable Lady;" "A Letter of Travell;" "Cælica, a Collection of 100 Songs;" "A Treatise on Human Learning, in 15 Stanzas;" "An Inquisition upon Fame and Honour, in 68 Stanzas;" "A Treatise on Wars, in 68 Stanzas;" "Alaham," a tragedy; "Mustapha," a tragedy. Some of his poems appeared in "England's Helicon." His "Remains" were published in 1670.

Grote, George (b. Clay Hill, Beckenham, November 17th, 1794; d. Eondon, June 18th, 1871). "The Essentials of Parliamentary Reform" (1831); "The History of Greece" (1846-56); "Plato and other Companions of Sokrates" (1866); "A Review of Mill's Examination of Sir W. Hamilton" (1868); "Aristotle" (1872). See "Life" by his wife (1876), and "Minor Works" (1873).

Grove, Sir George, D.C.L. (b. Clapham, 1820). "Beethoven and his Nine Symphonies" (1896). Has edited *Macmillan's Magazine*, and the "Dictionary

of Music and Musicians" (1879-89), to which he was one of the chief contributors, as also to Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible."

Grundy, Sydney (b. Manchester, 1848). "The Days of his Vanity" (1876). Has also written many plays.

Guthrie, Thomas, D.D. (b. Brechin, Forfarshire, 1803; d. February 24th, 1873). "The Gospel in Ezekiel" (1855); "The City: its Sins and Sorrows" (1857); "Christ and the Inheritance of the Saints" (1858); "Seed-time and Harvest of Ragged Schools" (1860); "Speaking to the Heart" (1862); "The Angels' Song" (1865); "The Parables" (1866); "Out of Harness" (1867); "Studies of Character from the Old Testament" (1868 and 1870); "Sundays Abroad" (1871); etc. Autobiography, with Memoir, by his sons (1874-75).

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Haggard, H. Rider (b. June 22nd, 1856). "Cetewayo and his White Neighbours" (1882); "Dawn" (1884); "The Witch's Head" (1885); "King Solomon's Mines" (1885); "She" (1886); "Jess" (1887); "Allan Quatermain" (1887); "Mr. Meeson's Will" (1888); "Maiwa's Revenge" (1888); "Colonel Quaritch, V.C." (1888); "Allan's Wife, and other Tales" (1889); "Cleopatra" (1889); "Beatrice" (1890); "The World's Desire," with Mr. Andrew Lang (1890); "Eric Brighteyes" (1891); "Nada the Lily" (1892); "Montezuma's Daughter" (1893); "Dawn" (1894); "The People of the Mist" (1895); "Joan Haste" (1895); "The Wizard" (1896).

Hake, Thomas Gordon, M.R.C.P. (b. 1809; d. 1895). "The Piromides" (1839); "Vates" (1840); "The World's Epitaph" (1866); "Madeline, etc." (1871); "Parables and Tales" (1872); "New Symbols" (1875); "Legends of the Morrow" (1878); "Maiden Ecstasy" (1880); "The Serpent Play" (1883); "The New Day" (1890); "Memoirs of Eighty Years" (1892); "Selected Poems" (1894).

Hakluyt, Richard (b. 1553; d. 1616). Voyages published in the following order:—(1) "Divers Voyages touching the Discoverie of America and the Lands adjacent unto the Same" (1582); (2) "Four Voyages unto Florida" (1587); and (3) "The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques, and Dis-

coveries of the English Nation, made by Sea or over Land, to the Most Remote and Furthest Distant Quarters of the Earth" (1589). Of these, a new edition was published in 1809-12, followed by a supplementary volume in 1812, containing several Voyages which Hakluyt had recommended for publication. For biographical and bibliographical particulars, see the "Biographia Britannica," Oldys's "Librarian," Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses," Lowndes's "Bibliographer's Manual," and the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Hall, Samuel Carter (b. 1801; d. March 16th, 1889). "Ireland" (1841-43); "Poems" (1850?); "Book of the Thames" (1859); "Book of South Wales," etc. (with Mrs. Hall) (1861); "Memories of Great Men and Women of the Age" (1870); "A Memory of T. Moore" (1879); "Retrospect of a Long Life" (1883), etc.

Hallam, Henry (b. Windsor, 1777; d. Penhurst, January 21st, 1859). "View of Europe during the Middle Ages" (1818); "Constitutional History of England" (1827); "An Introduction to the Literature of Europe" (1837-39), and various essays in *The Edinburgh Review*. See sketch of his "Life" by Dean Milman in "Transactions of the Royal Society," vol. x.

Hamerton, Philip Gilbert (b. Lane-side, Shaw, Lancashire, September 10th, 1834; d. November, 1894). "A Painter's Camp in the Highlands" (1862); "Contemporary French Painters" (1867); "Etching and Etchers" (1868); "Wendholme" (1869); "The Intellectual Life" (1873); "Life of Turner" (1878); "Modern Frenchmen" (1878); "The Graphic Arts" (1882); "Human Intercourse" (1884); "Landscape" (1885); "Imagination in Landscape Painting" (1887); "The Saone: a Summer Voyage" (1887); "French and English" (1889); "Portfolio Papers" (1889); "Drawing and Engraving" (1892); "Man in Art" (1892); "Present State of the Fine Arts in France" (1892).

Hamilton, Sir William (b. Glasgow, March 3rd, 1791; d. 1856). Author of "Discussions on Philosophy" (1852); and of lectures on metaphysics and logic, published by Professors Mansel and Veitch in 1859-60. Edited the works of Reid, with Notes and Dissertations (1846). See Veitch's "Memoirs" and Ueberweg's "History of Philosophy."

Hamley, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Edward

Bruce (b. Bodmin, April 27th, 1824; d. August 14th, 1893). "The Story of the Campaign of Sebastopol" (1855); "Wellington's Career" (1860); "The Operations of War" (1866); "Voltaire" (1877); "National Defence" (1889); "Shakespeare's Funeral, and Other Papers" (1889); "The War in the Crimea" (1890), etc. "Life," by Alexander Innes Shand (1895).

Hanna, Rev. Professor William, LL.D. (b. 1808; d. May 24th, 1882). "Notes on a Visit to Hayti" (1836); "On Religion" (1857); "Wycliffe and the Huguenots" (1860); "Last Days of Our Lord's Passion" (1862); "The Forty Days After Our Lord's Resurrection" (1863); "Earlier Years of Our Lord's Life on Earth" (1864); "The Passion Week" (1866); "The Ministry in Galilee" (1868); "Our Lord's Life on Earth" (1869); "The Close of the Ministry" (of Jesus Christ) (1869); "Wars of the Huguenots" (1871). Edited the *North British Review*.

Hannay, James (b. 1827; d. 1873). "Biscuits and Grog" (1848); "A Claret Cap" (1848); "King Dobbs" (1848); "Hearts are Trumps" (1849); "Singleton Fontenoy" (1850); "Sketches in Ultramarine" (1853); "Satire and Satirists" (1854); "Eustace Conyers" (1855); "Essays from the *Quarterly*" (1861); "A Course of English Literature" (1866); and "Studies on Thackeray" (1869). Edited *The Edinburgh Courant*.

Hardy, Miss Isa Duffus (b. Enfield). "Between Two Fires" (1873); "Glencairn" (1876); "Only a Love Story" (1877); "A Broken Faith" (1878); "Friend and Lover" (1880); "Love, Honour, and Obey" (1881); "The Love That He Passed By" (1884); "Between Two Oceans" (1884); "Hearts or Diamonds" (1885); "Oranges and Alligators" (1886); "The Girl He Did Not Marry" (1887); "Love in Idleness" (1887); "A New Othello" (1890); "A Woman's Loyalty" (1893); "A Buried Sin" (1893), etc.

Hardy, Thomas (b. Dorsetshire, June 2nd, 1840). "Under the Greenwood Tree" (1872); "A Pair of Blue Eyes" (1873); "Far from the Madding Crowd" (1874); "The Hand of Ethelberta" (1876); "The Return of the Native" (1878); "The Trumpet Major" (1880); "A Laodicean" (1881); "Two on a Tower" (1882); "The Mayor of Casterbridge" (1886); "The Wood-

landers" (1887); "Wessex Tales" (1888); "A Group of Noble Dames" (1891); "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (1892); "Life's Little Ironies" (1894); "Jude the Obscure" (1895); "The Well Beloved" (1897).

Hare, Augustus John Cuthbert (b. 1834). "Epitaphs from Country Churchyards" (1856); "Walks in Rome" (1871); "Memorials of a Quiet Life" (1872); "Wanderings in Spain" (1873); "Days Near Rome" (1875); "Cities of Northern and Central Italy" (1876); "Walks in London" (1878); "Cities of Southern Italy and Sicily" (1883); "Cities of Central and Northern Italy" (1884); "Venice" (1884); "Studies in Russia" (1885); "Sketches in Holland and Scandinavia" (1885); "Paris" (1887); "North-Eastern France" (1890); "South-Eastern France" (1890); "South-Western France" (1890); "Memorials of Charlotte, Countess Canning, and Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford" (1893); "Sussex" (1894); "Life and Letters of Maria Edgeworth" (1894); "The Story of My Life" (1896).

Hare, Ven. Julius Charles (b. 1795; d. 1855). "The Victory of Faith," etc. (1840); "Mission of the Comforter," etc. (1846); "Guesses at Truth," with A. W. Hare (1847); "Vindication of Luther" (1855); "Charges to the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Lewes" (1856); translated (with Connop Thirlwall) Niebuhr's "History of Rome," etc.

Harrington, Sir John (b. 1561; d. 1612). "Orlando Furioso, translated into Heroical English Verse" (1591); "The Metamorphosis of Ajax" (1596); "The Englishman's Doctor; or, the School of Salerne" (1609); "The Most Elegant and Witty Epigrams of Sir J. H." (1615).

Harrison, Frederic (b. London, October 18th, 1831). "The Meaning of History" (1862); "England and France" (1866); "Questions for a Reformed Parliament" (1867); "Order and Progress" (1875); a translation of Comte's "Social Statics" (1875); "The Present and the Future" (1880); "Martial Law in Cabul" (1880); "Lectures on Education" (1883); "On the Choice of Books" (1886); "Oliver Cromwell" (1888); "Early Victorian Literature" (1896); "William the Silent" (1897), etc.

Hatch, Edwin, D.D. (b. Derby, 1835; d. November 11th, 1899). "Student's

Handbook to the University and Colleges of Oxford" (1873); "Organization of Early Christian Churches" (1881); "Progress in Theology" (1885); "Study of Ecclesiastical History" (1885); "Growth of Church Institutions" (1887); "Studies in Biblical Greek" (1889).

Hatton, Joseph (b. 1839). "Christopher Henrick" (1869); "Clytie" (1874); "The Queen of Bohemia" (1877); "Cruel London" (1878); "Three Recruits" (1880); "To-day in America" (1881); "The New Ceylon" (1881); "Journalistic London" (1882); "Henry Irving's Impressions of America" (1884); "John Needham's Double" (1885); "The Old House at Sandwich" (1887); "Captured by Cannibals" (1888); "Reminiscences of J. L. Toole" (1889); "By Order of the Czar" (1890); "The Princess Mazuroff" (1891); "Cigarette Papers" (1892); "Under the Great Seal" (1893); "In Jest and Earnest" (1893); "The Banishment of Jessop Blythe" (1895); "A World Afloat" (1896); "The Dagger and the Cross" (1897), etc.

Havergal, Frances Ridley (b. 1836; d. 1879). Author of many devotional poems, etc., of which a collected edition appeared in three volumes in 1881, supplemented by further volumes of verse and story. "Memorials," by M. V. G. Havergal, her sister (1880).

Haweis, Rev. Hugh Reginald (b. 1838). "Music and Morals" (1871); "Thoughts for the Times" (1872); "Speech in Season" (1874); "Current Coin" (1876); "Arrows in the Air" (1878); "American Humorists" (1882); "My Musical Life" (1884); "Christ and Christianity" (1887); "Sir Morell Mackenzie" (1893); "Travel and Talk" (1896), etc.

Hawker, Robert Stephen (b. 1805; d. 1875). "Ecclesia" (1841); "Echoes from Old Cornwall" (1845); "The Quest of the Sangrail" (1864); "Cornish Ballads" (1869); "Footprints of Former Men in Cornwall" (1870). See Baring-Gould's "Vicar of Morwenstow" and F. G. Lee's "Life of R. S. Hawker."

Hayward, Abraham (b. 1803; d. 1884). "The Art of Dining" (1852); "Biographical and Critical Essays" (1856); "The Letters and Remains of Mrs. Piozzi" (1861); "Selections from the Diary of a Lady of Quality" (1864); "Goethe, a Biographical Sketch" (1877); "Short Rules of Modern Whist" (1878); "Sketches of Eminent Statesmen and

Writers" (1880). He also translated Goethe's "Faust" (1883), edited the *Law Magazine*, and contributed constantly to the *Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews*. See his "Correspondence" (1886).

Hazlitt, William (b. Maidstone, April 10th, 1778; d. September 18th, 1830). "An Essay on the Principles of Human Action" (1805); "Free Thoughts on Public Affairs" (1805); "A Reply to Malthus" (1807); "The Eloquence of the British Senate" (1807); "A New Grammar of the English Tongue" (1810); "Memoirs of Thomas Holcroft" (1816); "Characters of Shakespeare's Plays" (1817); "The Round Table" (1817); "A View of the English Stage" (1818); "Lectures on the English Poets" (1818); "Lectures on the English Comic Writers" (1819); "Political Essays" (1819); "Table Talk" (1821); "Lectures on the Dramatic Literature of the Age of Elizabeth" (1821); "Characteristics in the Manner of Rochefoucauld's Maxims" (1823); "Liber Amoris; or, the New Pygmalion" (1823); "Notes of a Journey through France and Italy" (1825); "The Spirit of the Age; or, Contemporary Portraits" (1825); "Select Poets of Great Britain" (1825); "The Plain Speaker; or, Opinions on Books, Men, and Things" (1826); "The Life of Napoleon Bonaparte" (1828); "Conversations with James Northcote" (1830); and "A Life of Titian" (1830). See the "Life" by his grandson (1867), and the "Literary Remains," with the first Lord Lytton's Introduction, and Stephen's "Hours in a Library."

Head, Sir Francis Bond (b. near Rochester, 1793; d. July 23rd, 1875). "Rough Notes on the Pampas" (1826); "A Life of Bruce the Traveller" (1830); "Bubbles from the Brunnen of Nassau" (1833); "The Emigrant" (1846); "The Defenceless State of Britain" (1850); "A Faggot of French Sticks" (1851); "A Fortnight in Ireland" (1852); "Descriptive Essays" (1857); "The Horse, and his Rider" (1860); "The Royal Engineer" (1860), etc.

Heber, Reginald, Bishop of Calcutta (b. Malpas, Cheshire, April 21st, 1783; d. 1826). "Poems" (1812); "The Personality and Office of the Christian Comforter" (1815); an edition of the works of Jeremy Taylor, and numerous essays in the *Quarterly Review*, besides his Newdigate prize poem, called "Palestine." See his "Journal," the "Life"

by his widow (1830), "The Last Days of Heber," by Thomas Robinson, and the *Memoirs* by Potter and Taylor.

Helps, Sir Arthur (b. 1817; d. London, March 7th, 1875). "Thoughts in the Cloister and the Crowd" (1835); "Essays written in the Intervals of Business" (1841); "Friends in Council" (1841, 1859); "King Henry II.," an historical drama (1843); "Catherine Douglas," a tragedy (1843); "The Claims of Labour" (1845); "Companions of my Solitude" (1851); "A History of the Spanish Conquest of America" (1855-61); "Oulita, the Serf" (1858); "Realma" (1869); "Life of Pizarro" (1869); "Casimir Maremma" (1870); "Brevia: Short Essays and Aphorisms" (1870); "Conversations on War and General Culture" (1871); "Thoughts upon Government" (1871); "Life of Cortez" (1871); "Ivan de Biron" (1874); and "Social Pressure" (1874).

Hemans, Felicia Dorothea (b. 1794; d. 1835). "Early Blossoms of Spring" (1808); "England and Spain; or, Valour and Patriotism" (1808); "The Domestic Affections" (1812); "Restoration of the Works of Art in Italy" (1817); "Modern Greece" (1817); "Meeting of Wallace and Bruce" (1819); "The Sceptic" (1820); "Dartmoor" (1821); "Welsh Melodies" (1822); "Siege of Valencia" (1823); "The Forest Sanctuary" (1826); "Records of Woman" (1828); "Songs of the Affections" (1830); "National Lyrics" (1834); "Hymns of Childhood" (1834); "Scenes and Hymns of Life" (1834); "Poetical Remains" (1836).

Henley, W. E., LL.D. (b. Gloucester, 1849). "A Book of Verses" (1883); "Views and Reviews" (1890); "Three Plays," with R. L. Stevenson (1892); "The Song of the Sword, etc." (1892); "London Voluntaries, etc." (1893). Editor of "English Classics," the "Tudor Translations," etc. Also edited *Ninth Review and National Observer*. Edited works of Byron (1896); Burns (1897).

Henry, Matthew (b. Broad Oak, Whitechurch, Shropshire, 1662; d. Nantwich, June 22nd, 1714). "An Exposition of the Old and New Testaments," "Life of the Rev. Philip Henry" (1696); "Discourse concerning Meekness" (1698); "The Communicant's Companion" (1704); "Direction for Daily Communion" (1712), and "The Pleasantness of a Religious Life" (1714). See the "Lives" by Tong and Williams.

Henty, George Alfred (b. 1832). "The March to Magdala" (1868); "All But Lost" (1869); "Out on the Pampas" (1870); "The Young Franc-Tireurs" (1871); "The March to Coomassie" (1874); "The Young Colonist" (1884); "Condemned as a Nihilist" (1892); "Wulf the Saxon" (1894); "In the Heart of the Rookies" (1894); "At Agincourt" (1896); "On the Irrawaddy" (1896); "With Cochrane the Dauntless" (1896); "The Queen's Cup" (1897), etc.

Herbert, George (b. 1593; d. 1632). "The Temple" (1631); "The Country Parson" (1652), etc. See the "Lives" by Izaak Walton (1670) and Duyckinck (1858); also the edition of his Works, with a Memoir by A. B. Grosart (1875).

Herriek, Robert (b. London, 1591; d. October 16th, 1674). "Noble Numbers, or Pious Pieces" (1647). The remainder of his writings appeared in 1648 under the title of "Hesperides." See the "Complete Poems," edited by A. B. Grosart (1877), and the "Selection," by F. T. Palgrave (1877).

Herschel, Sir John Frederick William (b. 1792; d. 1871). "A Preliminary Discourse on the Study of Natural Philosophy" (1830); "A Treatise on Astronomy" (1833); "Results of Astronomical Observations made during the Years 1834-38 at the Cape of Good Hope" (1847); "Outlines of Astronomy" (1849); "A Manual of Scientific Enquiry" (1849); "Essays from the *Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews*" (1857).

Heywood, John (b. 1506; d. 1565; Works:—"The Play of Love" (1523); "A Mery Play betweene Johan the Husband, Tyb the Wife, and St. Johan the Prestyr" (1533); "A Mery Play betweene the Pardoner and the Frere, the Curate and Neybour Prattle" (1533); "Of Gentylnes and Nobyltye, a Dialogue" (1535); "A Dialogue, etc." (1546); "The Spider and the Flie" (1556); "A Breffe Balet" (1557); "The Play called the Four P's" (1559); "A Balade," etc., in MS. Harl.; "Dialogue of Wit and Folly," in Fairholt's edition; "Poetical Dialogue," etc., in MS. Harl., Brit. Mus.; "A Description of a Most Noble Ladye," in MS. Harl.

Hinkson, Mrs. Katharine, née Tyman (b. Dublin, 1861). "Louise de la Vallière," etc. (1885); "Shamrocks" (1887); "A Nun, her Friends, and her Order" (1891); "Ballads and Lyrics" (1891); "A Cluster of Nuts"; "Cuckoo Songs" (1894); "Miracle Plays"; "The Way of a Maid" (1895); "An Isle in the Water"; "The Course of True Love"; "A Lover's Breast-knot"; "Oh, what a Plague is Love" (1896); "The Wind in the Trees" (1898), etc.

Hinton, James, M.R.C.S. (b. 1822; d. 1875). "Man and His Dwelling-place" (1859); "Life in Nature" (1862); "Mystery of Pain" (1860); "Selections from MSS." (1870-74); "Chapters on the Art of Thinking" (1879); and various medical works. "Life" by Miss Jane Ellice Hopkins (1878).

Hinton, Rev. J. Howard (b. March 24th, 1791; d. December 17th, 1873). "Voluntary Principle in the United States" (1851); "Acquaintance with God" (1856); "God's Government of Man" (1856); "Redemption" (1859); "Tour in Holland and North Germany" (1860); "Moderate Calvinism Re-examined" (1861); "Theological Works" (1864), etc.

Hobbes, John Oliver, vere Mrs. Pearl Craigie (b. Boston, Mass., November 3rd, 1867). "Some Emotions and a Moral" (1891); "The Sinner's Comedy" (1892); "A Bundle of Life" (1893); "A Study in Temptations" (1893); "The Gods, Some Mortals, and Lord Wickensham" (1895); "The Herb-Moon" (1896); "The School for Saints" (1897).

Hobbes, Thomas (b. Malmesbury, April 5th, 1588; d. December 4th, 1679). "The Wonders of the Peak," a poem (1636); "De Cive" (1646); "Human Nature" 1650; "De Corpore Politico" (1650); "Leviathan" (1651); "Liberty and Necessity" (1654); "Decameron Physiologicum" (1678); "The Behemoth"; a free translation of Aristotle's "Rhetoric"; a translation of Homer into English verse; and his own "Life," in Latin verse (1672). See also the "Life" by Blackburne (1681) Complete Works by Sir W. Molesworth (1842-45).

Hodder, Edwin (b. Staines, 1837). "Heroes of Britain" (1878-80); "Cities of the World" (1881-84); "Life and Work of the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury" (1886); "Life of Samuel Morley" (1887); "Sir George Burns" (1890); "George Fife Angus" (1891); "History of South Australia" (1893); "John MacGregor: 'Rob Roy'" (1894); "George Smith of Coalville" (1896).

Hoey, Mrs. Frances Sarah (b. 1830). "A House of Cards" (1868); "Falsely True" (1870); "A Golden Sorrow" (1872); "Out of

Court" (1874); "The Blossoming of an Aloe" (1875); "No Sign, etc." (1876); "Griffith's Double" (1876); "All or Nothing" (1879); "The Question of Cain" (1882); "The Lover's Creed" (1884); "A Stern Chase" (1886); "Translations from the French," etc.

Hogg, James (b. Forest of Ettrick, Selkirkshire, January 25th, 1772; d. Altrive, November 21st, 1835). "The Mistakes of a Night" (1794); "Verses" (1801); "The Mountain Bard" (1807); "The Queen's Wake" (1813); "Madoc of the Moor"; "The Pilgrims of the Sun," "The Poetic Mirror," "Queen Hynde," and other poems; together with the following prose works:—"The Brownie of Bodsbeck," "Winter Evening Tales," "The Three Perils of Man," "The Three Perils of Women," "The Altrive Tales," "The Confessions of a Justified Sinner," "Lay Sermons," and "A Life of Sir Walter Scott."

Hole, The Very Rev. Samuel Reynolds, D.D. (b. December 5th, 1819). "A Little Tour in Ireland" (1850); "A Book about Roses" (1869); "Six of Spades" (1872); "Hints to Preachers" (1880); "Nice and her Neighbours" (1881); "A Book about the Garden and the Gardener" (1892); "The Memories of Dean Hole" (1892); "More Memories" (1894), etc.

Hood, Thomas (b. London, May 23rd, 1799; d. London, 1845). "Odes and Addresses to Great People," with J. H. Reynolds (1825); "The Plea of the Midsummer Fairies, and Other Poems" (1827); "National Tales" (1827); "The Epping Hunt" (1829); "Comic Annual" (1830 to 1839); "Tynney Hall" (1834); "Hood's Own" (1838-39); "Up the Rhine" (1840); and "Whimsicalities" (1843-44). The "Poems," and "Poems of Wit and Humour," are published in a collected form. For Biography, see his Literary Reminiscences in "Hood's Own," and the "Life" by Hood's son and daughter.

Hook, Theodore Edward (b. London, September 22nd, 1788; d. London, August 24th, 1841). "Sayings and Doings" (1824, 1825, 1828); "Maxwell" (1830); "Gilbert Gurney" (1835); "Gurney Married" (1837); "Jack Brag" (1837); "Births, Deaths, and Marriages" (1839); "Precepts and Practices" (1840); "Fathers and Sons" (1840); and "Peregrine Bunce," also several plays, including "Peter and Paul" and "Killing No Murder." His "Life of Sir David

Baird" in 1832. Edited *John Bull* and *New Monthly*. "Life" by Barham (1848).

Hook, Walter Farquhar, D.D., Dean of Chichester (b. London, 1798; d. October 20th, 1875). "The Last Days of Our Lord's Ministry" (1832); "Sermons Preached before the University of Oxford" (1837); "Hear the Church" (1838); "A Church Dictionary" (1842); "An Ecclesiastical Biography" (1845-52); "The Three Reformations: Lutheran, Roman, Anglican" (1847); "Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury" [to Archbishop Juxon] (1860-76); "The Church and its Ordinances" (1876). "Life" by W. R. W. Stephens (1878).

Hooker, Richard (b. 1553; d. 1600). "On the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity," books i.-iv. (1593); book v. (1597); book vii. (1617); books vi. and viii. (1648). Rev. John Keble published an edition of Hooker in 1836, revised by Dean Church and Canon Paget (1888).

Hope, Anthony, vers Anthony Hope Hawkins (b. 1863). "A Man of Mark" (1890); "Father Stafford" (1891); "Mr. Witt's Widow" (1892); "A Change of Air" (1893); "Sport Royal" (1893); "Half a Hero" (1893); "The Prisoner of Zenda" (1894); "The God in the Car" (1894); "The Dolly Dialogues" (1894); "Chronicles of Count Antonio" (1895); "Comedies of Courtship" (1895); "The Heart of Princess Oara" (1896); "Phroso" (1897); "Simon Dale" (1898).

Horne, George, Bishop of Norwich (b. 1730; d. 1792). "Commentary of the Psalms" (1776), etc.

Horne, Richard Hengist (b. London, 1803; d. 1884). "Cosmo de Medici" (1837); "The Death of Marlowe" (1838); "Exposition of the False Medium and Barriers excluding Men of Genius from the Public" (1838); "Gregory the Seventh," a tragedy (1840); "A Life of Napoleon" (1841); "Orion, an Epic Poem" (1843); "A New Spirit of the Age" (1844); "Ballads and Romances" (1846); "Judas Iscariot" (1848); "The Dreamer and the Worker" (1851); "Undeveloped Characters of Shakespeare"; "Austrian Facts and Prospects"; and "Laura Dibalzo" (1880).

Hornung, Ernest William (b. Middlesbrough, June 7th, 1866). "A Bride from the Bush" (1890); "Under Two Skies" (1892); "Tiny Luttrell" (1893);

"The Boss of Taroomba" (1894); "The Unbidden Guest" (1894); "Irrallic's Bushranger" (1896); "The Rogue's March" (1896); "My Lord Duke" (1897); "Young Blood" (1898).

Horton, Rev. Robert Forman, D.D. (b. 1855). "History of the Romans" (1884); "Inspiration and the Bible"; "The Book of Proverbs" (1888); "Revelation and the Bible" (1892); "Verbum Dei" (1893); "The Cartoons of St. Mark" (1894); "The Apostles' Creed," etc. (1895); "John Howe"; "Four Pillars of the Home"; "On the Art of Living Together" (1896).

Houghton, Richard Monckton Milnes, Baron (b. 1809; d. 1885). "Memorials of a Tour in Greece" (1833); "Memorials of a Residence on the Continent" (1838); "Poems of Many Years" (1838); "Poetry for the People" (1840); "Poems, Legendary and Historical" (1844); "Keats's Life, Letters, and Literary Remains" (1848); "Boswelliana" (1855); "Essays on Reform" (1867); "Monographs, Personal and Social" (1873). "Life" by Wemyss Reid (1890).

Howe, John (b. 1630; d. 1706). "The Living Temple" (1676-1702); "The Redeemer's Tears" (1685); "The Calm and Sober Inquiry concerning the Possibility of a Trinity in the Godhead" (1695); "The Blessedness of the Righteous"; "The Redeemer's Dominion over the Invisible World"; "Delighting in God" (1700). *See* the "Lives" by Calamy, Hunt (1823), Rogers (1836), and Horton (1896).

Howell, James (b. 1594; d. 1666). "Dendrologia; or, the Vocall Forest" (1640); "Instructions for Forraigne Travell" (1642); "Epistolæ Ho-elianæ" (1645-55); "A Perfect Description of the People and Country of Scotland" (1649); "Londinopolis, an Historicall Discourse or Perlustration of the City of London and of Westminster" (1657); "Poems upon Divers Emergent Occasions" (1664). *See* "Athenæ Oxonienses," "Biographia Britannica," the "Dictionary of National Biography," and Hallam's "Literature of Europe."

Howitt, Mary (b. Uttoreter, 1800; d. January 30th, 1888). "The Seven Temptations," "Wood Leighton," "The Heir of West Weyland," "The Dial of Love," "Lilieslea," "Stories of Stapleford," "The Cost of Gaergwyn," etc. She also translated into English Andersen's "Improvisatore," and all the works of Frederika Bremer.

Howitt, William (b. 1795; d. 1879).

"The Book of the Season" (1831); "The History of Priestcraft" (1833); "The Rural Life of England" (1837); "Student Life in Germany" (1841); "The Rural and Domestic Life of Germany" (1842); "The Aristocracy of England" (1846); "The Haunts and Homes of British Poets" (1847); "The Man of the People" (1860); "The Ruined Castles and Abbeys of England" (1861); "The History of the Supernatural" (1863); "The Mad War Planet, and other Poems" (1871), etc.

Howson, John Saul, Dean of Chester (b. 1816; d. December 15th, 1885). "The Life and Epistles of St. Paul," with W. J. Conybeare (1852); "The Miracles of Christ" (1871-77); "Chester as It Was" (1872); "The River Dee, its Aspect and History" (1875); "Horæ Petrinæ" (1883).

Hughes, Thomas (b. 1823; d. 1896). "Tom Brown's School Days" (1856); "Tom Brown at Oxford" (1861); "The Scouring of the White Horse" (1858); "Alfred the Great" (1869); "The Memoirs of a Brother" (1873); "Our Old Church" (1879); "The Manliness of Christ" (1879); "Mémorial of Daniel Macmillan" (1882); "A Manual for Co-operators" (1881); "Gone to Texas" (1884); "Mémorial of Bishop Fraser" (1887); "David Livingstone" (1889); and sundry miscellanies.

Hume, David (b. Edinburgh, April 26th, 1711; d. Edinburgh, August 26th, 1776). "Treatise of Human Nature" (1738); "Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary" (1741-42); an "Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding" (1748); an "Inquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals" (1751); "Political Discourse" (1751); "The History of England" (1754, 1756, 1759, and 1761); and the "Natural History of Religion" (1756). *See* the "Autobiography," edited by Adam Smith (1789); and the "Lives" by Pratt (1777), Dalrymple (1787), Ritchie (1807), and Hill Burton (1846). "Philosophical Works" (1875). *See* Huxley's monograph (1879).

Hunt, James Henry Leigh (b. Southgate, Middlesex, October 19th, 1784; d. August 28th, 1859). "The Feast of the Poets" (1814); "The Descent of Liberty" (1815); "Bacchus in Tuscany" (1816); "Hero and Leander" (1816); "Francesca da Rimini" (1816); "Ultra-Crepidarius" (1819); "Amyntas" (1820); "Recollections of Lord Byron" (1828); "Sir Ralph Esher"

(1832); "Captain Sword and Captain Pen" (1839); "A Legend of Florence" (1840); "The Palfrey" (1842); "Christianism" (1846); "Men, Women, and Books" (1847); "The Town" (1848); "Autobiography" (1850); "The Religion of the Heart" (1853); "Stories in Verse" (1855); "The Old Court Suburb" (1855); "Table Talk"; "A Jar of Honey from Mount Hybla"; "A Tale for the Chimney Corner"; "Wishing Cap Papers"; and "A Day by the Fire." He was also the compiler, with notes, of "Wit and Humour" and "Imagination and Fancy." Edited *The Examiner* (1808-21); *The Literary Examiner* (1817); *The Indicator* (1819-21); *The Companion* (1828); *The Tatler* (1830-32); *The London Journal* (1834-35); and *The Reflector*. For Biography, see the "Life and Letters" by his son; Cosmo Monkhouse's "Life"; Hawthorne's "Our Old Home"; Grundy's "Pictures of the Past," etc. See also Alexander Smith's "Dreamthorpe."

Huxley, Thomas Henry, LL.D. (o. Ealing, May 4th, 1825; d. June 29th, 1895). "Man's Place in Nature" (1863); "Lectures on Comparative Anatomy" (1864); "Lessons on Elementary Physiology" (1866); "The Classification of Animals" (1869); "Lay Sermons, Addresses, and Reviews" (1870); "Critiques and Addresses" (1873); "Elementary Biology" (1875); "American Lectures and Addresses" (1877); "Hume" (1879); "The Crayfish" (1881); "Science, Culture, etc." (1881); "Social Diseases and Worse Remedies" (1891); "Essays upon some Controverted Questions" (1892); "Evolution and Ethics" (1893). Collected Essays, in nine volumes, completed 1895.

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Ingelow, Jean (b. Boston, about 1820; d. 1897). "Tales of Orris" (1860); "The Round of Days" (1861); "Poems" (1862); "A Story of Doom, and other Poems" (1867); "Mopsa the Fairy" (1869); "Little Wonderhorn" (1872); "Off the Skelligs" (1873); "Fated to be Free" (1876); "Don John" (1876); "Sarah de Borenger" (1880); "The High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire" (1883); "Very Young, etc." (1890); "Stories Told to a Child" (1892).

Ingoldsbys, Thomas. (See **BARHAM, RICHARD HENRY.**)

James I. of England (b. Edinburgh, June 19th, 1566; d. March 27th, 1625). "Essays of a Prentice in the Divine Art of Poesie" (1584); "Majesty's Poetical Exercises" (1591); "Demonologie" (1597); "Basilikon Doron" (1599); "Triplici Nodo Triplex Cuneus" (1605); "Remonstrance for the Right of Kings" (1615); "A Counterblaste to Tobacco" (1616). Prose Works (1616). See Arber's reprints; also "Lives" by Wilson (1653), Sanderson (1656), Harris (1753), Laing (1804), Thompson (1825), Nichol's "Progresses, etc., of James I." (1829); D'Israeli's "Inquiry into the Literary and Political Character of James I." (1816); and S. R. Gardiner's "History of England from the Accession of James I."

James I. of Scotland (b. Dunfermline; 1391; d. Perth, February 20th, 1437). "The King's Quhair" (1783); "Christis Kirk on the Green," and "Pebelis to the Play." See "Lives" by Wilson and Chalmers (1830).

James, George Payne Rainsford (b. London, 1801; d. Venice, June 9th, 1860). About 180 novels—"Riche-lieu" (1825); "Darnley" (1830), etc.; and a few historical works.

Jameson, Mrs. (b. Dublin, May 19th, 1797; d. March 17th, 1860). "The Loves of the Poets" (1829); "Celebrated Female Sovereigns" (1831); "Characteristics of Shakespeare's Women" (1832); "Beauties of the Court of Charles II." (1833); "Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada" (1838); "Lives of the Early Italian Painters" (1845); "Memoirs and Essays" (1846); "Sacred and Legendary Art" (1848); "Legends of the Madonna" (1852); "A commonplace Book of Thoughts, Memories, and Fancies" (1854); "The Diary of an Ennuyée" (1856), etc.; "Life" (1878).

Jeaffreson, John Cordy (b. Framlingham, January 14th, 1831). "Novels and Novelists from Elizabeth to Victoria" (1858); "A Book about Doctors" (1860); "Life of Robert Stephenson" (1864); "A Book about Lawyers" (1866); "A Book about the Clergy" (1870); "Brides and Bridals" (1872); "A Book about the Table" (1874); "A Young Squire of the Seventeenth Century" (1877); "The Real Lord Byron" (1883); "The Real Shelley" (1885); "Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson" (1887); "The Queen of Naples

and Lord Nelson" (1889); "Victoria, Queen and Empress" (1893); "A Book of Recollections" (1893); etc.

Jefferies, Richard (b. Wiltshire, 1848; d. 1887). "The Scarlet Shawl" (1874); "Rustic Human Hearts" (1875); "World's End" (1877); "The Gamekeeper at Home" (1878); "Wild Life in a Southern County" (1879); "The Amateur Poacher" (1879); "Hodge and his Masters" (1880); "Greene Ferne Farm" (1880); "Round About a Great Estate" (1880); "Wood Magic" (1881); "Bevis" (1882); "The Story of My Heart" (1883); "Nature Near London" (1883); "Red Deer" (1884); "The Dewy Morn" (1884); "Life of the Fields" (1884); "The Open Air" (1885); "After London" (1885); "Amaryllis at the Fair" (1887); "Field and Hedgerow," essays collected by Mrs. Jefferies (1889); "The Toilers of the Field" (1892). "Eulogy" by Walter Besant (1888) and "Life" by H. S. Salt (1894).

Jeffrey, Francis, Lord (b. Edinburgh, October 23rd, 1773; d. Edinburgh, January 26th, 1850). Edited *Edinburgh Review* from 1803 to 1829. "Essays" (1843). See his "Life" (with "Letters") by Lord Cockburn (1852).

Jerome, Jerome Klapka (b. Walsall, May 2nd, 1861). "On the Stage—and Off" (1886); "Barbara" (1886); "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" (1886); "Sunset" (1889); "Stageland" (1889); "Three Men in a Boat" (1889); "Diary of a Pilgrimage, etc." (1891); "Told After Supper" (1891); "Novel Notes" (1893); "John Ingerfield, etc." (1894); "Sketches in Lavender" (1897).

Jerrold, Douglas William (b. London, January 3rd, 1803; d. June 8th, 1857). "Black-eyed Susan" (1820); "The Rent Day" (1832); "Men of Character" (1838); "Cakes and Ale" (1841); "The Story of a Feather" (1843); "Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures" (1845); "Punch's Complete Letter Writer" (1846); "The Chronicles of Clovernook" (1846); "A Man made of Money" (1849); "The Cat-paw" (1850); "Retired from Business" (1851); and "A Heart of Gold" (1854). His "Works" have been published in a collected form. "Life" (1858).

Jessopp, Rev. Augustus, D.D. (b. Cheshunt, 1824). "Norwich School Sermons" (1864); "One Generation of a Norfolk House" (1878); "History of

the Diocese of Norwich" (1884); "Arcady for Better for Worse" (1887); "The Coming of the Friars, and other Historical Essays" (1888); "Trials of a Country Parson" (1890); "Studies by a Recluse" (1892); "Random Roaming, etc." (1894). Editor of "Visitations of the Diocese of Norwich" (1888).

Johnson, Samuel, LL.D. (b. Lichfield, September 18th, 1709; d. London, December 13th, 1784). "London" (1738); "The Life of Richard Savage" (1744); "Miscellaneous Observations on the Tragedy of Hamlet, with Remarks on Hanmer's Edition of Shakespeare" (1745); "The Vanity of Human Wishes" (1749); "Irene" (1749); "Rasselas" (1759); "A Visit to the Hebrides" (1773); "Dictionary of the English Language" (1775); and "The Lives of the Poets" (1779-81); besides writing *The Idler*, a weekly essay in *The Universal Chronicle* (1758-60), and nearly the whole of *The Rambler*. His edition of Shakespeare appeared in 1765. See the "Lives" by Towers (1786), Hawkins (1787), Boswell (1791), Anderson (1795), and Russell (1847); also Carlyle's "Essays," Leslie Stephen's monograph (1878); Matthew Arnold's introduction to "The Lives of the Poets" (1879); Birkbeck Hill's "Dr. Johnson, his Friends and his Critics" (1879); the same author's edition of "Boswell's Life of Johnson," etc.

Jones, Henry Arthur (b. 1851). "Saints and Sinners" (1891); "The Crusaders" (1893); "Judah" (1894); and many other plays. "Renaissance of the English Drama" (1895); "Michael and his Lost Angel" (1896).

Jonson, Ben (b. Westminster, 1574; d. August 6th, 1637). "Every Man in his Humour" (1596); "Every Man out of his Humour" (1599); "Cynthia's Revels" (1600); "The Poetaster" (1601); "Sejanus" (1603); "Eastward-Hoe" (with Chapman and Marston) (1605); "Volpone" (1605); "Episcopo; or, the Silent Woman" (1609); "The Alchemist" (1610); "Catiline" (1611); "Bartholomew Fair" (1614); "The Devil's an Ass" (1616); "The Forest" (1616); "The Staple of News" (1625); "The New Inn" (1630); "The Magnetic Lady" (1632); and "The Tale of a Tub" (1633); besides his unfinished pastoral, "The Sad Shepherd" (1637); various Masques; "Underwoods"; "Timber"; a "Grammar"; and many miscellaneous poems and translations. See Lowndes's "Manual." His Works were

published in 1616-31, 1640, 1641, 1692, 1716, 1756, 1816 (Gifford), 1838 (Proctor), 1875 (Cunningham). See the "Biographies" by Chetwood (1756), Gifford (1816), Proctor (1838), Cunningham and Bell (1870), and J. A. Symonds (1897); and Criticism by the two latter, Hazlitt ("Comic Writers"), Leigh Hunt ("Wit and Humour," "Imagination and Fancy," and "Men, Women, and Books"), Swinburne's "Study" (1889), the "Dictionary of English Biography," and Morley's "English Writers," vols. x. and xi.

Jowett, Rev. Benjamin, LL.D.

(b. Camberwell, 1817; d. October 1st, 1893). "Epistles of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, Galatians, and Romans" (1855); "Translations of • Thucydides (1881), Aristotle (1885), Plato (1892), etc. "Life" (1897).

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Kaye, Sir John William (b. London,

1814; d. July 21th, 1876). "History of the War in Afghanistan" (1851); "The Administration of the East India Company" (1853); Biographies of "Lord Metenfe" (1854), "Sir George Tucker" (1854), and "Sir John Malcolm" (1856); "Christianity in India" (1859); "A History of the Sepoy War, 1857-58" (1864-76); "Lives of Indian Officers" (1867); and "Essays of an Optimist" (1870).

Keats, John (b. London, October 29th, 1795; d. Rome, February 27th, 1820). Published "Poems" (1817); "Endymion" (1818); and "Hyperion" (1820). See the "Life" by Lord Houghton (1848), Colvin's "Keats" in the *English Men of Letters* series (1887), and W. M. Rossetti's "Keats" (1887). For Criticism, see Jeffrey's and Matthew Arnold's "Essays," Rossetti's edition of the "Poems," Buxton Forman's "Poetical Works and other Writings of John Keats" (1883), and Dr. R. Bridges' "John Keats" (1895), etc. See also his "Letters to Fanny Brawne" (1879), and Owen's "Keats, a Study" (1879).

Keble, John (b. Fairford, Gloucestershire, April 25th, 1792; d. Bourne-mouth, March 29th, 1865). "The Christian Year" (1827); "De Poetica Vi Medicæ" (1844); "Lyra Innocentium" (1846); "Sermons" (1848); "Life of Bishop Wilson" (1863); "Letters of Spiritual Guidance" (1870); "Occasional

Papers" (1877), etc. See "Life" by Sir J. T. Coleridge and by Walter Lock, Shairp's "Studies," Miss Yonge's "Musings on the Christian Year," etc.

Kelvin, Lord. (See THOMSON, SIR WILLIAM.)

Kernahan, Coulson (b. 1858). "A Dead Man's Diary" (1890); "A Book of Strange Sins" (1893); "Sorrow and Song" (1894); "God and the Aut" (1896); "Captain Shammon" (1897).

Kidd, Benjamin. "Social Evolution" (1891).

Kinglake, Alexander William (b. 1811; d. January 2nd, 1891). "Eothen" (1844), and "A History of the War in the Crimea" (1863-77).

Kingsley, Charles (b. Holne, Devonshire, June 12th, 1819; d. Eversley, January 23rd, 1875). "The Saint's Tragedy" (1816); "Yeast" (1848); "Village Sermons" (1849); "Alton Locke" (1850); "Cheap Clothes and Nasty" (1850); "Phaeton" (1852); "Hypatia" (1853); "Westward Ho!" (1855); "Glaucus" (1855); "The Heroes; or, Greek Fairy Tales" (1856); "Alexandria and Her Schools" (1857); "Two Years Ago" (1857); "Andromeda;" "Miscellanies" (1859); "The Water Babies" (1863); "The Roman and the Teuton: Lectures" (1861); "What, then, does Dr. Newman Mean?" (1864); "Hereward, the Last of the English" (1866); "The Ancien Régime" (1867); "The Hermits" (1868); "Madam How and Lady Why" (1870); "At Last" (1871); "Prose Idylls" (1873); "Plays and Puritans" (1873); "Health and Education" (1874); "The Limits of Exact Science as applied to History;" and several volumes of "Sermons." A collected edition of his Essays, etc., has appeared since his death. See the "Life" by Mrs. Kingsley (1876).

Kingsley, Henry (b. Holne, Devonshire, 1830; d. May 24th, 1876). "Austin Elliot;" "The Boy in Grey;" "Geoffrey Hamlyn" (1859); "The Harveys;" "Hetty, and Other Stories;" "The Hillyars and the Burtons;" "Hornby Mills, and other Stories;" "Leighton Court;" "The Lost Child;" "Made-moiselle Mathilde;" "Number Seventeen;" "Oakshott Castle;" "Old Margaret;" "Ravenshoe" (1861); "Reginald Hetheredge;" "Silcote of Silcotes;" "Stretton;" "Valentin;" "Tales of Old Travel;" "Fireside Studies;" and other works.

Kipling, Rudyard (b. Bombay, 1864). "Soldiers Three" (1888); "The Phadom Rickshaw," etc. (1888); "Plain Tales from the Hills" (1890); "Under the Deodars" (1890); "Wee Willie Winkie," etc. (1890); "Departmental Ditties" (1890); "The Light that Failed" (1890); "In Black and White" (1891); "Life's Handicap" (1891); "Letters of Marque" (1891); "The Story of the Gadsbys" (1891); "Barrack-room Ballads and other Verses" (1892); "The Naulahka" (with C. Wolcott Balestier, 1892); "Many Inventions" (1893); "The Jungle Book" 1894; "Second Jungle Book" (1895); "Seven Seas" (1896); "Soldier Tales" (1896); "Captains Courageous" (1897).

Knowles, James Sheridan (b. 1784; d. 1862). "Leo; or, the Gipsy;" "Brian Borohme" (1814); "Caius Gracchus" (1815); "William Tell" (1825); "The Boggar's Daughter of Bethnal Green" (1828); "Virginus" (1828); "Alfred the Great" (1831); "The Hunchback" (1832); "The Wife" (1833); "The Love Chase" (1837); "Woman's Wit" (1838); "Maid of Mariandorp" (1838); "Love," "John of Procida" (1840); "Old Maids" (1841); "The Rose of Aragon" (1842); and "The Secretary" (1843). All but the first two of these were published in three volumes in 1841. The Works were reprinted in 1863.

Knor, John (b. Gifford, East Lothian, 1505; d. November 24th, 1572). "The First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women" and a "History of the Reformation of Religion within the Realm of Scotland." "Life" by Smcaton (1579), McCrie (1812), Niemeyer (1824), Laing (1847), and Brandes (1863). See also Lorimer's "John Knor and the Church of England" and Tulloch's "Leaders of the Reformation."

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Laing, Samuel (b. Edinburgh, 1810; d. 1897). "Modern Science and Modern Thought" (1885); "Problems of the Future," etc. (1889); "Human Origins" (1892).

Lamb, Charles (b. London, February 18th, 1775; d. Edmonton, December 27th, 1834). "Poems" (with Coleridge) (1797); "Rosamond Gray" (1798); "John Woodvil" (1801); "Specimens from Dramatic Poets;" "Adventures of Ulysses" (1807); "Essays of Elia" (1823); "Last Essays" and "Popular

Fallacies" (1833). With his sister Mary, "Mrs. Leicester's School;" "Tales from Shakspeare" (1806); "Poetry for Children" (1809). Works (1876). A new edition of Lamb's Works was published by A. Ainger in 1883-4. See Talfourd's "Letters" (1837); "Final Memorials of Charles Lamb" (1848); Procter's "Memoir" (1866); A. Ainger's "Lamb" in the *English Men of Letters* series; and Percy Fitzgerald's "Life, Letters, and Writings of Lamb" (1895).

Landon, Letitia Elizabeth (b. Chelsea, 1802; d. October 15th, 1839). "The Fate of Adelaide" (1820); "The Improvisatrice, and other Poems" (1824); "The Troubadour" (1825); "The Venetian Bracelet" (1829); "The Lost Pleiad" (1829); "Francesca Carrara" (1834); "The Vow of the Peacock" (1835); "Ethel Churchill" (1837); and "Duty and Inclination" (1838). "Life" with literary remains by Laman Blanchard in 1811. Poems edited by W. B. Scott in 1873.

Landon, Walter Savage (b. Ipsley Court, Warwick, January 30th, 1775; d. Florence, September 17th, 1861). "Poems" (1795); "Gehir" (1798); "Count Julian" (1812); "Idyllia Heroica" (1820); "Imaginary Conversations" (1824-29); "Latin Poems" (1824); "The Examination of William Shakspeare" (1831); "Porieles and Aspasia" (1836); "Letters of a Conservative" (1836); "Satire on Satirists" (1836); "Pentameron; or, Interviews of Messer Giovanni Boccaccio and Messer Francesco Petrarca" (1837); "Giovanna of Naples," "Andrea of Hungary," "Fra Ruperto" (1810-11); "Hellenics" (1817); "Last Fruit off an Old Tree" (1853); "Dry Sticks Fag-goted" (1858); and other works edited by Forster, with "Life" (1876). See also Sidney Colvin's "Landon" (1881).

Lane, Edward William (b. 1801; d. 1876). "The Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians" (1836); "A Translation of the Arabian Nights" (1838-40); "Selections from the Koran" (1843); "Arabic Lexicon" (1863-74); "Arabian Society in the Middle Ages" (1883).

Lane-Poole, Stanley (b. London, December 18th, 1854). "Essays in Oriental Numismatics" (1872-77); "Coins of the Urtuki Turkomans" (1874); "Egypt" (1881); "Studies in a Mosque" (1883); "Social Life in

Egypt" (1884); "Coins and Medals" (1885); "The Art of the Saracens in Egypt" (1886); "The Moors in Spain," with A. Gilman (1886); "Turkey" (1888); "Life of Stratford Canning, Viscount de Redcliffe" (1888); "The Barbary Corsairs" (1890); "Cairo" (1892); "Life of Sir Henry Parkes," with F. V. Dickins (1894), etc.

Lang, Andrew (b. Selkirk, March 31st, 1844). "Ballads and Lyrics of Old France" (1872); "XXII. Ballades in Blue • China" (1880); "XXXII. Ballades in Blue China" (1881); "The Library" (1881); "Helen of Troy" (1882); "Custom and Myth" (1884); "Rhymes à la Mode" (1885); "In the Wrong Paradise" (1886); "Letters to Dead Authors" (1886); "Books and Bookmen" (1887); "Myth, Ritual, and Religion" (1887); "Grass of Parnassus" (1888); "Letters on Literature" (1889); "Lost Leaders" (1889); "Prince Prigio" (1889); "Life, Letters, and Diaries of Sir Stafford Northcote, First Earl of Iddesleigh" (1890); "Old Friends" (1890); "The World's Desire," in collaboration with H. Rider Haggard (1890); "Essays in Little" (1891); "Angling Sketches" (1891); "Prince Ricardo of Pantomafia" (1893); "St. Andrews" (1893); "Homer and the Epic" (1893); "Cock Lane and Common Sense" (1894); "Ban and Arrière Ban" (1894); "A Monk of Fife" (1896); "Pickle the Spy" (1897); "Book of Dreams and Ghosts" (1897). Has translated Theocritus and Bion, and edited the Border Edition of Scott, "English Worthies," Fairy Books, etc.

Langland, William (temp. Edward III.). "The Vision of Piers Plowman" (Skeat's edition, 1869).

Lardner, Dionysius, LL.D. (b. Dublin, April 3rd, 1793; d. Naples, April 29th, 1859). "Handbook of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy" (1851-53); "The Museum of Science and Art" (1854-56), etc. Edited the "Cabinet Cyclopædia" (1829-46).

Latimer, Hugh (b. Thracaston, Leicestershire, about 1491; d. Oxford, September, 1555). Was the author of a "Sermon on the Ploughers" (1549); "Seven Sermons before Edward VI.," "Seven Sermons on the Lord's Prayer," and "Sermons Preached in Lincolnshire," etc. Editions of these appeared in 1562 and 1571; later, in 1825 and 1845. See the Biographies by Gilpin (1780), Watkins (1824), and Demaus (1869);

Tulloch's "Leaders of the Reformation," and Froude's "History of England," chap. iv. A "Life" and selections in vol. ii. of "The Fathers of the Church."

Lawless, The Hon. Emily, daughter of the third Lord Cloncurry (b. 1845). "Hurish" (1886); "With Essex in Ireland" (1890); "Grania" (1892); "Maelcho" (1894).

Le Gallienne, Richard (b. Liverpool, January 20th, 1866). "My Ladies' Sonnets, etc." (1887); "Volumes in Folio" (1889); "The Student and the Body-Snatcher," with R. K. Leathes; "George Meredith: Some Characteristics" (1890); "Book-Bills of Narcissus" (1891); "English Poems" (1892); "Religion of a Literary Man" (1893); "Prose Fancies, etc." (1894); "Robert Louis Stevenson: An Elegy," etc. (1895); "The Quest of the Golden Girl"; "Translation of Omar Khayyam" (1897); "The Romance of Zion Chapel" (1898).

Leathes, Rev. Stanley, D.D. (b. 1830). "Witness of the Old Testament to Christ" (1868); "Witness of St. Paul to Christ" (1869); "Witness of St. John to Christ" (1870); "Structure of the Old Testament" (1873); "The Gospel its Own Witness" (1874); "Religion of the Christ" (1874); "The Christian Creed" (1877); "Old Testament Prophecy" (1880); "The Foundations of Morality" (1882); "Characteristics of Christianity" (1884); "Christ and the Bible" (1885); "The Law in the Prophets" (1891), etc.

Lecky, The Right Hon. William Edward Hartpole (b. 1838). "Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland" (1861); "History of Rationalism" (1865); "History of European Morals" (1869); "History of England in the Eighteenth Century" (1878-87); "Poems" (1891); "The Political Value of History" (1892); "The Empire: Its Value and Its Growth" (1893); "Democracy and Liberty" (1896).

Lee, Nathaniel (b. 1655; d. 1692). "Nero" (1675); "The Rival Queens" (1677); "Theodosius" (1680); "The Princess of Cleves" (1689); "The Masacre of Paris" (1690); "Brutus," "Mithridates," and other plays published in 1834.

Lemon, Mark (b. November 30th, 1809; d. May 23rd, 1870). Edited *Punch*, and wrote "The Enchanted Doll" (1849); "A Christmas Hammer" (1859); "Wait for the End" (1863); "Loved at Last" (1864); "Falk-

ner Lylo" (1866); besides several other novels, over sixty dramatic pieces, and "The Jest Book." See Joseph Hatton's "With a Show in the North."

Lever, Charles James (b. Dublin, August 31st, 1809; d. Trieste, June 1st, 1872). "The Adventures of Harry Lorrequer" (1839); "Charles O'Malley" (1841); "Jack Hinton" (1842); "Tom Burke of Ours" (1844); "The O'Donoghue" (1845); "The Knight of Gwynne" (1847); "Roland Cashel" (1849); "The Daltons" (1852); "The Dodd Family Abroad" (1854); "The Martins of Cro' Martin" (1856); "The Fortunes of Glencore" (1857); "Davenport Dunn" (1859); "Barrington" (1863); "A Day's Ride" (1863); "Luttrell of Arran" (1865); "Tony Butler" (1865); "Sir Brooke Fosbrooke" (1866); "The Bramleighs of Bishop's Folly" (1868); "That Boy of Norcott's" (1869); "Paul Gossett's Confessions" (1871); "Lord Kilgobbin" (1872), etc. See the "Life" (1879). Edited *The Dublin University Magazine*.

Lewes, George Henry (b. London, April 18th, 1817; d. November 30th, 1878). "Biographical History of Philosophy" (1847; remodelled and enlarged edition, 1867); "Rantherpe: A Tale" (1847); "The Spanish Drama—Lope de Vega and Calderon" (1848); "Rose, Blanche, and Violet" (1848); "A Life of Robespierre" (1850); "The Noble Heart," a tragedy (1850); "Comte's Philosophy of the Sciences" (1859); "Life of Goethe" (1859); "Seaside Studies" (1859); "Physiology of Common Life" (1860); "Studies in Animal Life" (1861); "Aristotle" (1861); "Problems of Life and Mind" (1873-76); and "Physical Basis of Mind" (1877). Edited *The Leader* and *The Fortnightly Review*.

Lewis, Sir George Cornewall (b. London, April 21st, 1806; d. April 13th, 1863). "Remarks on the Use and Abuse of Political Terms" (1832); "Local Disturbances in Ireland and the Irish Church Question" (1836); "Glossary of Herefordshire Provincial Words" (1839); "Essay on the Origin and Formation of the Romance Languages" (1839); "Essay on the Government of Dependencies" (1841); "Essay on the Influence of Authority in Matters of Opinion" (1849); "A Treatise on the Methods of Observation and Reasoning in Politics" (1860); "An Inquiry into the Credibility of Early Roman History"; "Our Foreign Jurisdiction and

the Extradition of Criminals"; "Letters" in 1870. He translated Bækh's "Public Economy of Athens," Müller's "History of Greek Literature," and Müller's "Dorians." See Baggehot's "Biographical Studies."

Lewis, Matthew Gregory, called "Monk" Lewis (b. 1775; d. 1818). "The Monk," a romance (1795); "The Castle Spectre," a drama (1797); "Tales of Wonder" (1801); "The Bravo of Venice" (1801); "Romantic Tales" (1808); besides many plays, and translations from the German. See "Lewis's Life and Correspondence" (1839).

Liddon, Henry Parry, D.D., Canon of St. Paul's (b. Stoneham, Hants., 1829; d. September 9th, 1890). "Divinity of Our Lord" (1867); "Walter Kerr Hamilton" (1869); "Sermons on Old Testament Subjects" (1891); "Passiontide Sermons" (1891); "Some Words of Christ" (1892); "Essays and Addresses" (1892); "Life of E. B. Pusey," vols. i. and ii., edited by J. O. Johnston and R. J. Wilson (1893); "Clerical Life and Work" (1894); several series of sermons preached before the University of Oxford, in St. Paul's, etc.

Lightfoot, Joseph Barber, D.D., Bishop of Durham (b. Liverpool, 1828; d. December 21st, 1889). "Essays on Supernatural Religion" (1889); "Leaders in the Northern Church" (1890); "Ordination Addresses," etc. (1890); Edition of "The Apostolic Fathers," completed by J. R. Harmer (1891); "Notes on the Epistles of St. Paul" (1895), etc.

Lilly, William Samuel (b. 1840). "Ancient Religion and Modern Thought" (1884); "Chapters in European History" (1886); "A Century of Revolution" (1889); "Right and Wrong" (1890); "Shibboleths" (1892); "The Great Enigma" (1892); "Claims of Christianity" (1894); "Four English Humorists" (1895); "Essays and Speeches" (1897).

Lindsay, Sir David (b. probably at Garmylton, East Lothian, 1490; d. 1555). "The Dreame" (1528); "The Complaynt of the King's Papingo" (1530); "The Testament of the Papingo" (1530); "Ane Pleasant Satyre of the Three Estats" (1540); "The Register of Arms" (1542), with plates (1822); "The Historie of Squyer William Meldrum" (1560); "The Monarchie" (1553); and some minor works, first collected

in 1568. Poetical Works, with Life, 1800 and 1879.

Linton, Mrs. Eliza Lynn (b. Keswick, 1822). "Witch Stories" (1861); "The Lake Country" (1864); "Ourselves" (1870); "Joshua Davidson" (1874); "Patricia Kemball" (1875); "The Atonement of Leam Dundas" (1876); "The World Well Lost" (1877); "Under which Lord?" (1879); "The Girl of the Period" (1883); "The Autobiography of Christopher Kirkland" (1885); "Paston Carew" (1886); "Through the Long Night" (1889); "About Ireland" (1890); "An Octave of Friends" (1891); "About Ulster" (1892); "The One Too Many" (1894); "In Haste and at Leisure" (1895); "Dulcie Everton" (1896).*

Linton, William James (b. 1812; d. 1898). "A History of Wood Engraving" (1846-47); "Claribel, and other Poems" (1865); "The Flower and the Star" (1868); "Practical Hints on Wood Engraving" (1879); "Voices of the Dead" (1879); "Wood-Engraving" (1884); "Love Lore" (1887); "Poems and Translations"; "The Masters of Wood Engraving" (1889); "Life of J. G. Whittier"; "European Republicans" (1893); "Memories" (1895).

Livingstone, David (b. 1813; d. May 4th, 1873). "Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa" (1857); "Narrative of an Expedition to the Zambesi and its Tributaries" (1865). "Last Journals," edited by Rev. H. Waller (1874). *See* Stanley's "How I found Livingstone."

Locke, John (b. Wrington, Somersetshire, August 29th, 1632; d. Oates, Essex, October 28th, 1704). "A Letter on Toleration" (1689); "A Second Letter on Toleration" (1690); "Two Treatises on Government" (1690); "An Essay Concerning Human Understanding" (1690); "The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures" (1690); "A Third Letter on Toleration" (1692); "Thoughts Concerning Education" (1693); "The Reasonableness of Christianity" (1695); "On the Conduct of the Understanding"; "Examination of Malebranche"; "Elements of Natural Philosophy"; "Thoughts on Reading and Study"; "Essay for the Understanding of St. Paul's Epistles by Consulting St. Paul Himself"; and some minor works included in the edition of the "Works" published in 1777. His Life has been written by Le Clerc (1713), Lord King

(1829), and Fox-Bourne (1876). *See* also the essay by J. A. St. John, prefixed to the "Philosophical Works," published in 1843.

Locker, Frederick (b. 1821; d. 1895). "London Lyrics" (1857). Edited "Lyra Elegantiarum." "Selections" from his works appeared in 1865; a volume of "Patchwork" in 1879, etc.

Locker-Lampson, Frederick (b. 1821; d. May 28th, 1895). "London Lyrics" (1857); edited "Lyra Elegantiarum" (1867; enlarged edition 1891).

Lockhart, John Gibson (b. Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire, 1794; d. Abbotsford, November 25th, 1854). "Peter's Letters to his Kinsfolk" (along with Wilson, 1819); "Ancient Spanish Ballads" (1821); "Valerius" (1821); "Essays on Cervantes" (1822); "Adam Blair" (1822); "Reginald Dalton" (1823); "Matthew Wald" (1824); "Life of Burns" (1828); and "Life of Scott" (1837-39). Edited *The Quarterly Review*. *See* Dr. R. Shelton MacKenzie's "Memoir of John Gibson Lockhart," prefixed to an edition of "The Noctes Ambrosianæ" (New York, 1855).

Lockyer, Professor Sir Joseph Norman (b. Rugby, May 17th, 1836). "Elementary Astronomy" (1873); "Solar Physics" (1873); "The Spectroscope and its Applications" (1878); "Primer of Astronomy" (1874); "Star Gazing" (1878); "Researches in Spectrum Analysis" (1882); "Chemistry of the Sun" (1887); "Movements of the Earth" (1887); "The Dawn of Astronomy" (1894). Edits *Nature*.

Lodge, Thomas (b. 1555; d. 1625). "Reply to the Schoole of Abuse" (1579-80); "An Alarm against Usurers" (1584); "Scilla's Metamorphosis" (1589); "Rosalynde" (1590); "Catharos" (1591); "Euphues' Shadow" (1592); "Phillis" (1593); "William Longbeard" (1593); "The Wounds of Civill War" (1594); "A Looking-Glasse for London and England" (with Robert Greene, 1594); "A Fig for Momus" (1595); "The Divil Conjured" (1596); "Wit's Miserie and the World's Madnesse" (1596); and others. *See* Hazlitt's "Handbook to Early English Literature," Collier's "Dramatic Poetry," and "Poetical Decameron," Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses," Beloe's "Anecdotes of Literature," Ritson's "Bibliographia Poetica," Brydges' "Censura Literaria," *Retrospective Review*,

and the Shakespeare Society's publications for 1853, and the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Lovelace, Richard (b. Kent, 1618; d. London, 1658). "Lucasta: Odes, Sonnets, Songs, etc." (1649); and some posthumous pieces (1659). Also, "The Scholar," a comedy; and "The Soldier," a tragedy (1649), neither of which is extant. "Poems" were edited in 1864 by Carew Hazlitt. See Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses" and Morley's "The King and the Commons."

Lover, Samuel (b. 1797; d. July 6th, 1868). "Legends and Stories of Ireland" (1832); "Songs and Ballads" (1839); "Rory O'More" (1837); "Handy Andy, an Irish Tale" (1842); "Metrical Tales" (1860). See B. Bernard's "Samuel Lover."

Lubbock, Right Hon. Sir John, Bart., M.P., D.C.L., LL.D. (b. 1834). "Prehistoric Times as Illustrated by Ancient Remains and the Manners and Customs of Modern Savages" (1865); "The Origin of Civilisation and the Primitive Condition of Man" (1870); "On the Origin and Metamorphosis of Insects" (1873); "Monograph on the Thysanura and Collembola" (1873); "Our British Wild Flowers Considered in their Relation to Insects" (1873); "A Volume of Scientific Lectures" (1879); "Fifty Years of Science" (1882); "Ants, Bees, and Wasps" (1882); "The Pleasures of Life" (1887); "The Beauties of Nature" (1892); "A Contribution to Our Knowledge of Seedlings" (1892); "The Use of Life" (1894).

Lucy, Henry W. (b. Crosby, near Liverpool, December 5th, 1845). "A Popular Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure" (1880); "Men and Manners in Parliament"; "Gideon Fleyce" (1882); "East by West" (1885); "A Diary of Two Parliaments" (1885-86); "A Diary of the Salisbury Parliament" (1892); "Faces and Places" (1892); "The Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone" (1895); "The Miller's Niece" (1896).

Lyall, Edna, rene Ada Ellen Bayly (b. Brighton). "Won by Waiting" (1879); "Donovan" (1882); "We Two" (1884); "In the Golden Days" (1885); "Knight Errant"; "Autobiography of a Slander" (1887); "Derriock Vaughan, Novelist"; "Their Happiest Christmas"; "A Hardy Norseman" (1889); "To Right the Wrong" (1893); "Doreen" (1894); "The Autobiography of a Truth" (1895); "Wayfarers" (1897).

Lydgate, John (b. Suffolk, not later than 1370; d. 1460). "The Hytorye, Sege, and Destruction of Troye" (1513); "The Story of Thebes" (1561); "The Falls of Princes" (1494); and several minor works, including "The Werke of Sapience"; "The Lyf of Our Ladye"; "The Chorle and the Byrde"; "A Lytell Treatise of the Horse, the Sheepe, and the Goos"; "Proverbes"; "The Temple of Glass"; and "The Cronycle of all the Kynges Names."

Lyell, Sir Charles (b. November 14th, 1797; d. Feb. 22nd, 1875). "Principles of Geology" (1830-33); "Elements of Geology" (1838); "Travels in North America" (1845); "A Second Visit to the United States" (1849); "The Antiquity of Man" (1863). He also contributed many papers to the Transactions of scientific societies. See Kathleen Lyell's "Life and Letters of Sir Charles Lyell" (1881).

Lyly, or Lilly, John (b. Kent, 1553; d. November, 1606). "Euphues: The Anatomy of Wit" (1579); "Euphues and his England" (1580); "Alexander and Campaspe" (1584); "Pip with a Hatchet" (1589); "Sapho and Phao" (1591); "Eudymion, the Man in the Moon" (1592); "Euphues' Shadow" (1592); "Galathea" (1592); "Midas" (1592); "Mother Bombe" (1594); "The Woman in the Moon" (1597); "The Maydes Metamorphoses" (1600); "Love's Metamorphosis" (1601); "Six Court Comedies" (1632); and "Euphues and Lucilla" (1716). For Biography, see Collier's "History of Drammatic Poetry" and W. C. Hazlitt's "Handbook to Early English Poetry." For Criticism, Hazlitt's "Age of Elizabeth"; Hallam's "Literature of Europe"; Lamb's "Specimens of English Dramatic Poets"; Coleridge's "Remains"; H. Coleridge's "Notes and Marginalia"; and Jussorand's "History of the English Novel in the Time of Elizabeth." An edition of Lyly's dramatic works was edited by F. W. Fairholt in 1858. Exact reprint of "Euphues" by Arber. See also Morley's "English Writers," vols. viii.-xi.

Lytton, Lord (Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer-Lytton, b. May, 1805; d. January 18th, 1873). "Ismael, with other Poems" (1820); prize poem on "Sculpture" (1825); "Weeds and Wild Flowers," poem (1826); "O'Neill; or, the Rebel" (1827); "Falkland" (1827); "Pelham; or, the Adventures of a Gentleman" (1827); "The Disowned"

(1828); "Devereux" (1829); "Paul Clifford" (1830); "The Siamese Twins, and other Poems" (1831); "Eugene Aram" (1831); "Godolphin" (1833); "England and the English" (1833); "The Pilgrims of the Rhine" (1834); "The Last Days of Pompeii" (1834); "The Crisis," a pamphlet (1834); "The Student," essays (1835); "Rienzi, the Last of the Tribunes" (1835); "The Duchess de la Vallière," a play (1836); "Athens, its Rise and Fall" (1836); "Ernest Maltravers" (1837); "Alice; or, the Mysteries" (1838); "Leila; or, the Siege of Granada," and "Calderon, the Courtier" (1838); "The Lady of Lyons," a play (1838); "Richelieu," a play (1839); "The Sea Captain," a play (1839); "Money," a play (1840); "Night and Morning" (1841); "Zanoni" (1842); "Eva" and "The Ill-omened Marriage" (1842); "Poems and Ballads of Schiller," translated (1841); "The Last of the Barons" (1843); "Confessions of a Water Patient" (1845); "The New Tannion" (1845); "Lucretia; or, the Children of the Night" (1847); "King Arthur" (1848); "The Caxtons: a Family Picture" (1849); "Harold, the Last of the Saxons" (1850); "Not so Bad as We Seem," a play (1851); "My Novel: or, Varieties of English Life" (1853); "What will He do with It?" (1858); "A Strange Story" (1862); "Caxtoniana; or, Essays on Life, Literature, and Manners" (1863); "The Lost Tales of Miletus" (1866); "The Rightful Heir," a play (1868); "Walpole" (1869); "The Coming Race" (1871); "The Parisians" (1873); "Kenchington Chillingley" (1873); and "Pausanias the Spartan" (1876). An edition of his "Dramatic Works" appeared in 1863, of his "Poems" in 1865, and of his "Miscellaneous Prose Works" in 1868. His "Novels" are published in numerous editions. For Biography, see the "Memoir" prefixed by Robert, Lord Lytton, to his father's "Speeches" (1871), and "The Life, Letters, and Literary Remains of Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton," by his son (1883). For Criticism, see "Essays" by George Brimley; "Essays on Fiction" by Nassau W. Senior; "Essays" by W. C. Roscoe; *Quarterly Review* for January, 1865; *Blackwood's Magazine* for March, 1873, etc.

Lytton, Lord. "Owen Meredith" (Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton, b. November 8th, 1831; d. November 24th, 1897). "Clytemnestra," etc. (1855); "The

Wanderer" (1859); "Lucile" (1860); "Julian Fane: a Memoir" (1861); "The Ring of Amasis" (1863); "Poetical Works of Owen Meredith" (1867); "Chronicles and Characters" (1868); "Orval; or, the Fool of Time" (1869); "Fables in Song" (1871); "Glenaveril; or, the Metamorphoses" (1885); "After Paradise" (1887); "The Ring of Amasis" (1890); "King Poppy" (1892); also, in conjunction with Julian Fane, "Tannhauser; or, the Battle of the Bards" (1861). In 1883 he published a Life of his father.

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Maartens, Maarten (b. Holland). "The Sin of Joost Avelingh" (1889); "An Old Maid's Love" (1891); "A Question of Taste" (1892); "God's Fool" (1892); "The Greater Glory" (1894); "My Lady Nobody" (1895).

Macaulay, Thomas Babington, Lord (b. Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, October 25th, 1800; d. Kensington, December 28th, 1859). Wrote several papers in *Knights Quarterly Magazine* (1823-24); "Essays" in *The Edinburgh Review* (1825-44); "Lays of Ancient Rome" (1842); "History of England" (unfinished, 1849-55-61); biographies in "The Encyclopædia Britannica" (1857-58); "Speeches," and various miscellanies. His Life has been written by Dean Milman (1862), the Rev. Frederick Arnold (1862), Sir G. O. Trevelyan (1876), and J. C. Morison in the *English Men of Letters* series. Sir G. O. Trevelyan has also published "Selections" from his writings (1876). See also the "Correspondence of Macvey Napier" (1879).

McCarthy, Justin, M.P. (b. Cork, November 22nd, 1830). "Paul Massie" (1866); "The Waterdale Neighbours" (1867); "My Enemy's Daughter" (1860); "Lady Judith" (1871); "A Fair Saxon" (1873); "Linley Rochford" (1874); "Dear Lady Disdain" (1875); "Miss Misanthrope" (1877); "Donna Quixote" (1879); "A History of Our Own Times" (1878-80); "Con Amore" (1880); "The Comet of a Season" (1881); "Maid of Athens" (1883); "The History of the Four Georges" (1884); "Ireland's Cause in England's Parliament" (1888); "A Short History of Our Own Times" (1888); "The Grey River," in collaboration (1889); "Roland Oliver" (1889); "Sir Robert Peel" (1890); "Charing

Cross to St. Paul's" (1890); "The Dictator" (1893); "History of Our Own Times, 1880-1897" (1897); "The Riddle Ring" (1896); also "The Right Honourable" (1886), and the "Rebel Rose" (1888), written in conjunction with Mrs. Campbell Praed.

McCarthy, Justin Huntly (b. 1860). "Outline of Irish History" (1883); "Serapion and other Poems" (1883); "England under Gladstone" (1884); "Camila" (1885); "Doom!" (1886); "Our Sensation Novel" (1886); "Hafiz in London" (1886); "Ireland since the Union" (1887); "The Case for Home Rule" (1887); "Harlequinade" (1889); "Lily Lass" (1889); "Dolly" (1889); "French Revolution" (1890); "Red Diamonds" (1893); "A London Legend" (1893); "The Royal Christopher" (1896); "Translation of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" (1899).

MacDonald, George, LL.D. (b. Huntly, Aberdeenshire, 1825). "Within and Without" (1855); "Poems" (1857); "Phantastes" (1858); "David Elginbrod" (1862); "The Hidden Life, and other Poems" (1864); "Adela Cathcart" (1864); "The Portent" (1864); "Alec Forbes, of Howglen" (1865); "Annals of a Quiet Neighbourhood" (1866); "Unspoken Sermons" (1866); "Guild Court" (1867); "Dealings with the Fairies" (1867); "The Seaboard Parish" (1867); "The Disciple, and other Poems" (1868); "England's Antiphon" (1868); "Robert Falconer" (1868); "Ranald Bannerman's Boyhood" (1869); "The Miracles of our Lord" (1870); "At the Back of the North Wind" (1870); "The Princess and the Goblin" (1871); "The Vicar's Daughter" (1872); "Wilfrid Cumbermede" (1872); "Gutta Percha Willie" (1873); "Malcolm" (1874); "St. George and St. Michael" (1875); "The Wise Woman" (1875); "Thomas Wingfold, Curate" (1876); "The Marquis of Lossie" (1877); "Paul Faber" (1878); "Sir Gibbie" (1879); "Mary Marston" (1881); "Weighed and Wanting" (1882); "The Gifts of the Child Christ," etc. (1882); "Castle Warlock" (1882); "Donal Grant" (1883); "The Princess and Curdie" (1883); "The Imagination and other Essays" (1883); "What's Mine's Mine" (1886); "Home Again" (1887); "The Elect Lady" (1888); "A Rough Shaking" (1890); "The Light Princess," etc. (1890); "Cross Purposes and the Shadows" (1890); "The Flight of the Shadow"

(1891); "There and Back" (1891); "The Hope of the Gospel" (1892); "Poetical Works" (1893); "Heather and Snow" (1893); "Lullith" (1895); "Salted with Fire" (1897), etc.

Mackay, Charles, LL.D. (b. Perth, 1812; d. December, 1889). "Poems" (1834); "Memoirs of Extraordinary Popular Delusions" (1841); "The Salamandrine" (1842); "Legends of the Isles" (1845); "Voices from the Mountains" (1846); "Town Lyrics" (1847); "Egeria" (1850); "The Lump of Gold" (1856); "Under Green Leaves" (1857); "A Man's Heart" (1860); "Studies from the Antique and Sketches from Nature" (1864); "Under the Blue Sky" (1871); "Lost Beauties of the English Language" (1874); and other works. A collected edition of his Poems appeared in 1876. He was editor of the Glasgow *Argyll* from 1844 to 1847. See his "Forty Years' Recollections" (1876), and "Through the Long Day" (1887).

Mackay, George Eric (d. 1898). "Songs of Love and Death" (1865); "Love Letters. By a Violinist" (1884); "Gladys, the Singer" (1887); "A Lover's Litanies" (1888); "Nero and Actea" (1891); "A Song of the Sea" (1895), etc.

Mackenzie, Henry (b. Edinburgh, 1745; d. January 11th, 1831). "The Man of Feeling" (1771). "The Man of the World" (1773); "Julia de Roubigné" (1777); besides contributing to *The Mirror* (1778), *The Lounger* (1785), and the "Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh." He also published a volume of translations and dramatic pieces in 1791, a "Life of Blacklock" in 1793, and a "Life of John Home" in 1812.

Mackintosh, Sir James (b. Al-dourie, Inverness-shire, October 24th, 1765; d. London, May 30th, 1832). "The Regency Question" (1788); "Vindiciæ Gallicæ" (1791), contributions to *The Monthly Review* (1796); "On the Study of the Law of Nature and Nations" (1799); "The Trial of John Peltier, Esq." (1803); a "Dissertation on Ethical Philosophy" (1830); a "History of England" (1830-32); "History of the Revolution in England in 1688" (1834); a "Life of Sir Thomas More" (1844); and other publications. His miscellaneous Works were published in three volumes (1846). His "Memoirs" were edited by his son Robert in 1835.

McLaren, Alexander, D.D. (b. Glasgow, February 11th, 1826). "The Secret of Power," etc. (1882); "Christ in the Heart" (1836); "The Holy of Holies" (1890); "The Unchanging Christ," etc. (1890); "The Conquering Christ," etc. (1891); "The God of the Amen," etc. (1891); "The Wearied Christ," etc. (1893); "Paul's Prayers," etc. (1893); "Triumphant Certainties" (1896).

Macleod, Norman, D.D. (b. Campbelltown, June 3rd, 1812; d. Glasgow, June 16th, 1872). "The Old Lieutenant and his Son"; "The Starling"; "Wee Davie"; "The Gold Thread and Other Stories"; "Eastward"; "Peeps at the Far East"; "Reminiscences of a Highland Parish"; "Simple Truths Spoken to Working People," and some fugitive sermons. See the "Life" written by his brother (1876); also W. E. Gladstone's "Gleanings of Past Years" (1878-79).

Macmillan, The Rev. Hugh (b. 1833). "First Forms of Vegetation" (1861); "Bible Teachings in Nature" (1866); "Holidays on High Lands" (1869); "The True Vine" (1871); "The Ministry of Nature" (1871); "The Garden and the City" (1872); "Sun Glints in the Wilderness" (1872); "The Sabbath of the Fields" (1876); "Our Lord's Three Risings from the Dead" (1876); "Two Worlds are Ours" (1880); "The Marriage in Cana of Galilee" (1882); "The Riviera" (1885); "The Olive Leaf" (1886); "Roman Mosques" (1888); "The Gate Beautiful" (1891); "My Comfort in Sorrow" (1891); "The Mystery of Grace" (1893); "The Daisies of Nazareth" (1891); "The Clock of Nature" (1896).

Macpherson, James (b. 1738; d. 1796). "The Highlander" (1758); "Fragments of Ancient Poetry" (1760); "Fingal, an Ancient Poem, in Six Books, composed by Ossian" (1762); "Temora, an Ancient Epic Poem, in Eight Books, composed by Ossian" (1763); "Introduction to the History of Great Britain and Ireland" (1771); "The Iliad of Homer, translated into English Prose" (1773).

Mahaffy, Professor John Pentland, D.D., Mus.D., D.C.L. (b. 1839). "Twelve Lectures on Primitive Civilisation" (1868); "Prolegomena to Ancient History" (1871); "Kant's Critical Philosophy for English Readers" (1871); "Greek Social Life from Homer to Menander" (1874); "Greek Antiquities" (1876); "Rambles and Studies in

Greece" (1876); "Greek Education" (1879); "A History of Classical Greek Literature" (1880); "The Decay of Modern Preaching" (1882); "The Story of Alexander's Empire" (1886); "Art of Conversation" (1887); "Greek Life and Thought" (1888); "The Greek World under Roman Sway" (1890); "Problems of Greek History" (1892); "A Survey of Greek Civilisation" (1897), etc.

Mahony, F., "Father Prout" (b. 1805; d. May 18th, 1866). "The Reliques of Father Prout" (1836); "Facts and Figures from Italy" (1847).

Maino, Sir Henry J. Sumner (b. 1822; d. February 3rd, 1888). "Roman Law and Legal Education" (1856); "Ancient Law" (1861); "Village Communities in the East and in the West" (1871); "The Early History of Institutions" (1875); "Dissertations on Early Law Customs" (1883).

Malet, Lucas, *rev.* Mrs. Harrison, *née* Kingsley (b. 1852). "Mrs. Lorimer" (1882); "Colonel Enderby's Wife" (1885); "Little Peter" (1887); "A Counsel of Perfection" (1888); "The Wages of Sin" (1891); "The Carissima" (1896).

Mallock, William Hurrell (b. 1849). "The New Republic" (1876); "The New Paul and Virginia" (1877); "Is Life Worth Living?" (1879); "Poems" (1880); "A Romance of the Nineteenth Century" (1881); "Social Equality" (1882); "Property and Progress" (1884); "Atheism and the Value of Life" (1884); "The Old Order Changes" (1886); "In an Enchanted Island" (1889); "A Human Document" (1892); "Labour and the Popular Welfare" (1893); "Verses" (1893); "Studies of Contemporary Superstition" (1895); "The Art of Life" (1895); "Classics and Masses" (1896).

Malory, Sir Thomas. "The Bytch, Luf, and Actes of Kyng Arthur" (1485, printed by Caxton). This popular romance has been several times reprinted, Sir Edward Stacey's edition in the Globe Library being the most convenient.

Malthus, Thomas Robert (b. 1766; d. 1831). An unpublished pamphlet, "The Crisis" (1792); "Essay on the Principle of Population" (1798, 1803); "An Inquiry into the Nature and Progress of Rent" (1815); "Principles of Political Economy" (1820); etc. "Life" by Dr. Otter in 1836.

Mandeville, Sir John (b. St. Albans,

Hertfordshire, 1300; d. Liège, November 17th, 1372). "The Voyage and Travaille, which treateth of the Way to the Hierusalem, and of the Marvayles of Inde, with other Islands and Countries," written in 1356, in French, in Latin, and in vulgar English, and printed in Italian at Milan in 1480. Best edition, 1830.

Manning, Henry Edward, Cardinal (b. Totteridge, Hertfordshire, July 15th, 1808; d. January 14th, 1892). "The Rule of Faith" (1838); "Holy Baptism" (1843); "The Unity of the Church" (1845); "Oxford University Sermons" (1845); "Thoughts for those that Mourn" (1850); "The Grounds of Faith" (1853); "The Temporal Sovereignty of the Popes" (1860); "The Blessed Sacrament, the Centre of Inscrutable Truth" (1864); "The Workings of the Holy Spirit" (1864); "The Temporal Mission of the Holy Ghost" (1865); "The Reunion of Christendom" (1866); "The Temporal Power of the Pope" (1866); "England and Christendom" (1867); "The Œcumenical Council" (1869); "The Vatican Council" (1870); "The Demon of Socrates" (1872); "The Vatican Decrees" (1875); "The Eternal Priesthood" (1883); "National Education" (1889); etc. "Life" by H. S. Purcell (1895).

Mansel, Henry Longueville, D.D. (b. Cosgrove, Northamptonshire, October 6th, 1820; d. Cosgrove, July 31st, 1871). "Demons of the Winds, and Other Poems" (1838); Aldrich's "Logic, with Notes" (1849); "Prolegomena Logica" (1851); "The Philosophy of Kant" (1856); an article on "Metaphysics" in the eighth edition of "Encyclopædia Britannica" (1857); "The Limits of Religious Thought," being the "Bampton Lectures" for 1858; "Metaphysics; or, the Philosophy of Consciousness" (1860); "Lectures on History" (1861-62); "The Witness of the Church to the Promise of Christ's Coming" (1864); "The Philosophy of the Conditioned" (1866); and other works.

Marlowe, Christopher (b. Canterbury, February, 1564; d. Deptford, June 16th, 1593). "Tamburlaine the Great, Part the First" (1590); "Tamburlaine the Great, Part the Second" (1590); "Edward the Second" (1594); "Dido" (with T. Nash, 1594); "Ovid's Elegies" (translated about 1596); "Hero and Leander" (completed by Chapman, 1598); "First Book of Lucan" (translated 1600); "The Tragical History of

Dr. Faustus" (1604); "The Jew of Malta" (1633); and "The Maschere at Paris." For Biographical Notices of Marlowe, see "Athenæ Cantabrigienses;" Beard's "Theatre of God's Judgments" (1597); Meres' "Palladis Tannia" (1598); Dyce's Edition of the Works; and Robert Bell's "Introduction to the Poems."

Marryat, Florence (now Mrs. Leau) (b. Brighton, 1837). "For Ever and Ever" (1866); "Véronique" (1869); "Life and Letters of Captain Marryat" (1872); "Her Father's Name" (1876); "A Harvest of Wild Oats" (1877); "With Cupid's Eyes" (1881); "How She Loved Him" (1882); "Facing the Footlights" (1883); "The Master Passion" (1886); "On Circumstantial Evidence" (1889); "Mount Eden" (1889); "Blindfold" (1890); "There is no Death" (1891); "Miss Harrington's Husband" (1891); "How Like a Woman" (1892); "The Nobler Sex" (1892); "The Hampstead Mystery" (1893); "Parson Jones" (1893); "The Beautiful Soul" (1894); "A Bankrupt Heart" (1894); "The Spirit World" (1894); "The Dream that Stayed" (1896); "Transfiguration of Hannah Stubbs" (1896); "In the Name of Liberty" (1897).

Marryat, Captain Frederick (b. 1792; d. 1818). "Frank Milham; or, the Naval Officer" (1829); "The King's Own" (1830); "Newton Forster" (1832); "Peter Simple" (1834); "Jacob Faithful" (1834); "The Packet of Many Tales" (1835); "Japhet in Search of a Father" (1836); "Mr. Midshipman Easy" (1836); "The Pirate and the Three Cutters" (1836); "Smurley-yow" (1837); "The Phantom Ship" (1839); "A Diary in America" (1839); "Olla Podrida" (1840); "Poor Jack" (1840); "Masterman Ready" (1841); "Joseph Rushbrook" (1841); "Percival Keene" (1842); "Monsieur Violet" (1842); "The Settlers in Canada" (1843); "The Privateer's Man" (1841); "The Mission; or, Scenes in Africa" (1845); "The Children of the New Forest" (1847); "The Little Savage" (1847); and "Valerie" (1849). His "Life" has been written by his daughter Florence (1872).

Marshall, Professor Alfred (b. 1842). "Economics of Industry," part author (1879); "Principles of Economics" (1890); "Elements of Economics of Industry" (1892).

Marston, John (b. 1575; d. after 1639). "The Scourge of Villanie" (1599); "The Metamorphosis of Pigmalion's Image" (1598); "Antonio and Melinda" (1602); "Antonio's Revenge" (1602); "The Malcontent" (1601); "Eastward-Hoe!" (in conjunction with Chapman and Johnson, 1605); "The Dutch Courtesan" (1605); "Parasitaster; or, the Fawn" (1606); "The Wonder of Women" (1606); "What You Will" (1607); "The Insatiate Countess" (1613); and several minor publications. His "Works" were edited by Bowles in 1761, by Halliwell (with "Life") in 1856, by Gifford and by A. H. Bullen in 1887. See also Wood's "Athenae Oxonienses," Warton's "English Poetry," Ritson's "Bibliographia Poetica," "The Retrospective Review," Lamb's "Works," Hazlitt's "Age of Elizabeth," Leigh Hunt's "Imagination and Fancy," the "Dictionary of National Biography," and Morley's "English Writers," vol. x.

Marston, John Westland (b. Boston, January 30th, 1820; d. January 5th, 1890). "The Patrician's Daughter" (1811); "The Heart and the World" (1817); etc. Dramatic and Poetic Works (1876); "Our Recent Actors" (1888).

Marston, Philip Bourke (b. 1850; d. 1887). "Song Tide" (1871); "All in All" (1875); "Wind-voices" (1884); "For a Song's Sake and other Stories" (1887).

Martin, Sir Theodore, LL.D. (b. Edinburgh, 1816). With Professor Aytoun, the "Bon Gaultier Ballads" (1854); "Poems, Original and Selected" (1863); "Life of Aytoun" (1867); "The Life of the Prince Consort" (1874-80); "Life of Lord Lyndhurst" (1883); "Sketch of the Life of Princess Alice" (1885); "Shakespeare or Bacon?" (1888), and the translator (with Aytoun) of "Poems and Ballads of Goethe" (1858); of Oehlenschläger's "Correggio" and "Aladdin" (1851 and 1857); of Horace's "Odes" (1860); the "Poems" of Catullus (1861); Dante's "Vita Nuova" (1862); Goethe's "Faust" (the first part in 1865, the second in 1886); Hartz's "King René's Daughter" and Heine's "Poems" (1878).

Martineau, Harriet (b. Norwich, June 14th, 1802; d. Ambleside, June 27th, 1876). "Devotional Exercises for the Use of Young Persons" (1823); "Christmas Day" (1824); "The Friend"

(1825); "Principle and Practice" (1826); "The Rioters" (1826); "The Turn-Out" (1827); "Traditions of Palestine" (1830); "Illustrations of Taxation" (1834); "Poor Laws and Paupers" (1834); "Society in America" (1837); "Retrospect of Western Travel" (1838); "Deerbrook" (1839); "The Hour and the Man" (1840); "Life in the Sick Room: Essays by an Invalid" (1843); "Letters on Mesmerism" (1845); "Forest and Game Law Tales" (1845); "The Billow and the Rock" (1846); "Eastern Life, Past and Present" (1847); "History of England during the Thirty Years' Peace, 1816-46" (1849-50); "Introduction to the History of the Peace from 1800 to 1815" (1851); "The Laws of Man's Nature and Development" (with Atkinson, 1851); a condensation of the "Philosophic Positive" of Comte (1853); "Household Education" (1854); "Complete Guide to the Lakes" (1854); "The Factory Controversy" (1855); "A History of the American Compromise" (1856); "British Rule in India" (1857); "Corporate Tradition and National Rights" (1857); "Local Dues on Shipping" (1857); "England and her Soldiers" (1859); "Endowed Schools in Ireland" (1859); "Health, Husbandry, and Handicraft" (1861); "Biographical Sketches" (1872), etc. See her "Autobiography" (1877); and "Life" by Mrs. Fenwick Miller.

Martineau, James, D.D., LL.D. (b. Norwich, April 21st, 1805). "The Rationale of Religious Inquiry" (1837); "Hymns of the Christian Church and Home" (1840); "Endeavours after the Christian Life" (1843, 1847); "Miscellanies" (1852); "Studies of Christianity" (1858); "Essays" (1869); "Hymns of Praise and Prayer" (1874); "Religion and Modern Materialism" (1874); "Hours of Thought" (1876); "Ideal Substitutes for God" (1878); "Essays, Philosophical and Theological" (1879); "A Study of Spinoza" (1882); "Types of Ethical Theory" (1885); "A Study of Religion" (1888); "The Seat of Authority in Religion" (1890); "Essays, Reviews, and Addresses" (1890-91); "Home Prayers" (1891); "The Three Stages of Unitarian Theology" (1894); "Faith the Beginning" (1896).

Marvell, Andrew (b. 1620; d. August 12th, 1678). "The Rehearsal Transposed" (1672); "Mr. Smirke" (1674); "An Account of the Growth of Popery and Arbitrary Government

in England" (1678); "Miscellaneous Poems" (1681); and "A Seasonable Argument," "Works," with "Life" by Cooke, in 1772, and by Thompson in 1776.

Massey, Gerald (b. Tring, Hertfordshire, May 29th, 1828). "Poems and Chansons" (1846); "Voices of Freedom and Lyrics of Love" (1849); "The Ballad of Babe Christabel, and Other Poems" (1855); "Craigcrook Castle, and Other Poems" (1856); "Havelock's March, and Other Poems" (1861); "Shakespeare's Sonnets and his Private Friends" (1866); "A Tale of Eternity, and Other Poems" (1869); "Carmen Nuptiale" (? 1880); "My Lyrical Life: Poems Old and New" (1889), etc.

Massinger, Philip (b. Salisbury, 1584; d. London, March, 1638). "The Virgin Martyr" (1622); "The Duke of Milan" (1623); "The Bondman" (1624); "The Roman Actor" (1629); "The Renegado" (1630); "The Picture" (1630); "The Emperor of the East" (1632); "The Fatal Dowry" (1632); "The Maid of Honour" (1632); "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" (1633); "The Great Duke of Florence" (1636); "The Unnatural Combat" (1639); "Alexius; or, the Chaste Lover" (1639); "The Fair Anchoress of Pausilippo" (1640); "The Noble Choice" (1653); "The Wandering Lovers" (1653); "Philenzo and Hippolyta" (1653); "The Spanish Viceroy" (1653); "Minerva's Sacrifice" (1653); "Believe as You List" (1653); "The Guardian" (1655); "A Very Woman" (1655); "The Bashful Lover" (1655); "The City Madam" (1659); "Antonio and Valia" (1660); "The Tyrant" (1660); "East and Welcome" (1660); "The Old Law," "The Judge," "The Honour of Women," "The Forced Lady," "The Woman's Plot," "The Parliament of Love," "The Unfortunate Piety," "The Tragedy of Cleander," "The Orator," "The King and the Subject," and other pieces. The "Works" of Massinger were edited by Gifford and Lieut.-Colonel Cunningham (cheap edition, with the addition of the recovered "Believe as You List" 1874). "Some Account of his Life and Writings" was published by Thomas Davies in 1858.

Masson, David (b. Aberdeen, December 2nd, 1822). "Essays, Biographical and Critical, chiefly on English Poets" (1856); "The Life of John Milton" (six vols., 1858-79); "British Novelists and their Styles" (1859);

"Recent British Philosophy" (1866); "Drummond of Hawthornden" (1873); "The Three Devils—Milton's, Luther's, and Goethe's" (1874); "Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats, etc." (1874); "De Quincey" in the *English Men of Letters* series (1878); "A Memoir of Goldsmith" (1879); "Carlyle" (1885); "Edinburgh Sketches and Memories" (1892). Has edited Cambridge "Milton" (1874).

Matheson, Rev. George, D.D. (b. Glasgow, March 27th, 1842). "Aids to the Study of German Theology" (1874); "Growth of the Spirit of Christianity" (1877); "Natural Elements of Revealed Theology" (1881); "Religion of China" (1881); "Confucianism" (1882); "Can the Old Faith Live with the New?" (1885); "The Psalmist and the Scientist" (1887); "Landmarks of New Testament Morality" (1888); "Voices of the Spirit" (1888); "Spiritual Development of St. Paul" (1890); "Sacred Songs" (1890); "Distinctive Messages of the Old Religions" (1892); "Searchings in the Silence" (1891); "The Lady Ecclesia" (1896); "Words by the Wayside" (1896), etc.

Maurice, Frederick Denison (b. August 29th, 1806; d. April 1st, 1872). "Eustace Conyers;" "Subscription no Bondage;" "The Kingdom of Christ" (1842); "History of Moral and Physical Philosophy" (1853-62); "Theological Essays" (1854); "Patriarchs and Lawgivers of the Old Testament" (1855); "The Bible and Science" (1863); "The Kingdom of Heaven" (1864); "Conflict of Good and Evil" (1865); "The Commandments" (1866); "Christian Ethics" (1867); "The Conscience" (1868); "Social Morality" (1869); "The Friendship of Books" (1873), etc. *See* "The Life of F. Maurice, edited by his son, F. Maurice" (1884).

Maxwell, James Clerk (b. June 13th, 1831; d. November 5th, 1879). "The Stability of the Motion of Saturn's Rings" (1859); "The Kinetic Theory of Gases;" "Faraday's Lines of Force;" "Theory of Heat" (1871); "A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism" (1873); "The Electrical Researches of the Hon. Henry Cavendish;" "Matter and Motion." *See* his "Life" by Prof. Campbell and W. Garnett (1882).

May, Thomas (b. Mayfield, Sussex, 1594; d. November 30th, 1650). "The Heir" (1622); "Antigone" (1631); "The Reigne of King Henry the Second" (1633); "The Victorious Reigne of King

Edward the Third" (1635); "Cleopatra" (1639); "Julia Agrippina, Empress of Rome" (1639); "Supplementum Lucani" (1649); "The History of the Parliament of England which began November 3rd, 1610" (1647); "A Breviary of the History of the Parliament of England" (1650); "The Old Couple" (1658); translations of Virgil's "Georgics," Lucan's "Pharsalia," some of Martial's "Epigrams," Barclay's "Argenis," and some other works. See *The New Monthly Magazine*, vol. ii.

May, Sir Thomas Erskine, D.C.L. (b. 1815; d. 1886). "A Treatise on the Law, Privileges, Proceedings, and Usage of Parliament" (1844); "Constitutional History of England since the Accession of George III." (1861-63, 1871); "Democracy in Europe: a History" (1877), etc.

Meredith, George (b. Hampshire, 1828). "Poems" (1851); "The Shaving of Shagpat" (1855); "Farina: a Legend of Cologne" (1857); "The Ordeal of Richard Feverel" (1859); "Mary Bertraud" (1860); "Evan Harrington" (1861); "Modern Love: Poems and Ballads" (1862), republished 1892 with "The Sage Enamoured" and "The Honest Lady"; "Familia in England" (1861); "Rhoda Fleming" (1863); "Vittoria" (1866); "Adventures of Harry Richmond" (1871); "Beauchamp's Career" (1875); "The Egoist" (1879); "Tragic Comedians" (1881); "Poems and Lyrics of the Joy of Earth" (1883); "Diana of the Crossways" (1885); "Poems and Ballads" (1887); "A Reading of Earth" (1888); "Tale of Chloe" (1890); "One of Our Conquerors" (1891); "Jump-to-Glory Jane" (1892); "The Empty Purse" (1892); "Lord Ormont and his Aminta" (1891); "Ballads and Poems of Tragic Life" (1894); "The Amazing Marriage" (1895); "The Tale of Chloe" (1896); "An Essay on Comedy" (1897).

Morivale, Charles, D.D., Dean of Ely (b. 1808; d. 1893). "History of the Romans under the Empire" (1850-64); "Conversion of the Roman Empire" (1864); "Conversion of the Northern Nations" (1865); "General History of Rome" (1875); "Lectures on Early Church History" (1879); translation of the *Iliad*, etc.

Meynell, Mrs. Alice, nee Thompson (b. Larnes). "Preludes" (1875); "The Poor Sisters of Nazareth" (1889); "The Rhythm of Life" etc. (1893);

"Poems" (1893); "Lourdes: Yesterday, To-Day, and To-Morrow," translation (1894); "The Children" (1896); "The Colour of Life" (1896).

Middleton Conyers, D.D. (b. 1683; d. July 28th, 1750). "A Method for the Management of a Library" (1723); "A Letter from Rome" (1729); "A Dissertation on the Origin of Printing in England" (1735); "The History of the Life of Marcus Tullius Cicero" (1741); "The Letters of Cicero to Brutus, and of Brutus to Cicero" (1743); "A Free Inquiry into Miracles" (1749). His "Works" were collected in 1752.

Middleton, Thomas (b. 1570; d. July, 1627). "The Wisdom of Solomon Paraphrased" (1597); "Blurt, Master Constable; or, the Spaniard's Night Walke" (1602); "Michaelmas Terme" (1607); "Patient Grissel" (1607); "The Phoenix" (1607); "Four Fine Gallants" (1607); "The Familie of Love" (1608); "A Mad World, My Masters" (1608); "A Tricke to Catch the Old One" (1608); "Account of Sir Robert Sherley" (1609); "The Triumphs of Truth" (1613); "Civitatatis Amor" (1610); "The Triumphs of Honour and Industry" (1617); "A Fair Quarrel" (1617); "The Triumphs of Love and Antiquity" (1619); "The Masque of Heroes" (1619); "A Courtly Masque" (1620); "The Sun in Aries" (1621); "The Triumphs of Honour and Virtue" (1622); "The Triumphs of Integrity" (1623); "The Game of Chess" (1621); "The Triumphs of Health and Prosperity" (1626); "The Chast Mayd in Cheape-side," "The Widow," "The Changeling" (1653); "The Spanish Gipsie" (1653); "The Old Law," "More Dissemblers Besides Women" (1657); "Women Beware Women" (1657); "No Wit, no Help like a Woman's" (1657); "The Mayor of Quinborough" (1661); "Anything fowle Quiet Life" (1662); "The Witch" (1778); and other works. The "Works" of Middleton were edited in 1840, with "Some Account of the Author, and Notes," by the Rev. Alexander Dyce. For Criticism, see Hazlitt's "Elizabethan Literature" and Lamb's "Specimens of Dramatic Poets." See also the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Mill, James (b. Northwater Bridge, Montrose, April 6th, 1773; d. Kensington, June 23rd, 1836). "Essay on the Impolicy of a Country in the Exportation of Grain" (1804); a translation, with notes, of Villiers' "Essay on Luther

and the Reformation" (1805); "a "History of British India" (1817-18); "Elements of Political Economy" (1821-22); "Analysis of the Phenomena of the Human Mind" (1829); "The Principles of Toleration" (1837), etc. *See* Bain's "James Mill, a Biography" (1882).

Mill, John Stuart (b. London, May 20th, 1806; d. Avignon, May 8th, 1873). "System of Logic" (1843); "Essays on Some Unsettled Questions in Political Economy" (1844); "Principles of Political Economy" (1848); "An Essay on Liberty" (1858); "Dissertations and Discussions" (1859-67); "Thoughts on Parliamentary Reform" (1859); "Considerations on Representative Government," "Utilitarianism" (1862); "Auguste Comte and Positivism" (1865); "An Examination of Sir William Hamilton's Philosophy" (1865); "The Subjection of Women" (1867); "Address to the Students of St. Andrews" (1867); "England and Ireland" (1868); "The Irish Land Question" (1870); and "Nature, and other Essays" (1874). *See* his "Autobiography" (1873) and Bain's "Personal Recollections" (1882). For Criticism, *see* Taine's "English Literature," vol. iv.; Ribot's "Contemporary English Psychology"; and Courtney's "Metaphysics of John Stuart Mill" (1879), etc.

Miller, Hugh (b. Cromarty, October 10th, 1802; d. Portobello, December 23rd, 1856). "Poems Written in the Leisure Hours of a Journeyman Mason" (1829); "Scenes and Legends in the North of Scotland" (1831); "The Old Red Sandstone" (1841); "First Impressions of England and Its People" (1847); "Footprints of the Creator" (1850); "My Schools and Schoolmasters" (1851); "The Testimony of the Rocks" (1857); "The Cruise of the *Petsy*" (1858); "The Headship of Christ," "Edinburgh and its Neighbourhood," "Tales and Sketches," "a Sketch-book of Popular Geology," and "Miscellaneous Essays." Edited *The Witness*. His complete "Works" have been published in a uniform shape, "Life," by Peter Bayne (1870).

Milman, Henry Hart, D.D., Dean of St. Paul's (b. London, February 10th, 1791; d. September 24th, 1868). "The Apollo Belvedere" (1812); "Alexander Tumulum Achillis invisens" (1813); "Fazio" (1815); "Samor" (1818); "The Fall of Jerusalem" (1820); "The Martyr of Antioch" (1822); "Belshazzar" (1822); "Poems" (1826); "Anne Boleyn"

(1826); "The Office of the Christian Teacher Considered" (1826); "The Character and Conduct of the Apostles Considered as an Evidence of Christianity" (1828); "a "History of the Jews" (1829-30); "Nala and Damayanti," and other translations from the Sanscrit (1834); a "Life of Edward Gibbon" (1839); a "History of Christianity" (1840); a "Life of Horace," prefixed to an edition of his "Works" (1849); a "History of Latin Christianity" (1854-55); and various contributions to *The Quarterly Review*, which have been republished in 1870.

Milton, John (b. London, December 9th, 1608; d. London, November 8th, 1674). Written before 1632: First four "Familiar Epistles"; "Prolusions quedam Oratoriae"; first seven pieces in "Elegiarum Liber"; first six of "Sylvarum Liber"; "On the Death of a Fair Infant" (1626); "Vacation Exercise" (1628); "Hymn on the Nativity" (1629); "On the Passion"; "On Time"; "On the Circumcision"; "At a Solemn Musick" (1630); "Song on May Morning" (1630); "On Shakespeare" (1630); "On the University Carrier"; "Another on the same"; "Epitaph on the Marchioness of Winchester"; "Sonnet on Twenty-third Birthday" (1631). Between 1632 and 1637:—Three of "Familiar Epistles"; "Sonnet to the Nightingale"; "L'Allegro"; "Il Penseroso"; "Arcades" (1633); "Comus" (1634); "Lycidas" (1637). After travels abroad (1637):—"Of Reformation"; "Of Prelatical Episcopacy"; "The Reason of Church Government urged against Prelacy"; "Animadversions against the Remonstrant's Defence"; "Apology against a Pamphlet called 'A Modest Confutation,' etc. After marriage with Mary Powell (1643):—"Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce" (1644); "Judgment of Martin Bucer touching Divorce" (translated extracts); "On Education"; "Areopagitica" (1644); "Tetrachordon" (1645); "Colasterion" (1645); "Tenure of Kings and Magistrates"; "Observations on Articles of Peace" (1649); "Ikonoclastes" (1649); "Pro Populo Anglicano Defensio" (1651); "Defensio Secunda" (1654); "Authoris pro se Defensio contra Alexandrum Morum"; "Ecclesiasten"; "Authoris ad Alexandri Mori Supplementum Responsio" (1656). His twenty years of polemical writing close with "A Treatise of Civil Power in Ecclesiastical Causes;"

"Considerations touching the Means to Remove Hirelings out of the Church;" "Letter to a Friend concerning Rupture of the Commonwealth;" "Ready Way to Establish a True Commonwealth;" "Brief Notes upon a Late Sermon entitled, 'The Fear of God and the King.'" After his pardon by the Oblivion Act, and his third marriage (1664):—"Accidence Commenc't Grammar;" "History of Britain;" "Artis Logice Plenior Institutio;" "Of True Religion;" "Epist. Fam. Liber Unus;" "Brief History of Moscovia;" "Literæ Senatus Anglicani;" "De Doctrina Christiana;" "Paradise Lost" (1667); "Paradise Regained" (1671); "Samson Agonistes" (1671); translation of "Declaration of the Poles on the Election of Sobieski," with "Epist. Fam." and "Acad. Exercises" (1674). He edited two MSS. of Raleigh's "The Cabinet Council" (1658) and "Aphorisms of State" (1661). A *Commonplace Book* and a *Latin Essay and Latin Verses*, presumed (on almost conclusive proofs) to be by Milton, edited for Camden Society (1876).

More than 150 editions of Milton published. Concordances by Prendergast (Madras, 1837-59). Cleveland (London, 1867). and Dr. John Bradshaw (1895). See Masson's "Life of Milton" (5 vols., 1858-59), his accurate edition of Milton's Poetical Works (1874); "Milton und seine Zeit," by Stern (Leip.); Stopford Brooke's "Milton" ("Classical Writers") (1879); the monograph in *Men of Letters*, by Pattison (1879); Dr. R. Bridges' "Milton's Prosody" (1893), etc. Facsimile of "Paradise Lost," by Elliot Stock (1877). See also the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Minto, Professor William (b. Auchintoul, Aberdeenshire, October 10th, 1845; d. March 1st, 1893). "English Prose Literature" (1872); "Characteristics of English Poets" (1874); "Defoe" (1879); "The Crack of Doom" (1886); "The Mediation of Ralph Harde lot" (1888); "Was She Good or Bad?" (1889); "Logic, Inductive and Deductive" (1893); "The Literature of the Georgian Era" (1894), etc. Was editor of the *Examiner*.

Mitford, Mary Russell (b. Alresford, Hampshire, December 16th, 1787; d. near Reading, January 10th, 1855). "Christine" (1811); "Poems on the Female Character" (1812); "Watlington Hill" (1812); "Julian" (1823); "Our Village" (1824); "Foscari" (1826);

"Rienzi" (1828); "Charles the First," "American Stories for Young People" (1832); "Lights and Shadows of American Life" (1832); "Belford Regis" (1835); "Country Stories" (1837); "Recollections of a Literary Life" (1851); "Atherton and Other Tales" (1854); and other works. For Biography, see Miss Mitford's "Life and Letters," edited by Harness and L'Estrange; "Letters," edited by Henry F. Chorley; and the "Life and Letters of Charles Boner."

Mitford, William (b. London, February 10th, 1744; d. February 8th, 1827). "Treatise on the Military Force, and particularly on the Militia of this Kingdom" (1774); "Inquiry into the Principles of Harmony in Language and of the Mechanism of Verse, Modern and Ancient" (1774); "History of Greece" (1781, 1790, 1797, 1808, 1818); and "Observations on the History and Doctrine of Christianity" (1823). See the *Life* prefixed by Lord Redesdale to "History" (1829).

Mivart, Professor St. George, F.R.S. (b. London, November 30th, 1827). "The Genesis of Species" (1871); "Lessons in Elementary Anatomy" (1872); "Man and Apes" (1873); "Contemporary Evolution" (1876); "Lessons in Nature as Manifested in Mind and Matter" (1876); "The Cat" (1881); "Nature and Thought" (1883); "Philosophical Catechism" (1881); "The Origin of Human Reason" (1889); "On Truth: A Systematic Inquiry" (1889); "Dogs, Jackals, and Wolves" (1890); "Birds: the Elements of Ornithology" (1892); "Essays and Criticism" (1892); "An Introduction to the Elements of Science" (1893); "Types of Animal Life" (1893).

Moir, David Macbeth, "Delta" (b. Musselburgh, January 5th, 1798; d. Dumfries, July 6th, 1851). "The Bombardment of Algiers, and Other Poems" (1818); "The Legend of Genevieve, and Other Tales" (1821); "The Autobiography of Mansie Waugh" (1828); "Outlines of the Ancient History of Medicine" (1831); "Domestic Verses" (1843); and "Sketches of the Poetical Literature of the Past Half-Century" (1851). "Works" edited, with a Memoir, by Thomas Aird (1852).

Molesworth, Mrs. Mary Louisa, née Stewart (b. 1842). "Carrots" (1863); "Hathercourt Rectory" (1878); "Marrying and Giving in Marriage" (1887); "That Girl

in Black" (1889); "Neighbours" (1889); "Leona" (1892); "The Next-Door House" (1893); "Studies and Stories" (1893); "My New Home" (1894); "Shoila's Mystery" (1896); "Philippa" (1896); "Uncanny Tales" (1896), etc.

Monier-Williams, Professor Sir Monier, D.C.L., LL.D., Ph.D. (b. Bombay, 1819). "Indian Epic Poetry" (1863); "Indian Wisdom;" "Hinduism" (1877); "Modern India and the Indians" (1878); "Religious Thought and Life in India" (1883); "Brahmanism and Hinduism" (1887); "Sakuntala," translation (1887); "Buddhism" (1889), etc.

Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley (b. London, 1689; d. London, August 21st, 1762). "Town Eclogues" (1716), etc. Letters first printed by Captain Cleland in 1763, with additional volume (forged?) in 1767. "Poetical Works" (1768); "Works, including her Correspondence, Poems, and Essays, with Memoirs of her Life," were edited by Dullaway in 1803, and reached a sixth edition in 1817. In 1836 her Letters and Works, with introduction by Lady Louisa Stewart.

Montgomery, Alexander (b. Hazelhead Castle, Ayrshire, 1540; d. 1607). "The Cherrie and the Slae" (1597); "The Minde's Melody" (1605); and "The Flyting Betwixt Montgomerie and Polwart" (1629). His Poems were published with biographical notices by David Irving, LL.D., in 1821.

Montgomery, Florence (b. 1847). "A Very Simple Story" (1867); "Misunderstood" (1869); "Thrown Together" (1872); "Thwarted" (1874); "Wild Mike and his Victim" (1875); "Seaforth" (1878); "Peggy, and Other Tales" (1880); "The Blue Veil" (1883); "Transformed" (1886); "The Fisherman's Daughter" (1889).

Montgomery, James (b. Irvine, Ayrshire, November 4th, 1771; d. Sheffield, April 30th, 1854). "The Wanderer of Switzerland, and Other Poems" (1806); "The West Indies, and Other Poems" (1810); "Prison Amusements;" "The World before the Flood" (1813); "Thoughts on Wheels" (1817); "The Climbing Boy's Soliloquy;" "Greenland" (1819); "Songs of Zion" (1822); "The Christian Poet" (1825); "The Pelican Island" (1827); "Lectures on Poetry and General Literature" (1833); "A Poet's Portfolio" (1835); "The Christian Psalmist" (1832); and "Original Hymns for Public, Private, and

Social Devotion" (1853). His Life has been written by J. W. King (1858), and his "Memoirs, including Selections from his Correspondence, Remarks in Prose and Verse, and Conversations on Various Subjects," were published by John Holland and James Everett in 1854-56. See also his "Life and Times" by Ellis (1864).

Moore, Frank Frankfort (b. Limerick, 1855). "Told by the Sea" (1877); "Daheen" (1879); "I Forbid the Banns" (1893); "A Gray Eye or So" (1893); "One Fair Daughter" (1894); "A Journalist's Notebook" (1895), etc.; "The Secret of the Court" (1895); "The Sale of a Soul" (1895); "They call it Love" (1895); "Phyllis of Philistia" (1895); "The Impudent Comedian" (1896); "The Jessamy Bride" (1897), etc.

Moore, George. "Flowers of Passion" (1878); "Pagan Poems" (1881); "A Modern Lover" (1883); "A Mummer's Wife;" "A Drama in Muslim" (1886); "Parnell and His Island" (1887); "A Mere Accident" (1887); "Spring Days" (1888); "Confessions of a Young Man" (1888); "Mike Fletcher" (1889); "Impressions and Opinions" (1891); "Van Fortune" (1892); "The Strike at Arlingford" (1893); "Modern Painting" (1893); "Esther Waters" (1894); "Celibates" (1895); "Evelyn Jones" (1898).

Moore, Thomas (b. Dublin, May 28th, 1779; d. Sloperton Cottage, near Devizes, February 26th, 1852). "Ode to Nothing;" "Odes of Anacreon" (1800); "Poetical Works of the late Thomas Little" (1801); "Odes and Epistles" (1806); "Intolerance and Corruption" (1808); "The Sceptic" (1809); "M. P.; or, the Blue Stocking" (1811); "Intercepted Letters; or, the Twopenny Postbag" (1811); "National Airs" (1815); "The World at Westminster" (1816); "Sacred Songs" (1816); "Lalla Rookh" (1817); "The Fudge Family in Paris;" "Tom Crib: His Memorial to Congress" (1819); "Rhymes for the Road" (1820); "Fables for the Holy Alliance" (1820); "Loves of the Angels" (1823); "Memoirs of Captain Rock" (1824); "Life of R. B. Sheridan" (1825); "History of Ireland" (1827); "Travels of an Irish Gentleman in Search of a Religion" (1827); "The Epicurean" (1827); "Odes upon Cash, Corn, and Catholics" (1828); "Life of Byron" (1830); "Life of Lord Edward Fitzgerald" (1831); "Alciphron" (1839); and some miscellaneous

"Prose and Verse" (1878). See "Moore's hitherto Uncollected Writings" (1877). For Biography, see Earl Russell's edition of the "Diary" (1852-56), and the "Life" by R. H. Montgomery (1850). For Criticism, see Hazlitt's "English Poets" and "Spirit of the Age," Jeffrey's "Essays," W. C. Roscoe's "Essays," and W. M. Rossetti's introduction to the Poems.

More, Hannah (b. Stapleton, February 2nd, 1745; d. Clifton, September 7th, 1833). "The Search after Happiness" (1773); "The Inflexible Captive" (1774); "Percy" (1777); "The Fatal Falsehood" (1779); "Sacred Dramas" (1782); "Florio: a Tale for Fine Gentlemen and Fine Ladies" (1786); "The Bas Bleu; or, Conversation" (1786); "Thoughts on the Importance of the Manners of the Great to General Society" (1788); "An Estimate of the Religion of the Fashionable World" (1790); "Village Politics" (1793); "The Modern System of Female Education" (1799); "Cœlebs in Search of a Wife" (1800); "Practical Piety" (1811); "Christian Morals" (1813); "Stories for the Middle Ranks of Society" (1818); "Tales for the Common People" (1818); "Moral Sketches of Prevailing Opinions and Manners" (1819); "Bible Rhymes" (1821); and many other works. Her "Poetical Works" appeared in 1829. Her complete works were published in eleven volumes in 1830, and again, with Memoir and Notes, in 1833. Her Life has been written by Shaw (1802), Roberts (1834), Thompson (1838), and Smith (1844). See "Letters to Zachary Macaulay" (1860).

More, Henry (b. Grantham, October 12th, 1611; d. September 1st, 1687). "Psychodia" (1642); "Philosophical Poems" (1647); "Philosophical Writings," containing "An Antidote against Atheism," "Enthusiasmus Triumphatus," "Letters to Des Cartes," "Immortality of the Soul," "Conjectura Cabalistica" (1662); "Theological Works," containing "An Explanation of the Grand Mystery of Godliness," "An Inquiry into the Mystery of Iniquity," "A Prophetical Exposition of the Seven Churches in Asia," "A Discourse of the Grounds of Faith in Points of Religion," "An Antidote against Idolatry," and "Some Divine Hymns" (1708); "Divine Dialogues," containing "Disquisitions concerning the Attributes and Providence of God"

(1713), "Discourses on Several Texts of Scripture" (1692), "Enchiridion Ethicum" (1668), and "Enchiridion Metaphysicum" (1671). The Life of More was published by R. Ward in 1710. See Tulloch's "Rational Theology and Christian Philosophy in the XVIIIth Century," and Vaughan's "Half-hours with the Mystics."

More, Sir Thomas (b. London, 1478; d. London, July 6th, 1535). "The Sergeant and the Frere;" "Utopia" (in Latin, first ed. 1516); "The Supplicacyon of Soulys against the Supplicacyon of Beggars;" "A Dyalogue of Syr Thomas More, Knyghte, wherein he treatyd divers matters, as of the Veneration and Worshyp of Ymages and Relyques, praying to Sayntys, and goyng on Pylgrimage, wyth many othere thyngs touchyng the pestylent Sect of Luther and Tyndale, by the tunc bygone in Saxony, and by the tother labour'd to be brought into England" (1529); "The Confutacyon of Tyndale's Answer" (1532); "The Second Parte" of ditto (1533); "The Debellacyon of Saleme and Bizance" (1533); "The Apologyo of Syr Thomas More, Knyghte" (1533); "A Letter Impugnynge the erronyouse wrytyng of John Fryth against the Blessed Sacrament of the Aultare" (1533); "The Answer to the First Part of the Poysoned Booke whyche a nameless Heretiko (John Frithe) hath named the Supper of the Lord" (1534); "Utopia: written in Latine, by Syr Thomas More, Knyghte, and translated into Englishe by Raphe Robynson" (1551); "A Dialogue of Comfort against Tribulation" (1553); "A Treatise to receave the Blessed Body of our Lord Sacramentally and Virtually both" (1572); "The Historie of the pittifull Life and unfortunate Death of King Edward V. and the Duke of York, his brother, with the Troublesome and Tyfynical Government of the Usurpation of Richard III. and his Miserable End;" and "The Book of the Fayre Gentlewoman, Lady Fortune." The English works of Sir Thomas More were published in 1557, the Latin works in 1565 and 1566. The following are the Biographical Authorities:—"The Life and Death of Sir Thomas More," by his grandson, Cressacre More (1626); "Life," by his son-in-law, W. Roper (third edition, 1626); "Tho. Mori Vita et Exitus," by J. Hoddesdon (1652); "Tomaso Moro, Grand Cancellario d'Inghilterra" (1675); "Vita Thomæ

Mori," by Stapleton (1689); "Life of Sir Thomas More," by Ferdinando Warner (1758); "Memoirs of Sir Thomas More," by Cayley (1803); "Thomas Moreus, Lord Chancelier du Royaume d'Angleterre" (1833); "Life of Sir Thomas More," by Emily Taylor (1834); "Life of Sir Thomas More," by Sir James Mackintosh (1844); "The Household of Sir Thomas More" (1851); "Life," by T. E. Bridgett (1891); "Life of Sir Thomas More," in Wordsworth's "Ecclesiastical Biography;" "Lord Campbell's "Lives of the Lord Chancellors," Facsimile of first edition of "Utopia," by Arber.

Morgan, Lady (b. Dublin, 1783; d. London, April 13th, 1859). "Poems" (1797); "The Wild Irish Girl" (1801); "The Novice of St. Dominick" (1806); "The Lay of an Irish Harp" (1807); "Patriotic Sketches of Ireland" (1807); "Woman; or, Ida of Athens" (1809); "St. Clair" (1810); "The Missionary" (1811); "O'Donnell" (1814); "France in 1816" (1817); "Florence MacCarthy" (1818); "Life and Times of Salvator Rosa" (1824); "Absenteeism" (1825); "The O'Brians and the O'Flahertys" (1827); "The Book of the Boudoir" (1829); "France in 1829-30" (1830); "Dramatic Scenes from Real Life" (1833); "The Princess" (1835); "Woman and Her Master" (1840); "The Book without a Name" (in conjunction with her husband, Sir T. C. Morgan, M.D., 1841); "Luxima, the Prophetess" (1859); and "Passages from my Autobiography" (1859). See W. J. Fitzpatrick's "Lady Morgan" (1860).

Morison, J. Cotter (b. 1831; d. 1888). "Life and Times of St. Bernard" (1868); "Irish Grievances Shortly Stated" (1868); "Gibbon" (1878); "Macaulay" (1882); "The Service of Man" (1887).

Morley, Henry (b. London, 1822; d. May 14th, 1894). "Sunrise in Italy, and Other Poems" (1848); "How to make Home Unhealthy" (1850); "A Defence of Ignorance" (1851); the Lives of Palissy the Potter (1852), Jerome Cardan (1854), Cornelius Agrippa (1856), and Clement Marot (1870); "Memoirs of Bartholomew Fair" (1857); "Fairy Tales" (1859, 1860, 1881); "English Writers" (1864-67; begun again in 1887, and continued to the eleventh volume (1895); "Journal of a London Playgoer" (1866); "Tables of English Literature" (1870); "A

First Sketch of English Literature" (1873); "English Literature in the Reign of Victoria" (1881); "Early Papers and Some Memories" (1881). Edited "King and Commons" (1868); "The Spectator" (1868), "Cassell's Library of English Literature," "Cassell's National Library," "The Carisbrooke Library," "Morley's Universal Library," "Lubbock's Hundred Book," etc.

Morley, Right Hon. John, LL.D.

(b. Blackburn, 1838). "Edmund Burke" (1867, Sketch 1879); "Critical Miscellanies" (1871-77); "Voltaire" (1871); "Rousseau" (1873); "The Struggle for National Education" (1873); "On Compromise" (1874); "Diderot and the Encyclopaedists" (1878); "Cobden" (1881); "On the Study of Literature" (1887); "Aphorisms" (1887); "Walpole" (1888); "Studies in Literature" (1891); "Machiavelli" (1897). Has edited *The Morning Star*, *The Fortnightly Review*, *Pall Mall Gazette*, and *Macmillan's Magazine*, as well as the *English Men of Letters* series.

Morris, Sir Lewis (b. Carmarthen, 1833). "Songs of Two Worlds" (1872, 1874, and 1875); "The Epic of Hades" (1876-77); "Gwen" (1875); "The Ode of Life" (1880); "Songs Unsung" (1883); "Gycia" (1886); "A Vision of Saints" (1890); "Odatis" (1892); "Love and Sleep," etc. (1893); "Songs Without Notes" (1894); "Idylls and Lyrics" (1896). Works, in one volume (1890).

Morris, Richard (b. Southwark, September 8th, 1833; d. May 12th, 1894). "The Etymology of Local Names" (1857); "Historical Outlines of English Accidence" (1872); "Elementary Lessons in Historical English Grammar" (1874); and "A Primer of English Grammar" (1875); besides editions of old English works, such as "The Pricke of Conscience," "The Ayenbite of Inwit," "Sir Gawayne and the Green Knight," and the like. He also edited the poems of Chaucer and Spenser, etc.

Morris, William (b. 1834; d. 1896). "The Defence of Guenevere" (1858); "The Life and Death of Jason" (1867); "The Earthly Paradise" (1868-70); "Translations from the Icelandic" (1869); "The Story of Grettir the Strong" (1869); "Love is Enough" (1872); "Three Northern Love Stories" (1875); "The Story of Sigurd the Volsung and the Fall of the Niblungs" (1876); a translation of the "Æneid" (1876); a translation of the "Odyssey"

(1887); "A Dream of John Bull," etc. (1888); "Signs of Change" (1888); "The Roots of the Mountains" (1889); "A Tale of the House of the Wolfings" (1889); "News from Nowhere" (1890); "Poems by the Way" (1891); "The Story of the Glittering Plain" (1891); "Gothic Architecture" (1893); "Socialism, its Growth and Outcome," with E. Belfort Bax (1893); "The Wood Beyond the World" (1894); "The Well at the World's End" (1896); "The Water of the Wondrous Isles" (1897). Co-editor of the *Saga Library*, and translator of some of the *Sagas*. For Criticisms, see Stedman's "Victorian Poets," Swinburne's "Essays and Studies," Forman's "Living Poets."

Mozley, James Bowling, D.D. (b. Lincolnshire, 1813; d. January 4th, 1878); "The Doctrine of Predestination" (1855); "The Doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration" (1856); "The Baptismal Controversy" (1862); "Subscription to the Articles" (1863); "On Miracles" (1865); "Sermons" (1876); "Essays" (1878), etc. Letters edited by his sister, A. Mozley.

Mozley, Rev. Thomas (b. Gainsborough, 1806; d. June 17th, 1893). "Reminiscences, chiefly of Oriel College and the Oxford Movement" (1882); "Reminiscences, chiefly of Towns, Villages, and Schools" (1885); "The Word" (1889); "The Son" (1891); "Letters from Rome" (1891); "The Creed, or a Philosophy" (1893).

Müller, Friedrich Max (b. Dessau, December 6th, 1823). "The Rig-Veda, with Sayana's Commentary" (1819-74); "A Survey of Languages" (1855); "Essay on Comparative Mythology" (1858); "History of Sanskrit Literature" (1859); "Lectures on the Science of Language" (1861-64); "Chips from a German Workshop" (1868-70); "On Missions" (1873); "The Origin and Growth of Religions, as illustrated by the Religions of India" (1878); "Biographical Essays" (1883); "The Science of Thought" (1887); "Biographies of Words" (1888); "Natural Religion" (1889); "Physical Religion" (1891); "The Science of Language and its Place in General Education" (1891); "Anthropological Religion" (1892); "Theosophy" (1893); "The Vedānta Philosophy" (1894). Has also edited "The Sacred Books of the East" (1875-85), etc.

Mulloch, Dinah Maria (Mrs. Craik). (b. Stoke-upon-Trent, 1826; d. 1888). "The Ogilvies" (1819); "Olive" (1850); "The Head of the Family" (1851); "Agatha's Husband" (1852); "John Halifax, Gentleman" (1857); "A Life for a Life" (1859); "Mistress and Maid" (1863); "Christian's Mistake" (1865); "A Noble Life" (1866); "Studies from Life" (1869); "The Woman's Kingdom" (1870); "Hannah" (1871); Poems in 1872; "Sermons out of Church" (1875); "The Laurel Bush" (1877); "A Legacy" (1878); "An Unsentimental Journey in Cornwall" (1886), etc. See *North British Review* (1858).

Murray, David Christie (b. West Bromwich, April 13th, 1847). "A Life's Atonement" (1880); "Joseph's Coat" (1881); "Coals of Fire," etc. (1882); "Hearts": "By the Gate of the Sea"; "Val Strange" (1883); "The Way of the World" (1884); "Rainbow Gold" (1885); "Aunt Rachel" (1886); "A Novelist's Notebook"; "The Traveller Returns"; "Old Blazer's Hero" (1887); "The Weaker Vessel" (1888); "Wild Dorrie" (1889); "John Vale's Guardian" (1890); "He Fell Among Thieves"; "Only a Shadow" (1891); "Bob Martin's Little Girl" (1892); "A Wasted Crime"; "Time's Revenues"; "The Making of a Novelist" (1893); "A Rising Star"; "In Direst Peril" (1894); "The Investigations of John Pym"; "Modest Despair," etc.; "The Martyred Fool" (1895); "A Capful o' Nails"; "The Bishop's Amazement" (1896); "A Rogue's Conscience"; "My Contemporaries in Fiction"; "This Little World" (1897).

Myers, Ernest James (b. Keswick, 1814). "The Puritans" (1869); "Poems" (1877); "Defence of Rome, and Other Poems" (1830); "Judgment of Prometheus" (1886); "Lord Althorp" (1889).

Myers, Frederic W. H. (b. Keswick, February 6th, 1843). "Saint Paul" (1867); "Poems" (1870); "Wordsworth" in the *English Men of Letters* series (1881); "Renewal of Youth" (1882); "Essays" (1883); "Phantoms of the Living" (1886); "Science and a Future Life" (1893).

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Napier, Lieut.-General Sir William Francis Patrick (b. Castle-town, 1785; d. 1860). "History of the

Peninsular War" (1828-40); "The Conquest of Scinde" (1845); "History of Sir Charles James Napier's Administration of Scinde" (1851); "Life and Opinions of General Sir Charles James Napier" (1857). See Lord Aberdeen's "Life and Letters of Sir W. Napier" (1862).

Nash, Thomas (b. Lowestoft, Suffolk, 1567; d. circa 1600). "Plaine Percevall, the Peace-Maker of England;" "Martin's Months Minde" (1589); "Pappe with a Hatchet" (1589?); "The Returne of the Renowned Cavaliero Pasquill of England" (1589); "The Anatomie of Absurditie" (1589); "Pasquill's Apologie" (1590); "Pierce Pennilesse, his Supplication to the Diuel" (1592); "Strange Newes of the Intercepting certaine Letters" (1592); "Apologie of Pierce Pennilesse" (1592); "Christ's Teares over Jerusalem" (1593); "Dido" (with Christopher Marlowe) (1594); "The Unfortunate Traveller" (1594); "The Terrors of the Night" (1594); "Have with you to Saffron Walden" (1596); "Nashe's Leuten Stuffe" (1599); "Summer's Last Will and Testament" (1600); "The Returne of the Knight of the Post from Hell" (1606); and other works.

Nesbit, Miss Edith, now Mrs Hubert Bland (b. 1858). "Lays and Legends" (1886 and 1894); "Leaves of Life" (1888); "Songs of Two Seasons" (1890); "Something Wrong" (1893); "Grim Tales" (1893); "As Happy as a King" (1896); "In Homespun" (1896), etc.

Nettleship, Professor Henry (b. Kettering, May 5th, 1839; d. July 10th, 1893). "Lectures and Essays on Latin Literature and Scholarship" (1885).

Nettleship, John T. (b. Kettering, February 11th, 1841). "Essays on Robert Browning's Poetry" (1868); enlarged edition, 1890.

Newman, Francis William (b. London, June 27th, 1805; d. 1897). "The Human Soul: its Sorrows and Aspirations" (1849); "Phases of Faith: Passages from My Own Creed" (1850); "A Church of the Future" (1854); "Theism: Doctrinal and Practical" (1858); "Miscellanies: Academical and Historical" (1869); "A Libyan Vocabulary" (1882); "A Christian Commonwealth" (1883); "Rebilius; or, Robinson Crusoe in Latin" (1884); "Life after Death" (1886); "Reminiscences of Two Exiles and Two Wars" (1888); and many

other works, including "The Early History of the late Cardinal Newman" (1891).

Newman, John Henry, D.D. (b. London, February 21st, 1801; d. August 11th, 1890). "Parochial Sermons" (1838-44); "Sermons on Subjects of the Day" (1841); "The Theory of Religious Belief" (1844); "The Development of Christian Doctrine" (1846); "Loss and Gain: the Story of a Convert" (1848); "The Office and Work of Universities" (1854-56); "Sermons Preached on Various Occasions" (1857); "Apologia pro Vita Sua" (1864); "The Dream of Gerontius" (1865); "Poems" (1868); "The Grammar of Assent" (1870); and "Mr. Gladstone's Exposition" (1875). See *Fortnightly Review* for 1877, F. W. Newman's "Early History of the late Cardinal Newman" (1891), Dr. Edwin Abbott's "The Anglican Career of Cardinal Newman," R. H. Hutton's "Cardinal Newman" (1891), etc.

Newton, Sir Isaac (b. Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire, December 25th, 1642; d. Kensington, March 20th, 1727). "Principia Philosophiæ Naturalis Mathematicæ" (1687); "Quadrature of Curves" (1700); "Opticks" (1701); "Arithmetica Universalis" (1707); "Analysis per Quantitatum Series" (1711); "De Mundi Systemate" (1728); "Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms" (1728); "Observations on the Prophecies of Daniel" (1733); "The Method of Fluxions and Analysis by Infinite Series" (1736); and other works, published by Bishop Horsley in 1779-85, under the title of "Opera quæ extant Omnia." The Life of Newton has been written by Fontenelle (1728), Frisi (1778), Biot (1822), De Morgan (1833), Whewell (1836), and Sir David Brewster (1853 and 1855). His "Correspondence with Professor Cotes" appeared in 1810. Best edition of "Principia," 1871.

Newton, John (b. London, July 24th, 1725; d. December 31st, 1807). "Cardiphonia; or, Utterance of the Heart" (1781); "Messiah: Fifty Expository Discourses" (1786); and, with Cowper the poet, the "Olney Hymns."

Nichol, Professor John, LL.D. (b. Montrose, September 8th, 1833; d. October 11th, 1891). "Fragments of Criticism" (1860); "Hannibal" (1873); "Byron" (1880); "Death of Thémistocles, and Other Poems" (1881); "Robert Burns" (1882); "American Literature"

(1889); "Francis Bacon, his Life and Philosophy" (1888-9); "Thomas Carlyle" (1892), etc.

Nichols, John (b. Islington, February 2nd, 1745; d. November 26th, 1826). "Brief Memoirs of Mr. Bowyer" (1778); "Biographical Anecdotes of William Hogarth" (1781); "Anecdotes of Bowyer and many of his Literary Friends" (1782); "The Progresses and Public Processions of Queen Elizabeth" (1788-1807); "The History and Antiquities of the Town and County of Leicester" (1795-1815); "Literary Anecdotes of the Eighteenth Century" (1812-15); "Illustrations of the Literary History of the Eighteenth Century" (1817-58); "Progresses, Processions, and Magnificent Festivities of King James the First, etc." (1828); editions of the Letters of Sir Richard Steele and Bishop Atterbury; "The Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica" (1789-1800); and other works.

Nicholas, Sir Nicholas Harris (b. Cornwall, March 10th, 1799; d. near Boulogne, August 3rd, 1848). "Life of William Davison" (1823); "Notitia Historica" (1824); "A Synopsis of the Peerage of England" (1825); "Festamenta Vetus" (1826); "History of the Town and School of Rugby" (1827); "Lives of Isaac Walton and Charles Cotton" (1837); "History of the Orders of Knighthood of the British Empire" (1842), and "Life and Times of Sir Christopher Hutton" (1847). Edited *The Retrospective Review*, and certain of the *Albion Poets*.

Nicoll, W. Robertson, LL.D. (b. Auchindoir, Aberdeenshire, October 10th, 1851). "Life of James Macdonald" (1889); "Memoirs of Professor Eluslie," etc. Editor of *The Expositor*, *The British Weekly*, *The Bookman*, and of several theological series.

Norman, Henry (b. Leicester, 1858). "The Real Japan" (1891); "The People and Politics of the Far East" (1894).

Norris, W. E. "Heaps of Money" (1877); "Mlle. de Mersac" (1880); "Matrimony" (1881); "Thirlby Hall" (1883); "No New Thing" (1885); "A Man of His Word" (1885); "Adrian Vidal" (1885); "My Friend Jim" (1886); "A Bachelor's Blunder" (1886); "Major and Minor" (1887); "The Rogue" (1888); "Mrs. Fenton" (1889); "Miss Shafto" (1889); "The Baffled Conspirators" (1890); "Marcia" (1890);

"Misadventure" (1890); "Mr. Chaine's Sons" (1891); "Miss Wentworth's Idea" (1891); "Jack's Fathory etc." (1891); "His Grace" (1892); "A Deplorable Affair" (1893); "Matthew Austin" (1894); "Saint Ann's" (1894); "Style in Fiction" (1894); "A Victim of Good Luck" (1894); "Billy Bellew" (1895); "Dancer in Yellow" (1896); "Clarissa Furiosa" (1896).

North, Roger (b. 1650; d. 1733). "Lives of the Right Hon. Francis North, Baron of Guildford, Sir Dudley North, and the Hon. and Rev. Dr. John North" (1742-44); "Examen; or, an Enquiry into the Credit and Veracity of a Pretended Compleat History of England" (1740); "A Discourse on the Study of the Laws" (1824); and "Memoirs of Musick."

Norton, The Hon. Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth S. Lady Maxwell (b. 1808; d. June 15th, 1877). "The Dandie's Runt" (1825); "The Sorrows of Rosalie" (1829); "The Undying One" (1831); "The Coquette and Other Stories" (1834); "The Wife and Woman's Reward" (1835); "The Dream, and Other Poems" (1840); "The Child of the Islands" (1845); "Aunt Carry's Ballads" (1847); "The Martyr" (1849); "A Residence in Sierra Leone" (1849); "Tales and Sketches in Prose and Verse" (1850—identical with "The Coquette"); "Stuart of Dunleath" (1851); "English Laws of Custom and Marriage for Women of the 19th Century" (1854); "Letter to the Queen on the Marriage and Divorce Bill" (1855); "The Lady of La Garaye" (1862); "Lost and Saved" (1863); "Old Sir Douglas" (1867); "The Rose of Jericho" (1870).

Norton, Thomas (b. Sharpenhoe, Bedfordshire, 1532; d. 1584). Translation of Calvin's "Institutes" (1562); Three Acts of "Ferrex and Porrex."

O'Brien, William (b. 1852). "When We Were Boys" (1890); "Irish Ideas" (1893).

O'Connor, Thomas Power, M.P. (b. Athlone, 1848). "Benjamin Disraeli" (1878); "Lord Beaconsfield: a Biography" (1879); "Gladstone's House of Commons" (1885); "The Parnell Movement" (1886); "Charles Stewart Parnell" (1891); "The Book of Pity

and of Death," translation (1892); "Sketches in the House" (1893); "Napoleon" (1896).

Occam, William of (b. 1270; d. 1347). "Disputatio inter Clericum et Militem" (1475); "Dialogorum libri septem adversus hereticos; et Tractatus de dogmatibus Johannis XXII." (1476); "Opus nonaginta dierum et dialogi, compendium errorum contra Johannem XXII." (1481); "Scriptum in primum librum sententiarum, in quo theologica simul et arcium atque philosophia dogmata usque ad principia resolvuntur stilo clarissimo facili et apto" (1483); "Quodlibeta septem" (1487); "Tractatus Logicae divinus in tres partes" (1488); "Centiloquium Theologicum" (1491); "Questiones et Decisiones in quatuor libros Sententiarum" (1495); "Expositio aurea super totam artem Veterem, continens hosce tractatus" (1496); and "Summa totius logicæ" (1498). For a list of Occam's other works, see Jöcher's "Gelehrten Lexicon."

Occleve, Thomas (b. about 1370). English translation of "De Regimine Principum," and minor pieces, printed by George Mason in 1796. See Warton's "History"; Ritson's "Bibliographia Poetica," and Ellis's "Specimens of the English Poets;," also Morley's "English Writers," vol. vi.

Ogilby, John (b. Edinburgh, 1600; d. 1676). Translations of "The Æneid" (1649); "Æsop's Fables" (1651); "The Iliad" (1660); and "The Odyssey" (1661).

Oliphant, Laurence (b. 1829; d. 1888). "A Journey to Katmandu," "The Russian Shores of the Black Sea" (1853); "Minnesota and the Far West" (1855); "The Transcaucasian Campaign under Omar Pasha" (1856); "Earl of Elgin's Mission to China and Japan in 1857-59" (1860); "Patriots and Filibusters" (1861); "Incidents of Travel;" "Piccadilly" (1870); "Land of Gilead" (1881); "Tracts and Travesties" (1882); "Altiora Peto" (1883); "Sympneumata" (1885); "Episodes in a Life of Adventure" (1887). Memoir by Mrs. Margaret Oliphant (1891).

Oliphant, Mrs. Margaret (b. 1828; d. 1897). "Mrs. Margaret Maitland" (1849); "Merkland" (1851); "Adam Graeme of Mossgray" (1852); "Harry Muir" (1853); "Magdalen Hepburn" (1854); "Liliesleaf" (1855); "Zaidee" (1856); "Katie Stewart" (1856); "The Quiet Heart" (1856); "Chronicles of Carlingford" (including "Salem Chapel," "The Perpetual Curate," "The Rectory," "Miss Mx-joribanks," and "Phoebe Junior"); "Memoirs of Edward Irving" (1862); "Agnes" (1866); "The Brownlows" (1868); "The Minister's Wife" (1869); "Historical Sketches of the Reign of George II." (1869); "John" (1870); "Three Brothers" (1870); "A Son of the Soil" (1870); "Memoir of Francis d'Assisi" (1870); "Squire Arden" (1871); "Memoir of Montalembert" (1872); "Ombra" (1872); "At his Gates" (1872); "Innocent" (1873); "May" (1873); "A Rose in June" (1874); "For Love and Life" (1874); "Valentine and his Brothers" (1875); "The Curate in Charge" (1876); "The Makers of Florence" (1876); "Dante" (1877); "Carità" (1877); "Mrs. Arthur" (1877); "Young Musgrave" (1877); "Dress" (1878); "The Primrose Path" (1878); "Within the Precincts" (1879); "He that Will Not when he May" (1880); "A Literary History of England, 1710-1825" (1882); "In Trust" (1882); "The Ladies Lindores" (1883); "It was a Lover and his Lass" (1883); "Hester" (1884); "The Wizard's Son" (1884); "Sir Tom" (1884); "Madam" (1885); "Two Stories of the Seen and the Unseen" (1885); "A Country Gentleman and his Farm" (1886); "The Son of his Father" (1887); "The Makers of Venice" (1887); "The Second Son" (1887); "Memoir of John Tulloch"; "Cousin Mary"; "Jocye" (1888); "Lady Car"; "A Poor Gentleman"; "Neighbours on the Green" (1889); "The Duke's Daughter"; "The Mystery of Mrs. Blencarrow"; "Royal Edinburgh"; "Sons and Daughters"; "Kirsteen" (1890); "Jerusalem"; "Janet"; "The Railway Man and his Children" (1891); "The Marriage of Elinor"; "Diana Trelawny"; "The Cuckoo in the Nest"; "The Heir Presumptive and the Heir Apparent" (1892); "Lady William"; "Memoir of Thomas Chalmers"; "The Sorceress" (1893); "The Prodigals and their Inheritance"; "A House in Bloomsbury" (1894); "A Child's History of Scotland"; "The Two Marys"; "Old Mr. Tredgold"; "The Unjust Steward" (1896); "The Ways of Life"; "The Lady's Walk"; "William Blackwood and his Sons" (1897), etc.; "A Widow's Tale and other Stories" (with Introduction by J. M. Barrie) (1898).

Opie, Amelia (b. 1769; d. 1853). "The Dangers of Coquetry," "The Father and the Daughter" (1801); "An Epitaph to the Memory of the Duke of Bedford" (1802); "Adeline Mowbray" (1804); "Simple Tales" (1806), etc.

Otway, Thomas (b. Trotton, Sussex, March 3rd, 1651; d. London, April 14th, 1685). "Alcibiades" (1675); "Don Carlos" (1675); "Caius Marius" (1680); "The Orphan" (1680); "Venice Preserved" (1682); "Titus and Berenice," "Friendship in Fashion," and "The Soldier's Fortune."

Ouida (Louisa de la Ramée). "Ariadne;" "Cecil Castlemaine's Page;" "Chandos;" "A Dog of Flanders;" "Under Two Flags" (1868); "Puck" (1869); "Folle-Farine;" "Friendship;" "Held in Bondage;" "Idalia" (1867); "In a Winter City;" "Pascarel" (1873); "Sigma;" "Strathmore;" "Tricotrin;" "Two Little Wooden Shoes" (1874); "Moths;" "Pipistrello and other Stories" (1880); "A Village Commune" (1881); "In Maremma" and "Bimbi" (1882); "Wanda" and "Frescoes" (1883); "Princess Napraxine" (1884); "A House Party" (1886); "Othamar" (1887); "Guilderoy" (1889); "Ruffino, etc.;" "Syrliu;" "Tower of Taddeo" (1890); "Santa Barbara, etc." (1891); "The New Priesthood [the Medical Profession] (1893); "The Silver Christ," and "A Lemon Tree;" "Two Offenders" (1894); "Views and Opinions" (1895); "Le Selve" (1896); "The Massarenes;" "The Altruist" (1897), etc.

Overbury, Sir Thomas (b. 1581; d. 1613). "A Wife" (1611); "Characters" (1614); "Observations on his Travels upon the State of the Seventeen Provinces as they stood Anno Dom. 1609" (1626); "Crumms fallen from King James's Table; or, his Table-Talk" (1715).

Owen, John, D.D. (b. 1616; d. Ealing, August 24th, 1683). "The Display of Arminianism" (1642); "Communion with God" (1657); "On the Nature, Rise and Progress, and Study of True Theology" (1661); "Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews" (1668); "On Justification" (1677); "Salus Electorum, Sanguis Jesu; or, the Death of Death in the Death of Christ," "Diatriba de Divina Justitia," "Doctrine of the Saints, Perseverance Explained and Confirmed," "Vindiciæ Evangelicæ," "Mortification of Sin by Believers," "On the Divine Original, Authority,

Self-evidencing Light and Power of the Scriptures," "Animadversions on 'Fiat Lux,'" "Indwelling Sin," "A Discourse of the Holy Spirit," "Christologia." "Works, with Life," in 1826.

Owen, Sir Richard, K.C.B. (b. Lancaster, July 20th, 1804; d. December 18th, 1892). "Odontography" (1840-45); "Lectures on the Invertebrate Animals" (1846); "History of British Fossil Mammals and Birds" (1846); "Parthenogenesis" (1849); "History of British Fossil Reptiles" (1849-51); "Paleontology" (1860); "Lectures on Comparative Anatomy;" "The Archaetype Skeleton;" "Fossil Reptiles" (1884), etc. "Life" by R. S. Owen (1894).

Owen, Robert (b. Newton, Montgomeryshire, May 11th, 1771; d. 1858). "New Views of Society" (1812), etc.

Owen, Robert Dale (b. New Lanark, 1804; d. 1877). "System of Education at New Lanark" (1824); "Moral Physiology" (1831); "Personality of God" and "Authenticity of the Bible" (1832); "Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World" (1860); "The Debatable Land" (1872); "Threading My Way: an Autobiography" (1871), etc.

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Pain, Barry Eric Odell (b. Cambridge, 1864). "In a Canadian Canoe, etc." (1891); "Stories and Interludes;" "Playthings and Parodies" (1892); "Graeme and Cyril" (1893); "Kindness of the Celestial, etc." (1894); "The Octave of Claudius" (1897).

Paine, Thomas (b. Thetford, Norfolk, January 29th, 1737; d. New York, June 8th, 1809). "Common Sense" (1776); "The American Crisis" (1776-83); "The Rights of Man" (1791-92); and "The Age of Reason" (1792 and 1796). His Life was written by "Francis Rydys" (George Chalmers) (1781), Oldys (1791), Choctham (1809), Rickman (1811), Sherwin (1819), Richard Carlile (1819), Harford (1820), and Vale (1853). See *The North American Review*, vol. lvii., and *Life by Moncreuf D. Conway*. Works, Boston, 1856; Political Works, London, 1875. Vol. III. of an edition by Mr. Conway appeared in 1895.

Paley, William (b. Peterborough, July, 1743; d. May 25th, 1805). "Principles of Moral and Political Philosophy"

(1785); "*Horæ Paulinæ*" (1790); "*A View of the Evidences of Christianity*" (1794); "*Natural Theology*" (1831); "*Sermons*" (1808); "*Reasons for Contentment*," and "*The Clergyman's Companion in Visiting the Sick*." Works (1815), with Life; *Memoirs* by G. W. Meadley in 1809.

Palgrave, Sir Francis (b. London, July, 1788; d. Hampstead, July 6th, 1861). "*History of the Anglo-Saxons*" (1831); "*The Rise and Progress of the English Commonwealth*" (1832); "*Rotuli Curie Regis*" (1833); "*The Ancient Kalendars and Inventories of His Majesty's Exchequer*" (1836); "*Truths and Fictions of the Middle Ages: the Merchant and the Friar*" (1837); "*The History of Normandy and of England*" (1851-57); and other works.

Palgrave, Professor Francis Turner (b. London, September 28th, 1824; d. 1897). "*Idylls and Songs*" (1854); "*The Golden Treasury of English Songs and Lyrics*" selections (1861); Second Series (1897); "*Essays on Art*" (1866); "*Hymns*" (1867); "*Five Days' Entertainments at Wentworth Grange*" (1868); "*Lyrical Poems*" (1871); "*A Lyric Garland*" (1874); "*The Treasury of Lyrical Poems*" (1875); "*Chrysomela, a Selection from the Poems of Robert Herrick*" (1877); "*The Vision of England*" (1881); "*The Golden Treasury of Sacred Song*," selections (1889); "*Amenophis and Other Poems*" (1892); "*Landscape in Poetry*" (1897). He has also edited the poems of Clough, Keats, Wordsworth, and Scott, etc.

Palgrave, Sir Reginald Francis Douce, K.C.B. (b. London, June 28th, 1829). "*The House of Commons*" (1869); "*The Chairman's Handbook*" (1877); "*Oliver Cromwell, the Protector*" (1890).

Palgrave, William Gifford (b. 1826; d. 1888). "*Personal Narrative of a Year's Journey through Central and Eastern Arabia*" (1862-63); "*Hermann Agha*" (1872); "*Essays on Eastern Questions*" (1872); "*Dutch Guiana*" (1876). Contributed much to periodical literature.

Palmer, Edward Henry (b. 1840; d. 1882). "*The Desert of the Exodus*" (1871); "*History of Jerusalem*" (1871); "*Arabic Grammar*" (1874); "*History of the Jewish Nation*" (1874); "*Persian-English Dictionary*" (1876); "*Poems of Beha-ed-din Zoheir*" (1876-77); "*Haroun Alraschid*" (1880); "*Koran*" (1880).

Parker, Gilbert (b. Canada, 1862). "*Pierre and his People*" (1892); "*Mrs. Falchion*" (1893); "*The Translation of a Savage*" (1894); "*The Trail of the Sword*" (1895); "*When Valmond came to Pontiac*" (1895); "*An Adventurer of the North*" (1895); "*The Seats of the Mighty*" (1896); "*The Pomp of the Lavillettes*" (1897). Also dramatised "*The Seats of the Mighty*" (1897). e

Parker, Rev. Joseph, D.D. (b. 1830). "*Church Questions*" (1862); "*Ecce Deus*," "*Ad Cleram*" (1870); "*The Paraclete*" (1874); "*The Priesthood of Christ*" (1876); "*Tyne Child*," autobiography (1886); "*Weaver Stephen*" (1886); "*The People's Family Prayer-Book*" (1889); "*Some One*" (1893); "*None Like It*" (1893); "*Well Begun*" (1893); "*The People's Bible*," etc.

Parnell, Thomas (b. Dublin, 1679; d. Chester, July, 1717). "*The Life of Zeilus*," etc. Poems with Prose Works, and Life by Goldsmith (1773).

Parr, Samuel, LL.D. (b. Harrow, January 15th, 1747; d. March 6th, 1825). "*Prefatio ad Bollandum de Statu Prisci Orbis*" (1788); "*Letter from Trepopolis to the Inhabitants of Eleutheropolis*" (1792); "*Characters of the Late Right Honourable Charles James Fox, selected and in part written by Philopatris Varvencensis*" (1809), etc. "*Aphorisms, Opinions, and Reflections of the late Dr. S. Parr*" were published in 1826; "*Bibliotheca Parriana: a Catalogue of the Library of the Rev. Samuel Parr, LL.D.*" in 1827; "*Parriana*; or, Notices of the Rev. Samuel Parr, LL.D., collected and in part written by E. H. Barker, Esq.," in 1828-29; and "*Memoirs of the Rev. Samuel Parr, LL.D.*," by the Rev. William Field, in 1828. In the same year appeared an edition of his Works, "with Memoirs of his Life and Writings, and a selection from his Correspondence, by John Johnstone, M.D."

Parry, Sir Charles Hubert Hastings, Mus.D. (b. Bournemouth, February 27th, 1818). "*History and Development of Mediæval and Modern European Music*" (1877); "*Studies of Great Composers*" (1886); "*The Art of Music*" (1893).

Pater, Walter H. (b. August 4th, 1839; d. July 30th, 1894). "*Studies in the History of the Renaissance*" (1873); "*The Renaissance*" (1875); "*Marius the Epicurean*" (1885); "*Imaginary Portraits*" (1887); "*Appreciations*" (1889); "*Plato and Platon-*

ism" (1893); "An Imaginary Portrait" (1891); "Greek Studies" (1895).

Patmore, Coventry Kearsayighton (b. 1823; d. 1896). "Poems" (1841), with additions in 1853, under the title of "Tamerton Church Tower, and other Poems"; "The Angel in the House," in four parts—"The Betrothal" (1854), "The Espousal" (1856), "Faithful for Ever" (1860), and "The Victories of Love" (1862); besides "The Unknown Eros" (1877); "Principle in Art" (1889); "Religio Poetæ" (1893); "The Root, the Root, and the Flower" (1895). A selection from his poems has been published by Richard Garnett, entitled "Florilegium Amantis" (1879).

Pattison, Rev. Mark (b. Hornby, Yorks., 1813; d. July 30th, 1881). "Isaac Casaubon" (1875); "Milton" (1879); "Sermons" (1885); "Essays," collected by H. Nettleship (1889). Edited Works of Milton and Pope. "Memoirs," edited by Mrs. Pattison, now Lady Dilke (1885). Recollections by T. F. Althaus and by Hon. L. A. Tollemache.

Payn, James (b. 1820, d. 1898). "Lost Sir Massingberd" (1864); "A County Family" (1869); "A Perfect Treasure" (1869); "Like Father, Like Son" (1870); "At Her Mercy" (1874); "Less Black than we're Painted" (1878); "By Proxy" (1878); "What He Cost Her" (1878); "High Spirits" (1879); "Under One Roof" (1879); "Two Hundred Pounds Reward" (1880); "A Confidential Agent" (1880); "A Grape from a Thorn" (1881); "For Cash Only" (1882); "Some Private Views" (1882); "Literary Recollections" (1884); "The Luck of the Darrells" (1885); "Glow-Worm Tales" (1887); "Holiday Tasks" (1887); "A Prince of the Blood" (1888); "The Eavesdropper" (1888); "The Mystery of Mirbridge" (1888); "The Burnt Million" (1890); "Notes from the News" (1890); "The Word and the Will" (1890); "Sunny Stories, and Some Shady Ones" (1891); "A Modern Dick Whittington" (1892); "A Stumble on the Threshold" (1892); "A Trying Patient" (1893); "Gleams of Memory" (1894); "In Market Overt" (1895); "The Disappearance of George Driffild" (1896).

Payne-Smith, Robert, D.D. (b. 1818; d. March 31st, 1895). "Prophecy as a Preparation for Christ" (1869); "Daniel" (1886), etc.

Peacock, Thomas Love (b. Wey-

mouth, 1785; d. 1866). "Headlong Hall" (1815); "Melin Court" (1817); "Rhododaphne" (1818); "Nightmare Abbey" (1818); "Maid Marian" (1822); "The Misfortunes of Elphin" (1829); "Crotchet Castle" (1831); "Gryll Grange" (1860).

Pearse, Rev. Mark Guy (b. Cranborne, 1812). "Mister Horn and His Friends" (1872); "John Tregonoweth" (1873); "Daniel Quorm and His Religious Notions" (1875); "Homely Talks" (1880); "Simon Jasper" (1883); "Thoughts on Holiness" (1884); "Cornish Stories" (1884); "Some Aspects of the Blessed Life" (1886); "The Christianity of Jesus Christ" (1888); "Short Talks for the Times" (1889); "Jesus Christ and the People" (1891); "Elijah the Man of God" (1891); "Naaman the Syrian" (1893); "The Gospel for the Day" (1893); "Moses" (1894), etc.

Pearson, Charles Henry (b. Islington, 1830; d. 1894). "The Early and Middle Ages of England" (1861); "History of England During the Early and Middle Ages" (1867); "National Life and Character" (1893).

Peole, George (b. 1552; d. 1598?). "The Arraignment of Paris" (1584); "The Device of the Pageant" (1585); "An Eclogue Gratulatorie" (1589); "A Farewell" (1589); "Polyhymnia" (1590); "Descensus Astræ" (1591); "The Hunting of Cupid" (1591); "King Edward the First" (1593); "The Honour of the Garter" (1593); "The Battle of Alcazar" (1594); "The Old Wives' Tale" (1595); "The Love of King David and Fair Bethsabe" (1599); "Historie of Two Valiant Knights" (1599); "Merrie Conceited Jest" (1627); "The Turkish Mahomet and Hyren the Faïre Greek."

Pemberton, Max (b. Birmingham, 1863). "The Diary of a Scoundrel" (1891); "The Iron Pirate" (1893); "Jewel Mysteries I have Known" (1894); "The Sea-Wolves" (1894); "The Impregnable City" (1895); "The Little Huguenot" (1895); "A Gentleman's Gentleman" (1896); "A Puritan's Wife" (1896); "Christine of the Hills" (1897); "Kronstadt" (1898).

Pepys, Samuel (b. 1633; d. 1703). "Memoirs relating to the State of the Royal Navy of England" (1690). "Diary" edited by Lord Braybrooke in 1825; another edition, 1879. The "Life, Journals, and Correspondence" of Pepys published in 1841; new and enlarged edition, with notes by H. B. Wheatley (1896).

Percy, Thomas, Bishop of Dromore (b. Bridgnorth, Shropshire, April 13th, 1728; d. Dromore, Ireland, September 30th, 1811). "Reliques of Ancient English Poetry" (1765); "Five Pieces of Runic Poetry, translated" (1763); "The Songs of Solomon, translated, with a Commentary" (1764); translation of Mallet's "Northern Antiquities" (1770); "The Hermit of Warkworth" (1771); "A Key to the New Testament" (1779); and "An Essay on the Origin of the English Stage" (1793). The "Reliques" were edited by Hales and Furnivall in 1868.

Philips, Ambrose (b. Leicestershire, 1671; d. London, June 8th, 1749). "Pastorals" (1708); "A Poetical Letter from Copenhagen" (1709); "Persian Tales" (1709); "The Distrest Mother" (1712); "The Briton" (1722); "Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester" (1722), and "Poems" (1748). Edited *The Free-thinker*. "Life" by Dr. Johnson.

Philips, Francis Charles (b. 1819). "As in a Looking-Glass" (1885); "Jack and Three Jills" (1886); "A Lucky Young Woman" (1886); "Social Vicissitudes" (1886); "The Dean and his Daughter" (1887); "Strange Adventures of Lucy Smith" (1887); "Little Mrs. Murray" (1888); "Young Mr. Ainslie's Courtship" (1889); "A French Marriage" (1890); "Extraneous Circumstances" (1891); "Madame Valérie" (1892); "Constance" (1893); "One Never Knows" (1893); "Mrs. Bouverie" (1894); "A Doctor in Difficulties" (1894); "The Worst Woman in London" (1895); "A Question of Taste" (1895); "An Undeserving Woman" (1896); "Mrs. Bouverie" (1896); "The Luckiest of Three" (1896).

Pinero, Arthur Wing (b. London, 1855). "The Plays of A. W. Pinero," begun 1891.

Pinkerton, John (b. 1758; d. 1826). "Scottish Tragic Ballads" (1781); "Essay on Medals" (1782); "Rimes" (1782); "Select Scottish Ballads" (1783); "Letters on Literature" (1785); "Ancient Scottish Poems" (1786); "A Dissertation on the Origin and Progress of the Scythians or Goths" (1787); "Vitæ Antiquæ Sanctorum," etc. (1789); "An Inquiry into the History of Scotland" (1789); "The Medallic History of England to the Revolution" (1790); "Scottish Poems" (1792); "Observations on the Antiquities, etc., of Western Scotland" (1793); "Ichonographia Scotica" (1797); "The History of Scotland from the

Accession of the House of Stuart to that of Mary" (1797); "The Scottish Gallery" (1799); "Walpoliana"; "Modern Geography"; "Recollections of Paris"; "Petralogy"; an edition of Barbot's "Bruce"; and other works. "Literary Correspondence" (1830).

Planché, James Robinson (b. 1796; d. 1880). "Lays and Legends of the Rhine" (1826-27); "Descent of the Danube from Ratisbon to Vienna" (1828); "History of British Costume" (1831); "Regal Records: Coronation of Queens" (1838); "Souvenir of the Bal Costume" (1842); "Pursuivant at Arms; or, Heraldry Founded upon Facts" (1851); "Corner of Kent; or, some Account of the Parish of Ash-next-Sandwich" (1861).

Plumptre, Edward Hayes, D.D., Dean of Wells (b. August 6th, 1821; d. February 1st, 1891). "Things Old and New" (1841); "Sermons at King's College" (1859); "Lazarus and Other Poems" (1864); "Master and Scholar" (1866); "Christ and Christendom" (1867); "The Spirits in Prison" (1881); "The Commedia and Canzoniere of Dante" (1886); "Life of Thomas Ken" (1888). Translated Sophocles (1866) and Æschylus (1870); a leading contributor to Bishop Ellicott's "Old and New Testament Commentaries for English Readers."

Pollock, Professor Sir Frederick, Bart. (b. December 10th, 1815). "Spinosa, his Life and Philosophy" (1880); "Essays in Jurisprudence and Ethics" (1882). "The Land Laws" (1883); "An Introduction to the History of the Science of Politics" (1890); "Oxford Lectures and Other Discourses" (1890); "History of English Law before the Time of Edward I." (1895), etc. Editor of the *Law Reports*.

Pope, Alexander (b. London, May 21st, 1688; d. Twickenham, May 30th, 1744). "Pastorals" (1709); "An Essay on Criticism" (1711); "The Rape of the Lock" (1711 and 1711); "The Messiah" (1712); "The Temple of Fame" (1712); "Prologue to Cato" (1713); "Windsor Forest" (1713); "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (1713); "Narrative of Dr. Robert Norris, concerning the Strange and Deplorable Frenzy of J. D. (John Dennis)" (1713); "Elegy to the Memory of an Unfortunate Lady" (1717); "Epistle from Eloisa to Abelard" (1717); "Three Hours After Marriage"; translation of the "Iliad" (1715-20); edition of Shakespeare (1725); translation of the

"Odyssey" (1725-26); "Letters to Cromptwell" (1726); "Treatise on the Baths" (1727); "The Dunciad" (1728); contributions to *The Grub Street Journal* (1730-37); "Epistle on Taste" (1731); "Essay on Man" (1732-34); "Moral Essays" (1732-35); "Epistle to Arbuthnot" (1735); "Correspondence" (1735 and 1736); "Imitations of Horace" (1736-1-7); "Epilogue to the Satires" (1738); "The New Dunciad" (1742-43). Best edition of Works, Elwin's. See also the editions by A. W. Ward (1869), Mark Pattison (1869), Cowden Clarke (1873), and Rossetti (1873), with biographies; "Concordance to Pope's Works," by Abbot (1873); and "Pope" (1880). For Criticism, see Johnson's "Lives of the Poets," Hazlitt's "English Poets," De Quincey's "Leaders of Literature," Sainte Beuve's "Causeries," Taine's "English Literature," Stephen's "Hours in a Library" and his "Pope" (*Men of Letters*), a German "Life" by Deetz (Leipzig, 1876), Lowell's "Study Windows," etc.

Porson, Richard (b. East Ruston, Norfolk, December 25th, 1759; d. London, September 28th, 1808). "Letters to Mr. Archdeacon Travis" (1790); editions of the "Hecuba" (1797), "Orestes" (1798), "Phenissæ" (1799), "Medea" (1801); and other publications collected by Monk and Bloomfield in the "Adversaria" (1812); by Dobree in the "Note in Aristophanem" (1820), by Kidd in the "Tracts and Miscellaneous Criticisms" (1815); the whole forming, with his "Photii Grammatici" and "An Imperfect Outline of his Life" by Kidd, the six volumes of "Opera Philologica et Critica." See also "Porsoniana" (1811); "A Short Account of the Late Mr. Richard Porson," by the Rev. Stephen Weston (1803); "A Narrative of the Last Illness and Death of Richard Porson," by Dr. Adam Clarke (1803); "A Vindication of the Literary Character of the late Professor Porson," by Crito Cantabrigiænsis (Dr. Furton, Bishop of Ely) (1827); "The Life of Richard Porson," by the Rev. J. Selby Watson (1861); and Aiken's "Athenæum."

Porter, Anna Maria (b. 1780; d. Bristol, June 21st, 1832). "Artless Tales" (1793); "Octavia" (1798); "The Lakes of Killarney" (1801); "A Sailor's Friendship and a Soldier's Love" (1805); "The Hungarian Brothers" (1807); "Don Sebastian" (1809); "Ballads, Romances, and Other Poems" (1811);

"The Recluse of Norway" (1814); "Walsh Colville" (1819); "The Feast of St. Mugdalen" (1818); "The Village of Mariendorp" (1821); "The Knight of St. John" (1821); "Roche Blanche" (1822); "Tales Round a Winter Hearth" (in conjunction with her sister Jane); "Honor O'Hara" (1826); "Barony" (1830); and other works.

Porter, Jane (b. Durham, 1776; d. Bristol, May 21th, 1850). "Thaddeus of Warsaw" (1803); "The Scottish Chiefs" (1810); "The Pastor's Fireside" (1815); "Duke Christian of Luneberg" (1824); "Coming Out," and "The Field of Forty Footsteps" (1828); "Tales Round a Winter Hearth" (in conjunction with her sister Anna Maria) (1826); "Sir Edward Seaward's Narrative;" and other works.

Præd, Mrs. Rachel Mackworth (b. Queensland, March 27th, 1852). "An Australian Heroine" (1880); "Policy and Passion" (1881); "Nadine" (1882); "Moloch" (1883); "Zero" (1884); "Affinities"; "Australian Life"; "The Head Station" (1885); "The Brother of the Shadow"; "Miss Jacobsen's Chance" (1886); "The Bond of Wrecklock"; "Longest of Kooralbyn" (1887); "Ariane" (1888); "The Romance of a Station"; "The Soul of Countess Adrian" (1891); "The Romance of a Chalet" (1892); "Outlaw and Lawmaker" (1893); "Christina Chard" (1891); "Mrs. Tregaskiss" (1895); "Nulma" (1897); "The Scourge-Stick" (1898). Has also written novels in collaboration with Mr. Justin McCarthy.

Præd, Winthrop Mackworth (b. 1802; d. 1839). "Poems" (1861), with Memoir by Derwent Coleridge. •

Price, Richard, D.D. (b. Llangeinor, Glamorganshire, February 23rd, 1723; d. March 19th, 1791). "Review of the Principal Questions and Difficulties in Morals" (1758); three dissertations on "Prayer," "Miraculous Evidences of Christianity," and "On the Reasons for Expecting that Virtuous Men shall meet after Death in a State of Happiness" (1767); and "A Free Discussion of the Doctrines of Materialism" (1778). See the "Life" by Morgan (1815).

Priestley, Joseph, LL.D. (b. Fieldhead, near Leeds, March 13th, 1733; d. February 6th, 1804). "The Scripture Doctrine of Remission;" "Lectures on the Theory of Language and Universal Grammar" (1762), "Chart of

Biography" (1765); "The History and Present State of Electric Science, with Original Observations" (1767); "Rudiments of English Grammar" (1769); "Theological Repository" (1769-88); "The History and Present State of Discoveries relating to Vision, Light, and Colours" (1772); "Institutes of Natural and Revealed Religion" (1772); "Examination of Reid, Beattie, etc." (1774); "Experiments and Observations on Different Kinds of Air" (1774); "The Doctrine of Philosophical Necessity" (1777); "Lectures on Oratory and Criticism" (1777); "Disquisitions Relating to Matter and Spirit" (1777); "A Harmony of the Evangelists, in Greek" (1777); "Observations on Education" (1778); "Letters to a Philosophical Unbeliever" (1781-87); "A History of Corruptions of Christianity" (1782); "A History of Early Opinions Concerning Jesus Christ" (1786); "Lectures on History and General Policy" (1788); "A General History of the Christian Church to the Fall of the Western Empire" (1790); "Discourses on the Evidences of Revealed Religion" (1794); "An Answer to Mr. Paine's 'Age of Reason'" (1795); "A Comparison of the Institutes of Moses with those of the Hindoos and other Ancient Nations" (1799); "A General History of the Christian Church from the Fall of the Western Empire to the Present Time" (1802); "Notes on all the Books of Scripture" (1803); "The Doctrines of Heathen Philosophy Compared with those of Revelation" (1804); and other "Works" included in the 26-volume edition published with a "Life" by J. Towill Butt, in 1823.

Prior, Matthew (b. July 21st, 1664; d. Wimpole, September 18th, 1721). "The City and Country Mouse" (1687) (with Halifax); "Carmen Seculare" (1700); and other works, a collected edition of which appeared in 1718. "Poems" edited, with biographical and critical introductions, by Dr. Johnson (1822), John Mitford (1837), and George Gilfillan (1857). "Memoirs" and "Supplement" to Poems in 1722.

Procter, Adelaide Anne (b. London, October 30th, 1823; d. London, February 2nd, 1864). "Legends and Lyrics" (1858). See the "Memoir" prefixed to her Poems by Charles Dickens (1866).

Procter, Bryan Waller, "Barry Cornwall" (b. Wiltshire or London, November 21st, 1787; d. London, October

4th, 1874). "Dramatic Scenes" (1819); "A Sicilian Story" (1820); "Marcian Colonna" (1820); "Mirandola," a play (1821); "The Flood of Thessaly" (1822); "Effigies Poeticae"; "English Songs" (1832); "Essays and Tales in Prose" (1851); besides "Biographies" of Kean and Lamb. Edited Shakespeare and Ben Jonson. See Miss Martineau's "Biographical Sketches," and his "Autobiography" (1877).

Proctor, Richard Anthony (b. March 23rd, 1837; d. 1888). "Saturn and its System" (1865); "Handbook of the Stars, and Gnomonic Star Atlas" (1866); "Constellation Seasons" (1867); "Half-Hours with the Stars" (1869); "Other Worlds than Ours" (1870); "The Borderland of Science" (1870); "Transits of Venus" (1874); "The Universe and Coming Transits" (1874); "Wages and Wants of Science Workers" (1876); "Myths and Marvels of Astronomy" (1877); "Pleasant Ways in Science" (1878); "Rough Ways Made Smooth" (1879); "Easy Star Lessons" (1881); "Familiar Science Studies" (1882); "Chance and Luck" (1887). Was the editor of *Knowledge*.

Prynne, William (b. Swainswick, Somersetshire, 1600; d. London, October 21th, 1669). "Histrio-Mastix: the Player's Scourge, or Actor's Tragedie" (1633); "Nowes from Ipswich" (1637); "The Antipathie of the English Lordly Legacie both to Regall Monarchy and Civill Unity" (1641); "A Pleasant Purge for a Roman Catholic to Evacuate his Evill Humours" (1642); "Pride's Purge" (1648); "Records of the Tower;" "Parliamentary Writs," etc. See vol. iii. of Howell's "State Trials and Documents Relating to William Prynne," etc. (Camden Society, 1877).

Purchas, Samuel (b. Thaxted, Essex, 1577; d. London, September 30th, 1626). "Purchas, his Pilgrimage; or, Relations of the World, and the Religions Observed in all Ages and Places discovered from the Creation to this Present" (1613); "Microcosmus; or, the Historie of Man" (1619); "The King's Tower and Triumphant Arch of London" (1623); "Haklytus Posthumus; or, Purchas his Pilgrimes, containing a History of the World, in Sea Voyages and Lande Travels, by Englishmen and Others" (1625-26).

Pusey, Edward Bouverie, D.D. (b. 1800; d. September 16th, 1882). "The Doctrine of the Real Presence

Vindicated" (1855); "A History of the Councils of the Church" (1857); "Sermons Preached before the University of Oxford" (1859 and 1872); "The Minor Prophets, with Commentary" (1862-67); "Daniel the Prophet" (1861); "The Church of England a Portion of Christ's One Holy Catholic Church" (1865); "Un-Science, not Science, Adverse to Faith" (1878); "Advice on Hearing Confession" (1878); "Parochial Sermons"; "What is of Faith as to Everlasting Punishment" (1880); "Sermons for the Church's Seasons" (1883); "Private Prayers" (1883). Edited "Tracts for the Times," Vols. i. and ii. of "Life" by Liddon and others (1893).

Puttenham, George (b. circa 1530). "Partheniades" (1579); "Arte of English Poesie" (1589); both reprinted, with Memoir of the Author by Hazlewood in 1811. Facsimile of the "Arte" by Arber (1869).

Pye, Henry James (b. London, 1745; d. 1813). "The Progress of Refinement" (1783); "Shooting" (1781); "A Commentary Illustrating the Poetics of Aristotle, by Examples taken chiefly from the Modern Poets" (1792); "Alfred" (1801); and "Comments on the Commentators of Shakespeare" (1807); "Poems" (1810).

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Quarles, Francis (b. Romford, Essex, 1592; d. September 8th, 1614). "A Feast for Wormes" (1620); "Pentecost; or, the Quintessence of Meditation" (1620); "Hadasa; or, the History of Queen Esther" (1621); "Argalus and Parthenia" (1621); "Job Militant, with Meditations Divine and Moral" (1624); "Sion's Elegies Wept by Jeremie the Prophet" (1624); "Sion's Sonnets Sung by Solomon the King, and periphraas'd" (1625); "Divine Poems" (1630); "Divine Fancies" (1632); "Emblems, Divine and Moral" (1635); "Hieroglyphics of the Life of Man" (1638); "The Shepherd's Oracles" (1644); "The Mournful Widow" (1649); "Euchiridion, Containing Institutions Divine, Contemplative, Practical, Moral, Ethical, Economical, Political" (1652), etc.

Quincey, Thomas de (b. Manchester, August 15th, 1785; d. Edinburgh,

December 8th, 1859). "Works" (1853): —i. "Autobiographic Sketches"; ii. "Autobiographic Sketches, with Recollections of the Lakes"; iii. "Miscellanies, chiefly Narrative"; iv. "Miscellanies"; v. "Confessions of an English Opium Eater" (1822); vi. "Sketches, Critical and Biographic"; vii. "Studies of Secret Records, Personal and Historic"; viii. "Essays, Sceptical and Anti-Sceptical; or, Problems Neglected or Misconceived"; ix. "Leaders in Literature, with a Notice of Traditional Errors affecting Them"; x. "Classic Records, Reviewed and Deciphered"; xi. "Critical Suggestions on Style and Rhetoric, with German Tales"; xii. "Speculations, Literary and Philosophic, with German Tales"; xiii. "Speculations, Literary and Philosophic"; and xiv. "Letters to a Young Man whose Education has been Neglected." Much more complete edition by Ticknor and Field, of Boston, U.S., in twenty volumes. For biography, see his "Autobiography," Miss Martineau's "Biographical Sketches," his "Life" by Page (1877), and Prof. Masson in the *English Men of Letters* series. For Criticism, see Stirling's "Essays" and Stephen's "Hours in a Library," etc.

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Radcliffe, Anne (b. London, July 9th, 1761; d. London, February 7th, 1823). "The Castles of Athlin and Dunbayne" (1789); "The Sicilian Romance" (1790); "The Romance of the Forest" (1791); "The Mysteries of Udolpho" (1794); "A Journey Through Holland" (1795); "The Italian" (1797); "Gaston de Blondville" (1826); and "Poems" (1831). For Biography and Criticism, see Scott's "Biographies," Dunlop's "History of Fiction," Kayne's "Women of Letters," and Jefferson's "Novels and Novelists."

Raleigh, Sir Walter (b. Hayes, Devonshire, 1552; d. London, October 29th, 1618). "The Discovery of the Large, Beautiful, and Rich Empire of Guiana" (1596); "A History of the World" (1614); "Advice to his Son," etc. "Works" in 1751 and 1829. For Biography, see the "Lives" by Whitehead, Oldys, Birch, Cayley (1805), Thomson (1830), Tytler (1833), Napier (1857), St. John (1868), and Edwards (1870); also, D'Israeli's "Curiosities of Literature," and Kingsley's "Miscel-

lanies." For Criticism, see *The Edinburgh Review*, vol. lxxi., and Hannah's edition of the "Poems" (1875). See also the "Bibliography" by T. N. Brushfield (1886).

Ramsay, Allan (b. Leathills, Lanarkshire, October 15th, 1686; d. Edinburgh, January 7th, 1758). "Poems" (1721); "Fables and Tales" (1722); "The Monk and the Miller's Wife" (1723); "Health," "Tea-Table Miscellany," and "Evergreen" (1724); "The Gentle Shepherd" (1725); "Thirty Fables" (1730); "Scots Proverbs" (1736). "Works," with "Life" (1877).

Ramsay, Edward Bannerman, LL.D., Dean of Edinburgh (b. Aberdeen, January 31st, 1793; d. Edinburgh, December 27th, 1872). "Reminiscences of Scottish Life and Character" (1857). See "Memoir" by Professor Cosmo Innes, prefixed to twenty-third edition of "Reminiscences," and "Memorials and Recollections" by C. Rogers (1873).

Randolph, Thomas (b. Newnham, Northamptonshire, 1605; d. March 17th, 1635). "Aristippus; or, The Jovial Philosopher" (1630); "The Jealous Lovers" (1632); "Cornelianum Dolium" (1638); "Amyntas; or, The Impossible Dowry" (1638); "Hey for Honesty" (1651); and "Poems," published with "The Muses' Looking-Glass," and his other works (1668). "Dramatic Works," edited by W. Carew Hazlitt (1875). See Wood's "Athena Oxonienses" and *The Retrospective Review*, vi. 61-87.

Kawlinson, The Rev. Professor George (b. 1815). "New Version of Herodotus" (1858-62); "The Five Great Monarchies of the Ancient Eastern World" (1862); "Manual of Ancient History" (1869); "The Sixth Great Oriental Monarchy" (1873); "The Seventh Great Oriental Monarchy" (1876); "The History of Ancient Egypt" (1881); "The Religions of the Ancient World" (1882); "Egypt and Babylon" (1885); "Parthia" (1886); "Moses: his Life and Times" (1887); "Biblical Topography" (1887); "The Kings of Israel and Judah" (1889); "Isaac and Jacob" (1890); "History of Phoenicia" (1893), etc. Has also written expositions of several books of the Old Testament.

Kawlinson, Major-Gen. Sir Henry Creswicke, F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D. (b. Chadlington, Oxon., 1810; d. March 5th, 1895). "The Persian Cuneiform Inscription at Behistun" (1846); "The

Cuneiform Inscription of Babylon and Assyria" (1850); "Outline of the History of Assyria" (1852); "Notes on the Early History of Babylonia" (1854); translation of "The Inscription of Tiglath Pileser" (1857); "England and Russia in the East" (1874). Joint editor of "The Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia" (1861-70), etc.

Rayleigh, John William Strutt, Lord, D.C.L., LL.D. (b. November 12th, 1842). "The Theory of Sound" (1877-78), etc. Edited Clerk Maxwell's "Heat" (1891-94).

Reade, Charles, D.C.L. (b. 1814; d. April 11th, 1881). "Peg Woffington" (1851); "Christie Johnstone" (1853); "It is Never Too Late to Mend" (1857); "The Course of True Love Never Does Run Smooth" (1857); "Jack of All Trades" (1858); "Love Me Little, Love Me Long" (1859); "White Lies" (1860); "The Cloister and the Hearth" (1861); "Hard Cash" (1863); "Griffith Gaunt" (1866); "Foul Play," with Dion Boucicault (1869); "Put Yourself in his Place" (1870); "A Terrible Temptation" (1871); "A Simpleton" (1873); "The Wandering Heir" (1875); "A Hero and Martyr" (1876); "A Woman-Hater" (1877); and "A Perilous Secret" (1883); besides the following dramas: "Gold" (1850); "Two Loves and a Life" (1854); "The King's Rivals" (1854); "Masks and Faces" (with Tom Taylor, 1854); "Foul Play" (with Boucicault) (1868); "The Wandering Heir" (1875); "The Scuttled Ship" (1877); "Drink" (1879); and "Love and Money" (1883). "Life" by C. L. Reade and Compton Reade (1887).

Reeve, Clara (b. Ipswich, 1738; d. Ipswich, December 3rd, 1803). "Poems" (1769); "The Phenix" (1772); "The Champion of Virtue; or, the Old English Baron" (1777); "The Progress of Romance" (1775); "The Two Monitors," "The Exile," "The School for Widows," "Plans of Education," and "The Memoirs of Sir Roger de Clarendon." See Sir Walter Scott's "Biographies" and Jeaffreson's "Novels and Novelists."

Reeves, Mrs. Henry, née Helen Buckingham Mathers (b. Crewkerne, 1852). "Comin' Through the Rye" (1875); "The Token of the Silver Lily" (1877); "Cherry Ripe" (1878); "My Lady Green Sleeves" (1879); "The Story of a Sin" (1882); "Sam's Sweetheart" (1883); "Eyre's Acquittal" (1884); "Jock o' Hazelgroen" (1884);

"Found Out" (1885); "Murder or Manslaughter" (1885); "The Fashion of This World" (1886); "Blind Justice" (1889); "The Mystery of No. 13" (1891); "My Jo, John" (1891); "The other Dear Charmer" (1892); "A Study of a Woman" (1893); "What the Glass Told" (1893); "A Man of To-day" (1894); "The Juggler and the Sow" (1896); "The Sin of Harar" (1896).

Reid, Mayno (b. 1818; d. 1883). "The Rifle Rangers" (1849); "The Scalp Hunters" (1850); "The Boy Hunters" (1852); "The Young Voyagers" (1853); "The White Chief" (1855); "The Quadroon" (1856); "The War Trail" (1858); "The Wild Huntress" (1861); "The Cliff Climbers" (1861); "The Headless Horseman" (1865); "Afloat in the Forest" (1866); "The Guerilla Chief" (1867); "The Child Wife" (1868); "The Castaways" (1870); "The Finger of Fate" (1872); "The Death Shot" (1873); and "The Flag of Distress" (1876), etc.

Reid, Sir T. Wemyss, LL.D. (b. Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1812). "Cabinet Portraits" (1872); "Charlotte Brontë" (1877); "Politicians of To-day" (1879); "The Land of the Bey" (1882); "Gladys Fane" (1883); "Maucler's Millions" (1886); "Life of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster" (1888); "Life, Letters, etc., of Richard Monckton Milnes, First Lord Houghton" (1890). Editor of *The Speaker*, and formerly of the *Leeds Mercury*. Edited "Life of Gladstone" (1898).

Reid, Thomas (b. 1710; d. Glasgow, October 7th, 1796). "Essay on Quantity" (1745); "An Inquiry into the Human Mind on the Principles of Common Sense" (1764); "The Logics of Aristotle" appended to Lord Kames's "Sketches of the History of Man" (1773); "Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man" (1785); and "Essays on the Active Powers of the Human Mind" (1788). "Works," with Dissertation and Notes, by Sir William Hamilton, and with a "Life" by Dugald Stewart, in 1816. For Criticism, see Priestley, Dugald Stewart, Brown, Royer Collard, Cousin, Professor Fraser, and McCosh.

Reynolds, Sir Joshua (b. Plympton, Devonshire, July 16th, 1723; d. February 23rd, 1792). "Discourses on Painting" (1771); three contributions to *The Idler*, some notes to Mason's translation of Du Fresnoy's "Art of Painting," and "Notes" on a tour

through Flanders and Holland. "Literary Works" in 1797, with "Life" by Malone. "Life" by Northcote, in 1813; by Farrington, in 1819; by Cotton, in 1856; and by Leslie and Taylor, in 1865. See also Stephen's "English Children, as painted by Reynolds" (1866); and Dr. Hamilton's "Catalogue Raisonné" (1875).

Ricardo, David (b. London, April 19th, 1772; d. Gatcomb Park, Gloucestershire, September 11th, 1823). "The High Price of Bullion a Proof of the Depreciation of Bank Notes" (1809); "On the Influence of a Low Price of Corn on the Profits of Stock" (1815); "Proposals for an Economical and Secure Currency" (1816); "Principles of Political Economy and Taxation" (1817); "On Protection to Agriculture" (1822); and a "Plan for the Establishment of a National Bank" (1824). "Works," with "Life" by J. R. McCulloch (1846).

Richard of Cirencester (d. 1402). "Historia ab Hengista ad annum 1348," "De Situ Britanniae," with Life, in 1809, now one of the "Six Old English Chronicles" in Bohn's Antiquarian Library (1818). See Mayor's "Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ" (Public Record Series, 1863, 1869).

Richardson, Sir Benjamin Ward, M.D., LL.D. (b. 1828; d. 1896). "Hygeia" (1876); "A Ministry of Health, etc." (1879); "The Son of a Star" (1888); "Thomas Sopwith" (1891); "Vita Medici" (1897); also many medical works.

Richardson, Samuel (b. Derbyshire, 1689; d. July 4th, 1761). "Negociations of Sir Thomas Roe in his Embassy to the Ottoman Porte" (1740); "Pamela" (1741); "Clarissa Harlowe" (1748); "Sir Charles Grandison" (1754); and No. 97 of Dr. Johnson's *Rambler*. Complete Works, with Life (1811); Correspondence (1804). For Criticism, see Masson's "Novelists and Their Styles," Scott's "Novelists and Dramatists," Hazlitt's "Comic Writers," Taine's "English Literature," Stephen's "Hours in a Library," etc.

Riddell, Mrs. Charlotte E. L. (b. 1837). "The Moor and the Fens" (1858); "George Geith" (1864); "Maxwell Drewett" (1865); "The Race for Wealth" (1866); "Far Above Rubies" (1867); "Austin Friars" (1870); "Home, Sweet Home" (1873); "The Ruling Passion" (1876); "The Mystery in Pulaco Gardens" (1880); "A Struggle for

Rossetti, William Michael (b. London, about 1832). "Dante's Hell, Translated" (1865); "Criticism on Swinburne's Poems and Ballads" (1866); "Fine Art: chiefly Contemporary Notices" (1867); "Memoir of Percy Bysshe Shelley" (1886); "Life of John Keats" (1887); "Dante Gabriel Rossetti as Designer and Writer" (1889). Has edited Blake's "Poems," with "Memoir" (1866); Walt Whitman's "Poems" (1868); Dante Gabriel Rossetti's "Poetical Works" (1886); and Moxon's "Poets, with Short Biographies," etc.

Rowbotham, John Frederick (b. 1834). "A History of Music" (1885-87); "The Death of Roland" (1887); "The Human Epic" (1890); "Private Life of the Great Composers" (1892); "History of Rossini School" (1894); "The Troubadours and the Courts of Love" (1895).

Rowe, Nicholas (b. Little Barford, Bedfordshire, 1673; d. December 6th, 1718). "The Ambitious Stepmother" (1700); "Tamerlane" (1702); "The Fair Penitent" (1703); "The Biter" (1705); "Ulysses" (1707); "The Royal Convert" (1708); "Jane Shore" (1713); "Lady Jane Grey" (1715), and other works printed with the Plays. His edition of Shakespeare appeared in 1709, his translation of Lucan's "Pharsalia" in 1718.

Rowley, William (of uncertain date). "The Travails of the English Brothers" (1607); with John Day, "A Fair Quarrel" (1617); with J. Middleton, "A New Wonder, a Woman Never Vext" (1632); "All's Lost by Lust" (1633); "A Match at Midnight" (1633); "A Shoemaker a Gentleman" (1638); "The Birth of Merlin" (1662); "The Fool without Book;" "A Knave in Print; or, One for Another;" "The None-Such;" "The Booke of the Four Honoured Loves;" "The Parliament of Love." Rowley also wrote a pamphlet, "A Search for Money" (1609), and collaborated with Massingef, Middleton, etc., in several other plays.

Ruskin, John, LL.D. (b. London, February, 1819). "Sesette and Elephant, a Poem" (1839); "Modern Painters" (1843-1860); "The Seven Lamps of Architecture" (1849); "Pæraphæasma" (1850); "The Stones of Venice" (1851-53); "Notes on the Construction of Sheepfolds" (1851); "The King of Golden River" (1851); "Notes on the Academy" (1853-60); "The Two Paths" (1854); "Lectures on

Architecture and Painting" (1854); "The Opening of the Crystal Palace" (1854); "On the Nature of Gothic Architecture" (1854); "Giotto and His Works" (1855); "The Harbours of England" (1856); "Notes on the Turner Collection" (1857); "The Political Economy of Art" (1858); "The Cambridge School of Art" (1858); "Elements of Perspective" (1859); "Decoration and Manufacture" (1859); "Unto this Last" (1862); "Ethics of the Dust" (1865); "Sesame and Lilies" (1865); "The Study of Architecture in Our Schools" (1865); "The Crown of Wild Olive" (1866); "Time and Tide by Wear and Tyne" (1868); "The Queen of the Air: the Greek Myths of Cloud and Storm" (1869); "Lectures on Art" (1870); "Aratra Pentelici;" "The Elements of Sculpture" (1872); "The Eagle's Nest" (1872); "Michael Angelo and Tintoret" (1872); "Ariadne Florentina" (1872); "Love's Meinie" (1873); "Val d'Aruo" (1874); "Proserpina" (1875-76); "Fronde Agrestes: Readings in Modern Painters" (1875); "Deucalion" (1876); "Mornings in Florence" (1877); "The Laws of Fesole" (1877); edition of Xenophon's "Economics," and "Notes on the Turner Collection" (1878); "Annotated Catalogue of the Works of Hunt and Prout" (1879); "The Lord's Prayer and the Church" (1880); "Fors Clavigera;" "Elements of English Prosody" (1880); "Arrows of the Chace" (1880); "Fiction Fair and Foul" (1880); "Lectures on the Art of England" (1883); "The Pleasures of England" (1884); "Sir Herbert Edwards" (1885); "Prætorita" (1885-87); "Hortus Inclusus" (1887); "Poems" (1891); "The Poetry of Architecture" (1892); "Verona, and Other Lectures" (1894). The following volumes of his letters have appeared:—"Stray Letters from Professor Ruskin to a Bibliophile" (1892); "Letters . . . to Various Correspondents" (1892); "Letters . . . to William Ward" (1893); "Three Letters and an Essay on Literature" (1893); "Letters Addressed to a College Friend" (1894); "Letters to Ernest Chénouau" (1894). "Bibliography of Ruskin," by Shepherd (1878); "Selections from the Writings of Ruskin" (1871). See W. G. Collingwood's "Art Teaching of John Ruskin" (1891); and "Life" (1893), etc.

Russell, William Clark (b. New York, February 24th, 1844). "John Holdsworth" (1874); "The Wreck of the *Grosvonts*;" "A Sailor's Sweet-

heart" (1880); "An Ocean Free Lance" (1881); "The Lady Maud" (1882); "A Sea Queen" (1883); "Sailors' Language" (1883); "On the Fo'k'sle Head" (1884); "Jack's Courtship" (1884); "A Strange Voyage" (1885); "A Voyage to the Cape" (1886); "The Golden Hope" (1887); "The Frozen Pirate" (1887); "The Death Ship" (1888); "William Dampier: a Biography" (1889); "Betwixt the Forelands: Essays" (1889); "Marooned" (1889); "An Ocean Tragedy" (1890); "My Shipmate Louise" (1890); "Horatio Nelson," in collaboration (1890); "Collingwood," a biography (1891); "My Danish Sweetheart" (1891); "Master Rockafellar's Voyage" (1891); "A Marriage at Sea" (1891); "Mrs. Dines' Jewels" (1892); "Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea" (1892); "A Strange Elopement" (1892); "List, ye Landsmen" (1893); "The Emigrant Ship" (1893); "The Convict Ship" (1893); "The Tragedy of Ida Noble" (1893); "The Phantom Death," etc. (1895); "The Honour of the Flag" (1896); "The Tale of the Ten" (1896); "What Cheer" (1896); "The Last Entry" (1897); "A Tale of Two Tunnels" (1897), etc.

Russell, Sir William Howard, Knt., LL.D. (b. 1821). "Rifle Clubs and Volunteer Corps" (1859); "My Diary in India" (1860); "My Diary North and South" (1863); "Canada: Its Defences" (1865); "The Adventures of Dr. Brady" (1868); "Diary in the East," etc. (1869); "My Diary During the last Great War" (1870); "The Prince of Wales's Tour" [in India] (1877); "The Crimea, 1854-55" (1881); "Hesperothen" (1882); "A Visit to Chile," etc. (1890); "The Great War with Russia" (1895), etc.

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Sackville, Thomas, Earl of Dorset, and Lord Buckhurst (b. 1536; d. 1608). "The Inductio[n]" to "The Mirror for Magistrates" and (with Thomas Norton) "The Tragedy of Gorboduc." See Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses," also Cooper's "Athenæ Cantabrigienses," and Lloyd's "Worthies." Works in 1859.

Saintsbury, George Edward Bateman (b. Southampton, October 23rd, 1845). "Primer of French Literature" (1880); "Dryden" (1881); "A Short History of French Literature" (1882); "Marlborough" (1885); "Man-

chester" (1887); "A History of Elizabethan Literature" (1887); "Essays on French Novelists" (1891); "Miscellaneous Essays" (1892); "The Earl of Derby" (1892); "Corrected Impressions" (1895); "Nineteenth Century Literature" (1896). Has edited Herick's and Fielding's Works, etc.

Sala, George Augustus (b. London, Nov. 24th, 1828; d. 1895). "The Seven Sons of Mammon;" "Captain Dangerous;" "Quite Alone;" "The Two Prima Donnas, and other Stories;" "Twice Round the Clock" (1859); "Breakfast in Bed," "Gaslight and Daylight," "Under the Sun," and other essays; besides "America in the Midst of the War," "Two Kings and a Kaiser," "A Journey due North," "Dutch Pictures," "From Waterloo to the Peninsula," "Rome and Venice," "William Hogarth," "Paris Herself Again" (1879); "America Revisited" (1882); "A Journey due South" (1885); "Right Round the World" (1887); "Things I have Seen and People I have Known" (1894); "London Up to Date" (1894); "The Life and Adventures of G. A. Sala" (1895); "The Thorough Good Cook" (1895). First editor of *Temple Bar*, founder of *Sala's Journal*, and for many years a contributor to the *Daily Telegraph* and *Liv. London News*.

Sanday, Professor William, D.D., LL.D. (b. Holme Pierrepont, August 1st, 1813). "Authorship and Historical Character of the Fourth Gospel" (1872); "The Gospels in the Second Century" (1876); "The Oracles of God" (1891); "Inspiration" (1893), etc. Joint editor of "Old Latin Biblical Texts."

Savage, Richard (b. London, January 10th, 1698; d. Bristol, July 31st, 1743). "Love in a Veil" (1718); "The Bastard" (1728); "The Wanderer" (1729), etc. See Johnson's "Lives of the Poets." Works collected in 1775.

Sayce, Professor Archibald Henry, D.D., LL.D. (b. Shirehampton, near Bristol, September 25th, 1846). "Babylonian Literature" (1877); "Fresh Light from the Monuments" (1883); "The Ancient Empires of the East" (1884); "Assyria; its Princes, Priests, and People" (1885); "Religion of the Ancient Babylonians" (1887); "The Hittites" (1888); "The Higher Criticism, and the Verdict of the Monuments" (1893); "Social Life Among the Assyrians and Babylonians" (1893); Works on Philology, etc.

Schreiner, Olive, now Mrs. Cronwright (b. Cape Town). "The Story of an African Farm" (1891); "Dreams" (1893); "Trooper Peter Halket" (1897).

Scott, Thomas (b. Braytoft, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, February 16th, 1747; d. Aston Sandford, Buckinghamshire, April 16th, 1821). "Essays on the Most Important Subjects of Religion" (1793); "Sermons on Select Subjects" (1796); a "Commentary" on the Bible (1796); "Vindication of the Inspiration of Scripture" (1796); "The Force of Truth" (1799); "Remarks on the Refutation of Calvinism by G. Tomline, Bishop of Carlisle" (1812); and "A Collection of the Quotations from the Old Testament in the New," in *The Christian Observer* for 1810 and 1811. Works, edited by his son, in 1823-5; Life and his "Letters and Papers, with Observations," in 1824.

Scott, Sir Walter (b. Edinburgh, August 15th, 1771; d. Abbotsford, September 21st, 1832). Translation of Bürger's "Ballads" (1796); a version of Goethe's "Goetz von Berlichingen" (1799); "The Eve of St. John," "Glenfinlas," and "The Grey Brothers" (1800); "The Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border" (1802-3); "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" (1805); "Ballads and Lyrical Pieces" (1806); "Marmion" (1808); "The Lady of the Lake" (1810); "The Vision of Don Roderick" (1811); "Rokoby" (1812); "The Bridal of Triermain" (1813); "Waverley" (1814); "The Lord of the Isles" (1815); "The Field of Waterloo" (1815); "Guy Mannering" (1815); "Paul's Letters to his Kinsfolk" (1815); "The Antiquary" (1816); "Old Mortality" (1816); "The Black Dwarf" (1816); "Harold the Dauntless" (1817); "Rob Roy" (1817); "The Heart of Midlothian" (1818); "The Bride of Lammermoor" (1819); "The Legend of Montrose" (1819); "Ivanhoe" (1819); "The Monastery" (1820); "The Abbot" (1820); "Kenilworth" (1821); "The Pirate" (1821); "The Fortunes of Nigel" (1822); "Halidon Hill" (1822); "Peveril of the Peak" (1822); "Quentin Durward" (1823); "St. Ronan's Well" (1823); "Redgauntlet" (1824); "The Betrothed" (1825); "The Yalishman" (1825); "Lives of the Novelists" (1825); "Woodstock" (1826); "The Life of Napoleon" (1827); "The Two Drovers" (1827); "The Highland Widow" (1827); "The Surgeon's Daughter" (1827); "Tales of a Grandfather" (1827-30); "The Fair Maid of Perth" (1828);

"Anne of Geierstein" (1829); "Letters on Demonology and Witchcraft" (1830); a "History of Scotland" (1829-30); "The Doom of Devorgoil" (1830); "Alchindrane" (1830); "Count Robert of Paris" (1831); and "Castle Dangerous" (1831); besides editions of Dryden (1808), Swift (1814), Strutt's "Queenhoo Hall" (1808), Carleton's "Memoirs of the War of the Spanish Succession" (1808); "Memoirs of the Earl of Monmouth" (1808); "Original Memoirs written during the Great Civil Wars," "The State Papers and Letters of Sir Ralph Sadler" (1809); "The Somers Tracts" (1809-15), and "Paul's Letters to his Kinsfolk" (1815); "Border Antiquities of Scotland" (1818); "Letters of Malachi Malagrawther" (1826); and "Sir Tristram," a romance (1804). For Biography, see Life by Lockhart (1837-39), Gilfillan (1870), Rossetti (1870), Chambers (1871), Hutton (1878), and Yonge, etc. See Hazlitt's "Spirit of the Age," Jeffrey's "Essays," Kohle's "Occasional Papers," Carlyle's "Essays," Senior's "Essay on Fiction," Masson's "Novelists and their Styles," Jeaffreson's "Novels and Novelists," Taine's "English Literature," Stephen's "Hours in a Library," Mortimer Collins's Introduction to the Miniature Edition of the Poems, and F. T. Palgrave's preface to the Globe Edition. See also "Scott Dictionary," by Mary Rogers, New York (1879), and Canning's "Philosophy of the Waverley Novels."

Scrivener, Rev. Frederick Henry Ambrose, LL.D., D.C.L. (b. Bermondsey, September 29th, 1813; d. November 2nd, 1891). "Supplement to the Authorised English Version of the New Testament" (1845), only one volume published; "Plain Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament" (1861); "Six Lectures on the Text of the New Testament" (1874).

Sedley, Sir Charles (b. 1639; d. 1701). "The Mulberry Garden" (1668); "Antony and Cleopatra" (1677); "Belshazzar" (1687); "Beauty the Conqueror; or, the Death of Mark Antony" (1702); "The Grumbler" (1702); "The Tyrant King of Crete" (1702). All the above are dramatic. His complete works, including his plays, poems, songs, etc., were published in 1702.

Seeley, Sir John Robert, K.C.M.G. (b. 1834; d. January 13th, 1895). "Ecco Homo" (1866); "Livy," bk. 1 (1866); "Lectures and Essays" (1870); "Life and Times of Stein" (1879); "Natural

Religion" (1882); "The Expansion of England" (1883); "A Short History of Napoleon" (1886); "Our Colonial Expansion" (1887); "Introduction to Political Science" (1890).

• **Selden, John** (b. Salvington, Sussex, September 16th, 1584; d. London, November 30th, 1654). "England's Epinomis" (1610); "Jani Anglorum facies altera" (1610); "The Duello; or, Single Combat" (1610); Notes to Drayton's "Polyolbion" (1613); "Titles of Honour" (1614); "Analecton Anglo-Britannicon" (1615); "De Diis Syris" (1617); "The History of Tithes" (1618); "Marmora Arundelliana" (1628); "De Successionibus" (1631); "Marc Clausum" (1635); "De Jure Naturali et Gentium juxta Discipulam Hebræorum" (1640); "Table Talk" (1689). *See* the Lives by Wilkins (1726), Aikin (1811), and Johnson (1835).

Senior, Nassau William (b. 1790; d. 1864). "An Outline of the Science of Political Economy" (1836); "A Journal kept in Turkey and Greece" (1839); "Suggestions on Popular Education" (1861); "Biographical Sketches" (1863); "Essays on Fiction" (1864); "Historical and Philosophical Essays" (1865); "Conversations with Thiers, Guizot, and other Distinguished Persons during the Second Empire" (1878).

Shaftesbury, Earl of, Anthony Ashley Cooper (b. London, February 26th, 1671; d. Naples, February 15th, 1713). "Inquiry Concerning Virtue" (1671); "An Inquiry concerning Virtue or Merit" (1699); "A Letter concerning Enthusiasm" (1709); "Sensus Communis" (1709); "Moralists: a Philosophical Rhapsody" (1709); "Soliloquy; or, Advice to an Author" (1710); "Miscellaneous Reflections" (1714); forming the seven treatises of his "Characteristics of Men, Manners, Opinions, and Times" (1711); "The Judgment of Hercules" (1713). He also wrote "Several Letters by a Noble Lord to a Young Man at the University" (1716); and "Letters to Robert Moresworth, Esq., with Two Letters to Sir John Cropley" (1721). *See* Gzizycki's "Philosophie Shaftesburys" (Leip., 1876).

• **Shakespeare, William** (b. Stratford-upon-Avon, 1564; d. Stratford, April 26th, 1616). Furnivall's order:—**FIRST PERIOD** (? 1588-94): "Love's Labour's Lost" (? 1588-9); "The Comedy of Errors" (? 1589); "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (? 1590-1); "Two Gen-

tlemen of Verona" (? 1590-1); "Romeo and Juliet" (1591-3); "Venus and Adonis" (1593); "The Rape of Lucrece" (1593-4); "The Passionate Pilgrim" (? 1589-99); "Richard II." (? 1593); 1, 2, 3 "Henry VI." (? 1592-4); "Richard III." (? 1594). • **SECOND PERIOD** (? 1595-1601): "King John" (? 1595); "The Merchant of Venice" (? 1596); "The Taming of the Shrew" (? 1596-7); 1 "Henry IV." (1596-7); 2 "Henry IV." (1597-8); "The Merry Wives of Windsor" (1598-9); "Henry V." (1599); "Much Ado about Nothing" (1599-1600); "As You Like It" (1600); "Twelfth Night" (1601); "All's Well that Ends Well" (1601-2); "Sonnets" (? 1592-1608). **THIRD PERIOD** (1601-1608): "Julius Cæsar" (1601); "Hamlet" (1602-3); "Measure for Measure" (? 1603); "Othello" (? 1604); "Macbeth" (1603-6); "King Lear" (1605-6); "Troilus and Cressida" (? 1606-7); "Antony and Cleopatra" (? 1606-7); "Coriolanus" (? 1607-8); "Timon of Athens" (? 1607-8). **FOURTH PERIOD** (1609-1613): "Pericles" (1608-9); "The Tempest" (1609-10); "Cymbeline" (? 1610); "The Winter's Tale" (1611); "Henry VIII." (1612-13). Shakespeare's name has also been more or less connected with "Arden of Feversham" (1592); "The Two Noble Kinsmen" (before 1616); "A Lover's Complaint" (1609); "Sir Thomas More" (written about 1590); "Sir John Oldcastle" (1600); "The Passionate Pilgrim" (1599); "Titus Andronicus" (1594); "Edward III." (1596); and "A Yorkshire Tragedy" (1608). **FIRST folio**, 1623; **third**, 1664. The leading editions by Rowe (1709), Pope (1725), Theobald (1733), Hanmer (1744-6), Warburton (1747), Blair (1753), Johnson (1765), Capell (1767-8), Johnson and Steevens (1773), Bell (the Stage Edition, 1774), Ayscough (1784), Nichols (1786-90), Malone (1790), Boydell (1802), Johnson, Steevens, and Reed (1803), Chalmers, the Cambridge Edition (1805), Bowdler (the "Family" Edition, 1818), Har- ness (1825), Singer (1826), Campbell (1838), Knight (1838-43), Proctor (1839-43), Collier (1841), Hazlitt (1851), Halliwell-Phillipps (1851-53), Hudson (1852-57), Collier (1853), Halliwell-Phillipps (1853-61), Lloyd (1856), Dyce (1857), Grant-White (1857-60), Staunton (1858-60), Mary Cowden Clarke (1860), Cur-ruthers and Chambers (1861), Clark and Wright ("Globe" Edition, 1863-66, and Clarendon Press Select Plays), Dyce (1866-68), Keightley (1867), Hunter (sep-

arate plays, 1869-73), Moberly (separate plays, 1872-73), Bell (1875), and Delius and Fufuivall ("Leopold" Edition, 1877). The Biographies of Shakespeare, besides those contained in the above-mentioned editions, are by:—Gentleman (1774), Wheler (1806), Britton (1814) Drake (1817 and 1828), Skottowe (1824), Wheeler (1824), Moncreiff (1824), Harvey (1825), Symmonds (1826), Neill (1861), Fullom (1861), and Kenney (1864). For foreign Biography, see Guizot, "Shakespeare" (1841), Delius, "Der Mythos von William Shakespeare" (Bonn, 1851) and Grant-White (Boston, U.S., 1865). For Criticism, see, in addition to the above editions and biographies, Abbot's "Shakespearian Grammar," Bathurst's "Shakespeare's Versification," T. S. Baynes' "Shakespeare Studies," Brown's "Sonnets of Shakespeare," Bucknill's "Mad Folk of Shakespeare," S. T. Coleridge's "Literary Remains" and "Biographia Literaria," Hartley Coleridge's "Notes and Marginalia," Cohn's "Shakespeare in Germany," Courtenay's "Commentaries on Shakespeare," Craik's "English of Shakespeare," De Quincey's "Essays," Douce's "Illustrations of Shakespeare," Dowden's "Mind and Art of Shakespeare," and "Introduction to Shakespeare," Farmer's "Learning of Shakespeare," Fletcher's "Studies of Shakespeare," Hallam's "Literary History," Hazlitt's "Characters of Shakespeare's Plays," "English Poets," and "Comic Writers," Heraud's "Inner Life of Shakspeare," Leigh Hunt's "Imagination and Fancy," Hudson's "Art and Characters of Shakespeare," Ingleby's "Complete View of the Shakespearian Controversy" (1861), Ingram (in "Dublin Afternoon Lectures," 1863), Jameson's "Characteristics of Shakespeare's Women," Lamb's "Works," Laugbaine's "Dramatic Poets," Lowell's "Among my Books," Maginn's "Shakespeare Papers," Massey's "Shakespeare's Sonnets and his Private Friends," Mrs. Montagu's "Genius of Shakespeare," Richardson's "Essays on Shakespeare's Characters," Reed's "Lectures," Rushton's "Shakespeare's Euphuism" and "Shakespeare a Lawyer," Ruskin (in "Dublin Afternoon Lectures," 1869), Simpson's "Philosophy of Shakespeare's Sonnets," Walker's "Versification of Shakespeare," Wordsworth's "Shakespeare's Knowledge and Use of the Bible," etc. See also French's "Shakespeareana Genealogica" (1869), Friswell's "Life Portraits of Shakespeare," Green's "Shakespeare and the Emblem Writers,"

Ingleby's "Shakspeare Allusion Books," and his "Shakspeare, the Man and the Book" (1877), W. C. Hazlitt's "Shakespeare Jest Books" and "Shakespeare's Library," Mrs. Cowden Clarke's "Concordance to Shakespeare," Schmidt's "Shakespeare Lexicon," John Bartlett's "Concordance," and the various publications of the Shakespeare and New Shakespeare Societies, etc. Among foreign authorities on Shakespeare may be mentioned the biographies by Moratin (Spanish, 1795), and Buchon (Dutch, 1824). France has yielded, besides the Lives by Hugo, Guizot (1821), Villemain (1840), Pichot (1841), and Chasles (1851), Taine's "History of English Literature," Mezière's "Shakespeare, ses Œuvres et ses Critiques," Lacroix's "Influence de Shakespeare sur le Théâtre Français," and Reymond's "Corneille, Shakespeare, et Goethe." From Germany we have Goethe's "Shakespeare und sein Ende," the "Shakespeare Jahrbuch," Gervinus's "Commentaries," Schlegel's "Dramatic Art and Literature," Ulrich's "Dramatic Art of Shakespeare," Friesen's "England und William Shakespeare," Hebl's "Aufsätze über Shakespeare," Tschischwitz' "Shakespeare - Forschungen," Benedix's "Die Shakespeareomanie," Ludwig's "Shakespeare-Studien," Rötcher's "Shakespeare in seinen höchsten Charaktergebilden," Rümelin's "Shakespeare - Studien," Kroyssig's "Shakespeare - Fragen," Hertzberg's "Shakespeare's Dramatische Werke," Vehse's "Shakespeare als Protestant, Politiker, Psycholog, und Dichter," Flathe's "Shakspeare in seiner Wirklichkeit," Delius's "Der Mythos von W. Shakespeare," Simrock's "Die Quellen des Shakspeare," Ten Brink's Lectures, and the "Jahrbuch der Deutschen Shakespeare Gesellschaft." For further particulars as to the various editions, etc., see Professor Hall Griffin's Bibliography at the end of vol. xi. of Morley's "English Writers."

Shaw, George Bernard (b. Dublin, 1856). "An Unsocial Socialist" (1887); "Cashel Byron's Profession;" "Quintessence of Ibsenism" (1891); "Widower's Houses" (1893). Editor of and contributor to "Fabian Essays in Socialism" (1889); "Plays—Pleasant and Unpleasant" (1898).

Shelley, Mrs. Mary (b. 1797; d. 1851). "Frankenstein" (1818); "Valperga" (1823); "The Last Man" (1824); "Perkin Warbeck" (1830); "Lodore" (1835); "Falkner" (1837); and "Ram-

bles in Germany and Italy" (1844). Edited her husband's "Poems," with biographical notes, in 1839.

• **Shelley, Percy Bysshe** (b. Field Place, Sussex, August 4th, 1792; d. Gulf of Spezzia, July 8th, 1822). "Zastrozzi" (1809); the greater part of "Original Poetry by Victor and Cazire" (1810); part of "Posthumous Fragments of Margaret Nicholson"; "The Necessity of Atheism"; "Queen Mab" (1813); "Alastor; or, the Spirit of Solitude" (1816); "St. Irvyne" (1818); "The Revolt of Islam" (1818); "Rosalind and Helen" (1818); "Julian and Maddalo" (1818); "The Cenci" (1819); "Peter Bell the Third" (1819); "Œdipus Tyrannus; or, Swellfoot the Tyrant" (1820); "The Witch of Atlas" (1820); "Epipsychidion" (1821); "Adonais" (1821); "Prometheus Unbound" (1821); "Hellas" (1821). See also "The Shelley Papers" (about 1815); "Remarks on Maudeville and Mr. Godwin" (1816); "The Coliseum" (about 1819); and a translation of Spinoza's "Tractatus Theologico-Politicus" (1820); "Essays, Letters from Abroad, Translations, and Fragments," edited by Mrs. Shelley; "The Shelley Memorials," edited by Lady Shelley; and R. Garnett's "Relics of Shelley." For Biography, see Hogg's "Life of Shelley;" Trevelyan's "Recollections of the Last Days of Shelley and Byron;" Medwin's "Life of Shelley;" articles by T. L. Peacock in *Fraser's Magazine* for 1858 and 1860; Leigh Hunt's "Autobiography," "Correspondence," and "Lord Byron and some of his Contemporaries;" "Shelley, by One who knew him" (Thornton Hunt), in *The Atlantic Monthly* for February, 1863; R. Garnett in *Macmillan's Magazine* for June, 1860; "Shelley and his Writings," by C. S. Middleton; Moore's "Life of Lord Byron;" and the Memoirs by W. M. Rossetti, J. Addington Symonds (1878), and Barnett Smith (1877). "The Real Shelley," by J. C. Jeffreson (1880), Rossetti's "Memoir of Shelley" (1886); Dowden's "Life of P. B. Shelley" (1886). See the Criticism by A. C. Swinburne, in "Essays and Studies," by De Quincey, in his "Essays," vol. v.; by Professor Masson, in "Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats, and Other Essays;" by R. H. Hutton, in his "Essays;" and Leigh Hunt's "Imagination and Fancy." Best editions of "Poems," Buxton Forman's (1876-77), and Rossetti's (1878). Prose Works, edited by Forman (1880). See also the publications of the "Shelley Society."

Shenstone, William (b. Hales Owen, Shropshire, November 18th, 1714; d. February 11th, 1763). "Poems upon Several Occasions" (1737); "The School-mistress" (1737 and 1742); "Essays on Men and Manners." "Works" in 1764-69. "Recollections of some Particulars in his Life," by William Seward, in 1788. See Gilfillan's edition of "Poems," with "Memoir" (1854).

Sheridan, Richard Brinsley (b. Dublin, December 30th, 1751; d. London, July 7th, 1816). "The Rivals" (1778); "St. Patrick's Day; or, the Scheming Lieutenant" (1775); "The Duenna" (1775); "The School for Scandal" (1777); "A Trip to Scarborough" (1777); "The Critic; or, a Tragedy Rehearsed" (1779); "The Stranger" (1798); and "Pizarro" (1799). His Dramatic "Works," with a critical essay by Leigh Hunt, in 1846, in Bohn's Library in 1848, and by Browne (1873). "Life," by Watkins (1817), Thomas Moore (1825), and Browne (1873). See 8th of Hazlitt's "Lectures on the Comic Writers," and "Sheridan and his Times" (1859).

Sherlock, Thomas, Bishop of London (b. London, 1678; d. Fulham, July 18th, 1761). "The Use and Intent of Prophecy in the Several Ages of the World" (1725). "The Trial of the Witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus" (1729); "Discourses at the Temple Church" (1754). "Works," in 1830.

Shirley, James (b. London, September 13th, 1596; d. London, October 29th, 1666). "The Wedding" (1629); "The Grateful Servant" (1630); "The Schools of Complement" (1631); "The Changes" (1632); "A Contention for Honour and Riches" (1633); "The Witty Faire One" (1633); "The Triumph of Peace" (1633); "The Bird in a Cage" (1633); "The Night Walkers" (corrected from Fletcher, 1633); "The Traitor" (1635); "The Lady of Pleasure" (1637); "The Young Admirall" (1637); "The Example" (1637); "Hide Parke" (1637); "The Gumbester" (1637); "The Royal Master" (1638); "The Duke's Mistress" (1638); "The Maide's Revenge" (1639); "The Tragedie of Chabot, Admiral of France" (1639); "The Bull" (1639); "The Arcadia" (1640); "The Humorous Courtier" (1640); "The Opportunitie" (1640); "St. Patrick for Ireland" (1640); "Loves Crueltie" (1640); "The Constant Maid" (1640); "The Coronation?" (1640); "The Triumph of Beautie" (1646); "The

Brothers" (1652); "The Sisters" (1652); "The Doubtful Heir" (1652); "The Imposture" (1652); "The Cardinal" (1652); "The Court Secret" (1653); "Cupid and Death" (1653); "The General" (1653); "Love's Victory" (1653); "The Politician" (1655); "The Gentlemen of Venice" (1655); "The Contention of Ajax and Achilles" (1659); "Honor and Mammon" (1659); and "Andromana" (attributed to Shirley, 1660). Also, "Echo; or the Infortunate Lovers" (1618); "Narcissus; or, the Self Lover" (1646); "Via ad Latinam Linguam Complinata" (1649); "Grammatica Anglo-Latina" (1651); "The Rudiments of Grammar" (1656); and "An Essay towards an Universal and Rational Grammar" (1726). "Dramatic Works and Poems," with Notes by Gifford, and "Life" by Dyce, in 1833. See also Morley's "English Writers," vol. xi.

Shorthouse, Joseph Henry (b. 1834). "John Inglesant" (1880); "The Platonism of Wordsworth" (1881); "Golden Thoughts of Molinos" (1883); "The Little Schoolmaster Mark" (1883); "Sir Percival" (1886); "A Teacher of the Violin," etc. (1888); "The Countess Eve" (1888); "Blanche, Lady Falaise" (1891).

Sidgwick, Professor Henry, LL.D., D.C.L. (b. Skipton, May 31st, 1838). "Ethics of Conformity and Subscription" (1870); "The Methods of Ethics" (1874); "Principles of Political Economy" (1883); "Outlines of the History of Ethics" (1886); "Elements of Politics" (1891).

Sidney, Sir Philip (b. Penshurst, Kent, November 29th, 1554; d. Zutphen, October 7th, 1586). "The Countess of Pembroke's Arcadia" (1590); "Astrophel and Stella" (1591); "An Apologie for Poetrie" (1595); "Works," edited by Gray (1829), and Grosart (1877). His "Correspondence with Hubert Languet" was translated from the Latin by Pears in 1845. See the Biographies by Fulke Greville (1652), Zouch (1808), Lloyd (1862), H. R. Fox-Bourne (1862), and J. A. Symonds. See also Collins's "Sidney Papers," Walpole's "Royal and Noble Authors," Lamb's prose "Works," Hallam's "Literary History," Hazlitt's "Age of Elizabeth," Masson's "English Novelists," "Cambridge Essays" (1858), and Morley's "English Writers," vols. ix., x., and xi.

Skeat, Rev. Professor Walter

Wm., Litt.D. (b. London, November 21st, 1835). "Etymological Dictionary" (1882); "Principles of English Etymology" (1887 and 1891); "Dictionary of Middle English," with A. I. Mayhew (1888), etc.; Complete Edition of Chaucer (1894); "A Student's Pastime" (1896).

Skelton, John (b. Norfolk, about 1460; d. Westminster, June 21st, 1529). "On the Death of King Edward IV." (1484); "An Elegy on the Death of the Earl of Northumberland" (1489); "The Niguanansir" (1504); "A Goody Garland or Chapelet of Laurell" (1523); "Merie Tales" (1675); "Magnificence;" "The Bouge of Courte;" "Collyn Clout;" "Phyllip Sparrowe;" "Why come ye not to Courte?" "Spenske Parot;" "Ware the Hawke;" "The Tunning of Elynour Rummyng;" "The Maner of the World Nowadays;" "Mannerly Mistress Margery;" "Speculum Principis;" "Agaynst a comely Coystrowne." "Works," edited by Dyce (1843).

Skelton, John, LL.D., C.B. (b. Edinburgh, 1831; d. 1897). "The Impeachment of Mary Stuart" (1875); "The Crookit Meg" (1880); "Essays in History and Biography" (1883); "Maidland of Lethington and the Scotland of Mary Stuart" (1887); "Mary Stuart" (1893).

Smart, Christopher (b. 1722; d. 1770). "Poems on Several Occasions" (1752); "The Hilliad" (1753); "The Works of Horace, in English" (1756); "A Song to David" (1763); "Poetical Translation of the Poems of Phædrus" (1765), etc., besides many contributions to periodical literature, and a mass of religious poetry.

Smiles, Samuel (b. Haddington, 1816). "Physical Education" (1837); "Railway Property" (1849); "Life of George Stephenson" (1859); "Self-Help" (1860); "Lives of the Engineers" (1862); "Industrial Biography" (1863); "Lives of Boulton and Watt" (1864); "The Huguenots in England and Ireland" (1867); "Character" (1871); "The Huguenots in France" (1874); "Thrift" (1875); "Scotch Naturalist" (1876); "The Baker of Thurso" (1878); "George Moore" (1878); "Duty" (1880); "Life and Labour" (1887); "Jasmin" (1891); "A Publisher (John Murray) and his Friends" (1891); "Josiah Wedgwood, F.R.S." (1894). Edited the "Autobiography of James Nasmyth" (1883).

Smith, Adam, LL.D. (b. Kirkcaldy, June 5th, 1723; d. Edinburgh, July 17th, 1790). "The Theory of Moral Sentiments" (1759); "An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations" (1776); "The Rights of Great Britain asserted against the Claims of America" (1776); "Letter to Mr. Strahan on the Last Illness of David Hume" (1777); and "Essays on Philosophical Subjects" (1795). *See* the "Life" by Brougham in "Men of Letters and Science," by Playfair (1805), by Smellie (1800), that prefixed by Dugald Stewart to Smith's Works (1812), Farrier's (1881), R. B. Haldane's (1887) and John Rae's (1895). Best editions of the "Wealth of Nations," McCulloch's (1839), and Rogers's (1870).

Smith, Alexander (b. Kilmarnock, December 31st, 1830; d. Wardie, near Edinburgh, January 8th, 1867). "A Life-Drama, and other Poems" (1853); "Sonnetts on the Crimean War" (with Sydney Dobell, 1855); "City Poems" (1857); "Edwin of Deira" (1861); "Dreanthorpe" (1863); "A Summer in Skye" (1865); "Alfred Hagart's Household," a novel (1866); "Last Leaves" (1868). "Life" by P. P. Alexander (1869), prefixed to "Last Leaves." *See* also Brisbane's "Early Years of Alexander Smith" (1869).

Smith, Goldwin, LL.D. (b. Reading, August 13th, 1823). "Irish History and Irish Character" (1861); "The Foundation of the American Colonies" (1861); "Irish History and Irish Characteristics" (1861); "The Empire" (1863); "Three English Statesmen: Pym, Cromwell, and Pitt" (1867); "Lectures on Modern History"; "Short History of England down to the Reformation" (1863); "Cowper," in the *English Men of Letters* series; "The Conduct of England to Ireland" (1882); "Life of Jane Austen" (1890); "Canada and the Canadian Question" (1891); "Loyalty, Aristocracy, and Jingoism" (1891); "A Trip to England" (1891); "The Moral Crusader, Wm. Lloyd Garrison" (1892); "Bay Leaves" (1893); "Essay on Questions of the Day" (1893); "Specimens of Greek Tragedy" (1893); "The United States" (1893); "Oxford and her Colleges" (1894); "Guesses at the Riddle of Existence" (1897).

Smith, Horace (b. 1779; d. 1849). "Horatic; or, Memoirs of the Davenport Family" (1807); "Rejected Addresses" (with his brother James, 1812); "Horace in London" (1813);

"First Impressions" (1831); "Tre-vanion; or, Matrimonial Errors" (1813); "The Runaway" (1813); "Gaieties and Gravities" (1825); "Brambletye House" (1826); "Reuben Apsley" (1827); "The Tor Hill" (1827); "Zillah: a Tale of the Holy City" (1828); "The New Forest" (1829); "Walter Colyton: a Tale of 1688" (1830); "Midsummer Medley" (1830); "Festivals, Games, and Amusements of all Nations" (1831); "Tales of the Early Ages" (1832); "Gale Middleton" (1833); "The Involuntary Prophet" (1835); "The Tin Trumpet" (1836); "Jane Lomax: or, a Mother's Crime" (1837); "Oliver Cromwell" (1840); "The Moneyed Man, and the Lesson of a Life" (1841); "Adam Brown, the Merchant" (1843); "Arthur Arundel" (1844); "Love's Mesmerism" (1845); and "Poetical Works" (collected, 1840).

Smith, Reginald Bosworth (b. Dorchester, 1839). "Mohammed and Mohammedanism" (1874); "Carthage and the Carthaginians" (1878); "Rome and Carthage" (1881); "Life of Lord Lawrence" (1883), etc.

Smith, Sydney, Canon of St. Paul's (b. Woodford, June 3rd, 1768; d. February 22nd, 1845). "Six Sermons preached at Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh" (1800); "Letters on the Catholics from Peter Plymley to his Brother Abraham" (1808); "Sermons" (1809); "The Judge that smites contrary to the Law" (1824); "A Letter to the Electors on the Catholic Question" (1826); "Three Letters to Archdeacon Singleton of the Ecclesiastical Commission" (1837-9); "The Ballot" (1837); "Letter to Lord John Russell on the Church Bills" (1838); "Letters on American Debts" (1844); "Fragment on the Irish Roman Catholic Church" (1845); "Sermons" (1846); and "Elementary Sketches of Moral Philosophy" (1849). A "Selection from his Writings" appeared in 1855; his "Wit and Wisdom" in 1861. His "Works, including his contributions to the *Edinburgh Review*," were published in 1839-40. *See* the "Life" by Lady Holland, with the "Letters," edited by Mrs. Austen (1858), Hayward's "Biographical and Critical Essays" (1858, vol. i.); the *Edinburgh Review*, No. cii., and *Fraser's Magazine*, No. xvii.

Smith, Professor William Robert-son, LL.D. (b. Keig, Aberdeenshire, November 8th, 1846; d. March 31st, 1894). "The Old Testament in the Jewish Church" (1881); "The Prophets

of Israel" (1882); "Kinship and Marriage in Early Arabia" (1885); "Lectures on the Religion of the Semites" (1889). Joint editor of the ninth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica."

Smollett, Tobias George, M.D.

(b. Dalquhurn House, Dumbartonshire, March, 1721; d. Leghorn, October 16th, 1771). "The Tears of Caledonia" (1746); "The Advice: a Satire" (1746); "The Reproof: a Satire" (1747); "The Adventures of Roderick Random" (1748); "The Regicide: a Tragedy" (1749); "The Adventures of Peregrine Pickle" (1751); "An Essay on the External Use of Water, with particular Remarks on the Mineral Waters of Bath" (1752); "The Adventures of Ferdinand, Count Fathom" (1753); a translation of "Don Quixote" (1755); "The Reprisals: or, Tars of Old England" (1757); "A Compleat History of England" (1757); "A Compendium of Voyages and Travels" (1757); "The Adventures of Sir Launce- lot Greaves" (1762); "The Present State of all Nations" (1764); "Travels through France and Italy" (1766); "The History and Adventures of an Atom" (1769); "The Expedition of Humphrey Clinker" (1771); "Ode to Independence" (1773); and miscellaneous poems and essays contributed to *The Critical Review*. "Plays and Poems, with Memoirs of the Life and Writings of the Author," in 1777; his "Miscellaneous Works" in 1790, 1796, 1797, and 1845; the second and last of these editions including notices of his "Life" by Dr. Anderson and W. Roscoe respectively. "Works" in 1872, with "Memoir" by J. Moore. See also the "Biographies" by Sir Walter Scott and Robert Chambers. For Criticism, see Hazlitt's "Comic Writers," Thackeray's "English Humourists," Forsyth's "Novelists of the Eighteenth Century," Masson's "Novelists and their Styles," etc.

Somerville, Mrs. Mary (b. Roxburghshire, December 26th, 1780; d. Naples, November 29th, 1872). "The Mechanism of the Heavens" (1831); "The Connection of the Physical Sciences" (1834); "Physical Geography" (1848); "Molecular and Microscopic Science," etc. "Personal Recollections and Correspondence" in 1873.

South, Robert, D.D. (b. Hackney, 1633; d. July 8th, 1716). "Musica Incantans" (1656); "The Laitie Instructed" (1660); "Animadversions on

Dr. Sherlock's Vindication of the Doctrine of the Trinity" (1693), etc. "Opera Posthuma" (1717); "Sermons" (1843); new edition (1842).

Southern, Thomas (b. Dublin, 1660; d. Westminster, May 26th, 1746). "The Persian Prince: or, The Loyal Brother" (1682); "The Disappointment: or, The Mother in Fashion" (1684); "The Wife's Excuse" (1692); "The Spartan Dame" (1721); "Isabella: or, The Fatal Marriage;" "Oromoko;" "The Rambling Lady;" "Cleomenes," "Works" with Life (1774).

Southesk, The Earl of (b. 1827). "Jonas Fisher" (1875); "Saskatchewan and the Rocky Mountains" (1875); "Greenwood's Farewell and Other Poems" (1876); "The Media Maiden and Other Poems" (1877); "Origin of Pictish Symbolism" (1893), etc.

Southey, Mrs. Caroline Anne Bowles (b. 1786; d. 1854). "Ellen Fitzarthur" (1820); "The Widow's Tale;" "Solitary Hours," etc.

Southey, Robert, LL.D. (b. Bristol, August 12th, 1774; d. Keswick, March 21st, 1843). "Wat Tyler" (1791); "Poems" (1795, 1797, 1801); "Joan of Arc" (1796); "Thalaba the Destroyer" (1801); "Madoc" (1805); "Metrical Tales and Other Poems" (1805); "The Curse of Kehama" (1810); "Roderick" (1814); "Odes" (1814); "Minor Poems" (1815); "Carmen Triumphale" (1815); "The Poet's Pilgrimage to Waterloo" (1816); "The Lay of the Laureate" (1816); "A Vision of Judgment" (1821); "The Expedition of Orsua and the Crimes of Aguirre" (1821); "A Tale of Paraguay" (1825); "All for Love" and "The Pilgrim to Compostella" (1829); "Oliver Newman, and Other Poetical Remains" (1845); and "Robin Hood: a Fragment" (1847). His prose works are as follow:—"Letters Written during a Short Residence in Spain and Portugal, with some Account of Spanish and Portuguese Poetry" (1797); "Letters from England, by Don Manuel Alvarez Espriella" (1807); "Chronicle of the Cid Rodrigo Diaz de Bivar, from the Spanish" (1808); a "History of Brazil" (1810); "Omniaria; or, the Hero Otiosiores" (1812); a "Life of Nelson" (1813); a "Life of Wesley" (1820); a "History of the Peninsular War" (1823); "The Book of the Church" (1824); "Sir Thomas More; or, Colloquies on the Progress and Prospects of Society" (1824); "Vindiciae Ecclesiae

Anglicanae" (1826); "Essays, Moral and Political" (1832); "Lives of English Admirals" (1833-40); "The Doctor" (1834-38); "Lives of Cromwell and Bunyan" (1844); and a "Life of Doctor Andrew Bell" (1844). Southey also edited the "English Anthology" for 1799-1800; "Specimens of the Late English Poets, with Preliminary Notices" (1807); "Attempts at Verse, by J. Jones," with an "Essay on Uneducated Poets" (1831); and "Select Works of the Early British Poets, with Biographical Notices" (1831). His "Commonplace Book," edited by J. W. Warter, appeared in 1849-51; selections from his poetical works in 1831, from his prose works in 1832, and "Life" and Correspondence published by his son in 1849-50; and a Selection from his Letters by his son-in-law, Warter, in 1856. See the "Life" by Browne (1854), and the Monograph by Dowden (1880).

Southwell, Robert (b. St. Faith's, Norfolk, 1560; d. London, February 20th, 1595). "A Supplication to Queen Elizabeth" (1593); "Marie Magdalen's Funerall Teares" (1594); "St. Peter's Complaynt, with other Poems" (1595); "Memento" (1595); "The Triumphs over Death" (1595); "Epistle of Comfort to the Reverend Priests and Others of the Jay Sort Restrained in Durance for the Catholike Fayth" (1605); and "A Short Rule of Good Life." Prose "Works" edited by Walter in 1828; poetical works by Turnbull in 1856. For Biography, see the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1798, Brydges' "Censura Literaria," Ellis's "Specimens," Campbell's "English Poets," Chailoner's "Martyrs to the Catholic Faith," and Morley's "English Writers," vol. xi. For Criticism, see MacDonald's "England's Antiphon."

Spedding, James (b. 1810; d. 1881). "Publishers and Authors" (1867). "Letters and Life of Francis Bacon" (1857-74); "Reviews and Discussions not relating to Bacon" (1869); "Life and Times of Bacon" (1876); "Evenings with a Reviewer; or, Macaulay and Bacon" (1882). His important edition of Bacon's Works began to appear in 1857.

Spence, Joseph (b. 1698; d. 1768). "An Essay on Pope's Translation of Homer's Odyssey" (1727); "Polyæstus" (1747); "Moralities; or, Essays, Letters, Fables, and Translations" (1753); an "Account of the Life, Character, and Poems of Mr. Blacklock" (1764); "A Parallel, in the manner of Plutarch,

between a most celebrated Man of Florence [Signor Magliabecchi], and one scarce ever heard of in England [Robert Hill]" (1758); and "Observations, Anecdotes, and Characters of Books and Men" (1820). See *The Quarterly Review*, vol. xxiii.; also, the "Life" by Singer (1820).

Spencer, Herbert (b. Derby, April 27th, 1820). "The Proper Sphere of Government" (1842); "Social Statics" (1851); "Principles of Psychology" (1855); "Essays: Scientific, Political, and Speculative" (1858-63); "Education" (1861); "First Principles" (1862); "Classification of the Sciences" (1864); "Principles of Biology" (1864); "Spontaneous Generation" (1870); "Recent Discussions in Science, Philosophy, and Morals" (1871); "The Study of Sociology" (1872); "Descriptive Sociology" (1873); "Sins of Trade and Commerce" (1875); "Ceremonial Institutions" (1879); "Data of Ethics" (1879); "The Coming Slavery" (1884); "Man versus the State" (1885); "The Factors of Organic Evolution" (1887); "The Principles of Ethics" (1892); "The Inadequacy of Natural Selection" (1893); "A Rejoinder to Professor Weismann" (1893); "Weismannism Once More" (1894). See "Aphorisms . . . selected by J. R. Gilling" (1894); "The Principles of Sociology" (completed 1896).

Spenser, Edmund (b. 1552; d. 1599). "The Shepherd's Calendar" (1579); "The Faerie Queene" (1590-96); "Complaints" (1591); "Prosopoeia; or, Mother Hubbard's Tale" (1591); "Tears of the Muses" (1591); "Daphnaida" (1591); "Colin Clout's Come Home Again" (1595); "Amoretti" (1595); "Fowre Hymns" (1596); "Pythalamion" (1596); "Britain's Ida" (1628) also, with Gabriel Harvey (1545-1630), "Three proper and witty familiar Letters, lately passed between two University Men, touching the Earthquake in April last, and our English Reformed Versifying" (1580); and "Two other very Commendable Letters of the same Men's Writing, both touching the foresaid artificiall Versifying, and certain other Particulars" (1580); both of which are reprinted in vol. ii. of Haslewood's "Ancient Critical Essays upon English Poets and Poetry;" besides "A View of the State of Ireland" (1633). Spenser's Poetical "Works" have been edited, with Notes and "Memoirs," by Hughes (1715 and 1750), Birch (1751), Church (1758), Upton (1758), Todd (1805 and

1840), Aikin (1806 and 1842), Robinson (1825), Mitford (1829), Hillard (1839), Masterton (1848), Child (1855), Gilfillan (1859), Morris (1869), etc. Kitchen edits the first two Books, with Notes. See Warton's "English Poetry;" Hazlitt's "English Poets;" "Spenser and his Poetry," by G. L. Craik (1845); Dean Church's "Spenser" (1878); Morley's "English Writers," vols. ix., x., xi.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon (b. Kolvedon, Essex, June 19th, 1834; d. Mentone, January 31, 1892). "The Saint and his Saviour" (1837); "John Ploughman's Talk" (first series, 1868); "Lectures to my Students" (first series, 1875); "Eccentric Preachers" (1879); "Treasury of David" (1870-85); "Sermons in Candles" (1890), etc.; founded and edited *The Sword and the Trowel*.

Stalker, Rev. James, D.D. (b. Crief, Perthshire, February 21st, 1848). "Life of Jesus Christ" (1879 and 1884); "Richard Baxter" (1883); "Life of St. Paul" (1884 and 1885); "Imago Christi" (1889); "The Preacher and His Models" (1891); "The Four Men," etc. (1892); "The Atonement" (1894).

Stanhope, Earl, Philip Henry (b. Walmer, January 31st, 1805; d. Bournemouth, December 22nd, 1875). "A Life of Belisarius" (1829); "A History of the War of the Succession in Spain" (1832); "A History of England from the Peace of Utrecht to the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle" (1836-52); "The Court of Spain under Charles II." (1844); "A Life of the Great Condé" (1845); "Historical Essays" (1848); "A History of the Rise of Our Indian Empire" (1858); "A History of the Reign of Queen Anne to the Peace of Utrecht" (1870); an edition of the "Letters" of Lord Chesterfield (1845); "Memoirs of Sir Robert Peel;" a "Life of William Pitt."

Stanley, Arthur Penrhyn, D.D., Dean of Westminster (b. Alderley, December 13th, 1815; d. July 18th, 1881). "Life of Dr. Arnold" (1844); "Sermons and Essays on the Apostolic Age" (1846); "A Memoir of Bishop Stanley" (1850); "The Epistles to the Corinthians" (1854); "Historical Memorials of Canterbury" (1854); "Sinai and Palestine" (1855); "The Unity of Evangelical and Apostolical Teaching" (1859); "Sermons preached before the University of Oxford" (1860); "The History of the Eastern Church" (1861); "Sermons preached in the East"

(1862); "The History of the Jewish Church" (1863-65); "Historical Memorials of Westminster Abbey" (1867); "The Three Irish Churches" (1869); "Essays on Church and State" (1870); "The Athanasian Creed" (1871); "Lectures on the Church of Scotland" (1872); "Edward and Catherine Stanley" (1879). "Life" by R. E. Prothero, assisted by Dean Bradley (1893).

Stanley, Henry Morton, D.C.L., LL.D. (b. near Denbigh, January 28th, 1841). "How I Found Livingstone" (1872); "Coomassie and Magdala" (1874); "Through the Dark Continent" (1878); "The Congo and the Founding of its Free State" (1885); "In Darkest Africa" (1890); "My Dark Companions and their Strange Stories" (1893); "My Early Travels and Adventures" (1895).

Stead, William Thomas (b. Embleton, Northumberland, July 5th, 1849). "The Truth About Russia" (1898); "The Pope and the New Era" (1890); "General Booth" (1891); "Character Sketches" (1892). Formerly editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, founder and editor of the *Review of Reviews*, and of *Borderland*.

Steele, Sir Richard (b. Dublin, 1671; d. Llangunnor, September 1st, 1729). "The Christian Hero" (1701); "The Funeral; or, Grief à la Mode" (1702); "The Tender Husband" (1703); "The Lying Lover" (1704); "The Crisis" (1714); "The Conscious Lovers" (1722); edited the *Tatler*, and wrote for the *Gazetier* and the *Spectator*. "Life" of Steele in Foster's "Biographical and Critical Essays," and "Memoir" by Montgomery (1865). See also Thackeray's "English Humourists" and Dennis's "Studies in English Literature."

Stephen, Sir James (b. Lamlath, January 3rd, 1789; d. Coblenz, September 15th, 1859). "Essays in Ecclesiastical Biography" (1849); and "Lectures on the History of France" (1851). "Life" in 1860.

Stephen, Sir James Fitzjames (b. London, March 3rd, 1829; d. March 11th, 1894). "Essays by a Baftriser" (1862); "General View of the Criminal Law of England" (1863); "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity" (1873); "Digest of the Law of Evidence" (1876); "The Story of Nunamar" (1885); "Hore Sabbatic" (1892). "Life" by his brother, Leslie Stephen (1895).

Stephen, James Kenneth (b. 1859; d. 1892). "International Law and International Relations" (1884); "Lapsus Calami" (1891); "The Living Languages" (1891); "Quo Musa Tendis?" (1891).

Stephen, Leslie (b. 1832). "The Playground of Europe" (1871); "Essays on Free Thinking and Plain Speaking" (1873); "Hours in a Library" (1874-79); "History of English Thought in the Eighteenth Century" (1876); "Samuel Johnson" (1878); "The Science of Ethics" (1882); "Life of Henry Fawcett" (1885); "An Agnostic's Apology," etc. (1893); "Social Rights and Duties" (1896); "Life of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen," his brother (1895); and "Pope" and "Swift" in the *English Men of Letters* series.

Sterling, John (b. 1806; d. 1841). "Arthur Comingsby" (1830); "Poems" (1839); "The Election" (1841); and "Strafford," a tragedy (1843). "Works" in 1818. Lives by Hare (1818) and Carlyle (1851).

Sterne, Laurence (b. Clonmel, November 24th, 1713; d. London, March 18th, 1768). "The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gent." (1759-67); "Sermons" (1760); "A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy" (1768); and "The History of a Worn Watchcoat" (1769). "Letters to his most Intimate Friends" published by his daughter in 1775; "Letters to Eliza" [Mrs. Draper] same year; other portions of his correspondence, in 1788 and 1814. For Biography, see the *Quarterly Review*, vol. xlix., Sir Walter Scott's "Lives of the Novelists," and Fitzgerald's "Life of Laurence Sterne" (1864), and Stapfer's "Vie" (Paris, 1878). For Criticism, see Thackeray's "Lectures on the Humourists," Taine's "English Literature," Masson's "English Novelists," Ferriar's "Illustrations of Sterne," Traill's "Sterne," etc.

Stevenson, Robert Louis Balfour (b. Edinburgh, November 13th, 1850; d. Samoa, December 8th, 1894). "An Inland Voyage" (1878); "Edinburgh: Picturesque Notes" (1879); "Travels with a Donkey" (1879); "Virginibus Puerisque" (1881); "Familiar Studies of Men and Books" (1882); "New Arabian Nights" (1882); "Treasures Island" (1883); "The Silverado Squatters" (1883); "A Child's Garden of Verse" (1885); "The Dynamiter" (1885); "Prince Otto" (1885); "Strange

Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1885); "Kidnapped" (1886); "The Merry Men" (1887); "Underwoods" (1887); "Ticonderoga" (1887); "Memories and Portraits" (1887); "The Black Arrow" (1888); "The Wrong Box," with Lloyd Osbourne (1889); "Ballads" (1890); "The Master of Ballantrae" (1891); "The Wrecker," with Lloyd Osbourne (1892); Three Plays, in collaboration with W. E. Henley (1892); "Across the Plains," etc. (1892); "Catriona" (1893); "Island Nights' Entertainments" (1893); "The Ebb Tide," with Lloyd Osbourne (1894); "Vailima Letters" (1895); "Weir of Hermiston" (1896); "St. Ives" (1897).

Stewart, Dugald (b. Edinburgh, November 22nd, 1753; d. near Bo'ness, June 11th, 1828). "Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind" (1792, 1814, and 1827); "Outlines of Moral Philosophy" (1793); "Account of the Life and Writings of William Robertson, D.D." (1801); "Account of the Life and Writings of Thomas Reid, D.D." (1803); "Philosophical Essays" (1810); "Account of the Life and Writings of Adam Smith" (1811); "Dissertation exhibiting the Progress of Metaphysical, Ethical, and Political Philosophy since the Revival of Letters in Europe" (1815 and 1821); "The Philosophy of the Active and Moral Powers" (1828); and "Lectures on Political Economy," published in 1855, with the remainder of Stewart's "Works," and an account of his "Life" and "Writings," edited by Sir William Hamilton.

Stillingfleet, Edward (b. Cranborne, Dorsetshire, April 17th, 1635; d. Westminster, March 27th, 1699). "Irenicum"; "Origines Sacre" (1662); "Rational Account of the Grounds of the Protestant Religion" (1665); "The Reasons of Christ's Suffering for Us" (1678); "Origines Britannicæ" (1685); "Sermons Preached on several Occasions" (1696-98); "A Vindication of the Doctrine of the Trinity" (1697); "Directions for the Conversations of the Clergy" (1710); "Miscellaneous Discourses on several Occasions" (1735); "Discourses on the Church of Rome," etc. "The Life and Character of Bishop Stillingfleet, together with some account of his Works," by Timothy Goodwin, in 1710; same year, "Works" in ten volumes. See Tulloch's "Rational Theology in England."

Stoughton, Rev. John, D.D. (b. Norwich, 1807; d. 1897). "Ages

of Christendom" (1856); "Church and State Two Hundred Years ago" (1862); "Haunts and Homes of Martin Luther" (1875); "Lights of the World" (1876); "Progress of Divine Revelation" (1878); "Religion in England from the Opening of the Long Parliament till the End of the Eighteenth Century" (1881); "William Penn" (1882); "The Spanish Reformers" (1884); "Religion in England from 1800 to 1850" (1884); "Lights and Shadows of Church Life" (1895), etc.

Strutt, Joseph (b. Springfield, Essex, October 27th, 1742; d. October 16th, 1802). "The Regal and Ecclesiastical Antiquities of England" (1773); "Horda Angel-Cynnan: or, A Complete View of the Manners, Customs, Arms, Habits, etc., of the Inhabitants of England, from the Arrival of the Saxons till the Reign of Henry VIII." (1774-6); "The Chronicle of England, from the Arrival of Julius Cæsar to the Norman Conquest" (1777-8); "A Biographical History of Engravers" (1785-6); "A Complete View of the Dress and Habits of the People of England, from the Establishment of the Saxons in Britain to the Present Time" (1796-9); "The Sports and Pastimes of the People of England" (1801); "Queenhoo Hall," and "Ancient Times" (1808); "The Test of Guilt" (1808); and "Bumpkin's Disaster" (1808).

Stubbs, Very Rev. Charles William, D.D. (b. Liverpool, September 3rd, 1845). "International Morality" (1869); "Christ and Democracy" (1884); "The Conscience, and other Poems" (1884); "The Land and the Labourers" (1884); "For Christ and City" (1890); "Christ and Economics" (1893), etc.

Stubbs, Right Rev. William, D.D. (b. Knaresborough, June 21st, 1823). "The Constitutional History of England" (1874-78); "Lectures on Mediæval and Modern History" (1886), besides editing "Hymnæ Secundum usum Ecclesiæ Sarisburiensis" (1850); "Tractatus de Santa Cruce de Waltham" (1860); Mosheim's "Institutes of Church History" (1863); "Chronicles and Memorials of Richard I." (1864-5); Benedict of Peterborough's "Chronicle" (1867); the "Chronicle" of Roger de Hoveden (1868-71); "Select Charters and other Illustrations of English Constitutional History" (1870); "Memorials of St. Dunstan" (1874), etc.

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Sully, Professor James, LL.D. (b. Bridgewater, 1842). "Sensation and Intuition" (1874); "Pessimism" (1877); "Illusions" (1883); "The Outlines of Psychology" (1884); "The Teachers' Handbook of Psychology" (1886); "The Human Mind" (1892); "Children's Ways" (1897), etc.

Swift, Jonathan, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin (b. Dublin, Nov. 30th, 1667; d. there, Oct. 19th, 1745). "The Battle of the Books" (1704); "Tale of a Tub" (1704); "Sentiments of a Church of England Man in Respect to Religion and Government" (1708); "An Argument against the Abolition of Christianity" (1708); "The Conduct of the Allies" (1712); "The Public Spirit of the Whigs" (1714); "Letters by M. B. Drapier" (1724); "Travels of Lemuel Gulliver" (1726); a "History of the Four Last Years of Queen Anne," "Polite Conversation," "Directions to Servants," "A Journal of Stella," etc. Works edited, with a Memoir, by Sir Walter Scott, in 1814. See also the Biographies by Hawkesworth, Sheridan, Johnson, Forster, Leslie Stephen, and J. Churton Collins. For criticism, see Hazlitt's "Comic Writers," Thackeray's "English Humourists," Jeaffreson's "Novels and Novelists," Masson's "Novelists and their Styles," Taine's "English Literature," and other writers.

Swinburne, Algernon Charles (b. London, April 5th, 1837). "The Queen Mother" and "Rosamond" (1861); "Atalanta in Calydon" (1864); "Chastelard" (1865); "Poems and Ballads" (1866); "Notes on Poems and Reviews" (1866); "A Song of Italy" (1867); "William Blake," a critical essay (1867); "Notes on the Royal Academy Exhibition" (1868); "Ode on the Proclamation of the French Republic" (1870); "Songs before Sunrise" (1871); "Under the Microscope" (1872); "Bothwell," a tragedy (1874); "Essays and Studies" (1875); "George Chapman," an essay (1875); "Erechtheus," a tragedy (1876); "A Note on Charlotte Brontë" (1877); "Poems and Ballads" (second series, 1878); "A Study of Shakespeare" (1880); "Songs of the Springtides" (1880); "The Seven

against Sense" (1830)*; "Mary Stuart, a Tragedy" (1881); "Tristram of Lyonesse" (1882); "A Century of Roundels" (1883)*; "A Midsummer Holiday" (1884); "Marino Faliero" (1885); "A Study of Victor Hugo" (1886); "Miscellaneous" (1886); "Lo-crine" (1887); "The Jubilee, 1887" (1887); "The Ballad of Dead Men's Bay" (1889); "The Brothers" (1889); "Poems and Ballads" (third series, 1889); "A Study of Ben Jonson" (1889); "The Sisters" (1890); "A Sequence of Sonnets on the Death of Robert Browning" (1890); "Sacred and Shakespearian Affinities" (1890); "Grace Darling" (1893); "Studies in Prose and Poetry" (1891); "Astrophel," etc. (1894). "Selections" from his Works (1887); "The Tale of Balen" (1896). For criticism see Forman's "Living Poets."

Symonds, John Addington (b. October 5th, 1810; d. April 19th, 1893). "Introduction to the Study of Dante" (1873); "Studies of the Greek Poets" (1873-76); "Sketches in Italy and Greece" (1874); "The Renaissance in Italy" (1875-86); "The Sonnets of Michelangelo Buonarroti and Campanella" (1878); "Animi Figure" (1882); "Italian Byways" (1883); "Vagabunduli Libellus" (1884); "Shakespeare's Predecessors in the English Drama" (1884); "Wine, Women, and Song" (1884); "Ben Jonson" (1887); "Essays Speculative and Suggestive" (1890); "Our Life in the Swiss Highlands" (1892); "Life of Michelangelo Buonarroti" (1892); "In the Key of Blue," etc. (1893); "Walt Whitman" (1893); "Blank Verse" (1894); "Giovanni Boccaccio as Man and Author" (1894). "Life" by Horatio F. Brown (1895).

Symons, Arthur (b. Milford Haven, February 28th, 1865). "Introduction to the Study of Browning" (1886); "Days and Nights" (1888); "Silhouettes" (1892); "London Nights" (1885). Has edited the Essays of Leigh Hunt, plays of Shakespeare, etc.

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of Copyright of the highest Importance to Authors" (1838); "Glencoe, or the State of the MacDonalds," a tragedy (1839); "Three Speeches delivered in the House of Commons in favour of an extension of Copyright" (1840); "Speech for the Defendant in the Prosecution, the Queen v. Moxon, for the publication of Shelley's Poetical Works" (1841); "Recollections of a First Visit to the Alps" (1841); "Vacation Rambles and Thoughts" (1844); "Final Memorials of Charles Lamb" (1819-50); "The Castilian" (1853).

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Taylor, Isaac (b. Javonham, August 17th, 1787; d. Stanford Rivers, Essex, June 28th, 1865). "The Elements of Thought" (1822); "Memoir of his Sister Jane" (1825); "History of the Transmission of Ancient Books to Modern Times" (1827); "The Process of Historical Proof Exemplified and Explained" (1829); a "Translation of Herodotus" (1829); "The Natural History of Enthusiasm" (1829); "A New Model of Christian Mission" (1829); "The Temple of Melekartha" (1831); "Saturday Evening" (1832); "Fanaticism" (1833); "Spiritual Despotism" (1835); "The Physical Theory of Another Life" (1836); "Home Education" (1838); "Ancient Christianity and the Doctrines of the Tracts for the Times" (1839); "Man Responsible for his Dispositions" (1840); "Lectures on Spiritual Christianity" (1811); "Loyola and Jesuitism in its Rudiments" (1849); "Wesley and Methodism" (1851); "The Restoration of Belief" (1855); "The World of Mind" (1857); "Logic in Theology, and other Essays" (1859); "Ultimate Civilisation, and other Essays" (1860); and "The Spirit of Hebrew Poetry" (1860). See his son's "Memorials of the Taylor Family" (1867).

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"Etruscan Researches" (1874); "The Etruscan Language" (1876); "Greeks and Goths" (1879); "The Alphabet, an Account of the Origin and Development of Letters" (1883); "Leaves from an Egyptian Note-Book" (1888); "The Origin of the Aryans" (1889), etc.

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of Brown Paper" (1623); etc. Publication of Complete Works begun by Spenser Society in 1867.

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Taylor, Tom (b. 1817; d. July 12th 1880). "Diogenes and his Lantern" (1849); "The Vicar of Wakefield" (1850); "The Philosopher's Stone" (1850); "Prince Dorus" (1850); "Sir Roger de Coverley" (1851); "Our Clerks" (1852); "Plot and Passion" (1852); "Wittikind and his Brothers" (1852); "To Oblige Benson" (1854); "A Blighted Being" (1854); "Still Waters Run Deep" (1855); "Helping Hands" (1855); "Retribution" (1856); "Victims" (1856); "Going to the Bad" (1858); "Our American Cousin" (1858); "Nine Points of the Law" (1859); "The House and the Home" (1859); "The Contested Election" (1859); "The Fool's Revenge" (1859); "A Tale of Two Cities" (from Dickens) (1860); "The Overland Route" (1860); "The Babes in the Wood" (1860); "The Ticket-of-Leave Man" (1863); "Twixt Axe and Crowl" (1870); "Joan of Arc" (1870); "Clancarty" (1873); "Anne Boleyn" (1876); "An Unequal Match," besides being the part author of "New Men and Old Acres," "Masks and Fuces," "Slave Life," and several other dramas. "Historical Plays" in 1877. He also published "The Life and Times of Sir Joshua Reynolds," "Leicester Square," and "Songs and Ballads of Brittany," and edited the autobiographies of B. R. Hay-

don and C. R. Leslie, and Mortimer Collins's posthumous "Pen Sketches."

Temple, The Right Rev. Frederick, D.D. (b. November 30th, 1821). "Sermons Preached in the Chapel of Rugby School" (1862); "The Relations between Religion and Science" (1885).

Temple, Sir William (b. London, 1628; d. Moor Park, Surrey, January 27th, 1699). "Observations upon the United Provinces of the Netherlands" (1673); "Miscellanea on Various Subjects" (1680-90); "Memoirs of what passed in Christendom from 1672 to 1679" (1693); "Letters" (edited by Dean Swift, 1700); "Letters to King Charles II., etc." (1703); and "Miscellanea, containing 'Four Essays upon Ancient and Modern Learning,' 'The Garden of Epicurus,' 'Heroick Vertue,' and 'Poetry'" (1705).

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Duchess of Kent" (1864); "Enoch Arden" (1864); "The Holy Grail, and other Poems" (1867); "The Victim," in *Good Words* (1868); "1865-6," in *Good Words* (1868); "A Spiteful Letter," in *Once a Week* (1868); "Wages," in *Macmillan's Magazine* (1868); "Luciferius," in *Macmillan's Magazine* (1868); "The Window; or, Songs of the Wrens" (1870); "The Last Tournament," in *The Contemporary Review* (1871); "Gareth and Lynette, and other Poems" (1872); "A Welcome to Marie Alexandrovna" (1874); "Queen Mary" (1875); "Harold" (1877); three sonnets, a translation, "Sir Richard Grenville," and "The Relief of Lucknow," in the *Nineteenth Century* (1877-9); "The Lover's Tale" (1879); a sonnet and "De Profundis," in the *Nineteenth Century* (1880); "The Falcon" (1879); "Poems and Ballads" (1881); "The Cup" (1881); "The Promise of May" (1882); "Becket" (1884); "Tiresias" (1886); "Locksley Hall, Sixty Years After" (1886); "Jubilee Poem" (1887); "Demeter," etc. (1889); "Aylmer's Field" (1891); "The Death of Ennoche," etc. (1892); "The Foresters" (1892). Also the following: "Britons, guard your own," in *The Examiner* (1852); "Hands all Round," in *The Examiner* (1852); and "Riflemen, form!" in *The Times* (1859). "A Selection from the Works," in 1865; "Songs" in 1871. "Works" in one volume in 1878. "Concordance" in 1869; "Bibliography" (1896). "Life" by his son (1897). See "Tennysonian" (1879), and T. H. Smith's "Notes and Marginalia on Alfred Tennyson" (1873). Analyses of "In Memoriam" by Tainsh and Fredk. Wm. Robertson. For Criticism, see Brimley's "Essays," Tuckerman's "Essays," Elsdale's "Studies in the Idylls" (1878), A. H. Hallam's "Remains," W. C. Roscoe's "Essays," Kingsley's "Miscellanies," Hutton's "Essays," Tainsh's "Studies in Tennyson," Bayne's "Essays," Austin's "Poetry of the Period," J. H. Stirling's "Essays," J. H. Ingram in "The Dublin Afternoon Lectures," A. H. Jupp's "Three Great Teachers" (1865), Forman's "Living Poets," Buchanan's "Master Spirits," Stedman's "Victorian Poets," "Lord Tennyson, a Biographical Sketch," by H. J. Jennings (1884), John Churton Collins's "Illustrations of Tennyson" (1891), A. J. Church's "The Laureate's Country" (1891); Joseph Jacob's "Tennyson and 'In Memoriam'" (1892), G. G. Napier's "Homes and Haunts of . . . Tennyson"

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Thackeray, Anne Isabella, Mrs. Ritchie, (b. about 1839). "The Story of Elizabeth" (1863); "The Village on the Cliff" (1866); "Five Old Friends, and a Young Prince" (1868); "To Esther, and other Sketches" (1869); "Old Kensington" (1872); "Toilers and Spinsters, and other Essays" (1873); "Bluebeard's Keys, and other Stories" (1874); "Miss Angel" (1875); "Madame de Sévigné" (1881); "A Book of Sibyls" (1883); "Miss Dymond" (1885); "Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning" (1892); "Alfred, Lord Tennyson, and his Friends" (1893); "Chapters from Some Memoirs" (1894). Works in 1875-6.

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Thirlwall, Connop, Bishop of St. David's (b. 1797; d. 1875). "Essay on St. Luke," translated from Schleiermacher (1825); "History of Greece" (1834-47); "The Tractarian Controversy" (1842); "Dr. Newman on Development" (1848); "The Gorham Case" (1851); "Essays and Reviews" (1863); "The Vatican Council" (1872). The last five treatises were republished in his "Remains, Literary and Theological" (1877). See "Letters of Bishop Thirlwall," edited by Perowne and Rev. L. Stokes (1881); and "Letters of Bishop Thirlwall," edited by Dean Stanley (1881).

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Thompson, Sir Henry, Bart. (b. 1820). "Practical Lithotomy and Lithotomy" (1863); "A Catalogue of Blue and White Nankin Porcelain" (1878); "Charley Kingston's Aunt" (1885); "All But" (1886); "Modern Cremation" (1899), etc.

Thomson, James (b. 1700; d. 1748). "Winter" (1726); "Summer" (1727); "Britannia" (1727); "Spring" (1728); "Sophonisba" (1729); "Autumn"

(1730); "Liberty" (1734 and 1736); "Agamemnon" (1738); "Edward and Leonora" (1739); "Alfred" (with Mallet, 1740); "Tancred and Sigismunda" (1745); "The Castle of Indolence" (1748); and "Coriolanus" (1749). *Works and Life* by Murdoch, in 1762; with *Memoir and Notes* by Sir Harris Nicolas, in 1830; with a *Life*, critical dissertation, and notes, by Gilfillan, in 1853; and by Robert Bell, in 1855. *See* also the *Life* by Buchan (1792); the *Miscellanies* of the Philobiblicious Society (1857-58); and an *Essay* by Barante, in his "Études" (Paris, 1857).

Thomson, James ("B. V.") (b. Port Glasgow, 1831; d. 1882). "The City of Dreadful Night," etc. (1880); "Vane's Story, and Other Poems" (1880); "A Voice from the Nile, and Other Poems" (1883); "Shelley," poetry and prose (1884). "Life," by H. S. Salt, with selections (1889). "Poetical Works," edited, with *Memoir*, by B. Dobell (1895).

Thomson, Sir William, now Lord Kelvin (b. 1821). "The Linear Motion of Heat" (1842); "Secular Coating of the Earth" (1852); "Electrodynamics of Qualities of Metals" (1855); "Treatise on Natural Philosophy" (1867); "Papers on Electrostatics and Magnetism" (1872); "Tables for Facilitating the Use of Sumner's Method at Sea" (1876); "Mathematical and Physical Papers" (1882); "Popular Lectures and Addresses" (1891-4).

Thomson, William, Archbishop of York (b. Whitehaven, February 11th, 1819; d. December 25th, 1890). "Outline of the Laws of Thought" (1842); "The Atoning Work of Christ" (1858); "Sermons Preached in Lincoln's Inn Chapel" (1861); "Life in the Light of God's Word" (1868); "Word, Work, and Will" (1879). Editor of "Aids to Faith" (1861). Biographical Sketch by C. Bullock, entitled "The People's Archbishop."

Thornbury, George Walter (b. London, 1828; d. June 11th, 1876). "Lays and Legends of the New World" (1851); "Monarchs of the Main" (1855); "Shakespeare's England" (1856); "Art and Nature at Home and Abroad" (1856); "Songs of Cavaliers and Roundheads" (1857); "Every Man his own Trumpeter" (1858); a "Life of J. M. W. Turner, R.A." (1862); "True as Steel" (1863); "Wildfire" (1864); "Haunted

London" (1865); "Tales for the Mariner" (1865); "Greatheart" (1866); "The Vicar's Courtship" (1869); "Old Stories Retold" (1869); "A Tour Round England" (1870); "Criss Cross Journeys" (1873); "Old and New London" (vols. i. and ii.), and "Historical and Legendary Ballads and Songs" (1875).

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"Ethics of Belief" (1877); "Foundations of Faith" (1880); "The Gospel and its Witnesses" (1883); "Some Central Points of our Lord's Ministry" (1890). Joint editor of "A Dictionary of Christian Biography" and of "A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers." Editor of "The Speaker's Commentary on the Apocrypha."

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Feb. 14th, 1683; d. Dec. 23rd, 1740). "Queries in Vindication of Christ's Divinity" (1719); "Sermons in Defence of Christ's Divinity" (1720); "Case of Arian Subscription Considered" (1721); "A Second Vindication" (1723); "A Further Vindication" (1724); "A Critical History of the Athanasian Creed" (1724); "The Nature, Obligation, and Efficacy of the Christian Sacraments Considered" (1730); "The Importance of the Doctrine of the Trinity Asserted" (1734); "Review of the Eucharist" (1737); "Scripture Vindicated against Tindal." "Works" in 1823, with "A Review of his Life and Writings."

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(1612); "A Monumental Column Erected to the Loving Memory of Henry, late Prince of Wales" (1613); "The Devil's Law Case" (1623); "The Duchess of Malfy" (1623); "The Monument of Honour" (1624); "Appius and Virginia" (1654); "The Thracian Wonder" (1661); and (with Rowley) "A Curo for a Cuckold" (1661). "Works," with Life, by Dyce, in 1830; and by W. Hazlitt, in 1857. *See* Morley's "English Writers," vol. xi.

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• **Whateley, Richard**, Archbishop of Dublin (b. London, February 1st, 1787; d. Dublin, October 8th, 1863). "Historic Doubts relative to Napoleon" (1819); "The Use and Abuse of Party-feeling in Matters of Religion" (1822); "On Some of the Peculiarities of the Christian Religion" (1823); "The Elements of Logic" (1827); "On Some Difficulties in the Writings of St. Paul and on other parts of the New Testament" (1828); "Elements of Rhetoric" (1828); "A View of the Scriptural Revelations Concerning a Future State" (1829); "Introductory Lectures on Political Economy" (1831); "Thoughts on the Sabbath" (1832); "Thoughts on Secondary Punishment" (1832); "Essays on Some of the Dangers to the Christian Faith" (1839); "The History of Religious Worship" (1817); and "A Collection of English Synonyms" (1852); etc. Life and Correspondence by his daughter (1866). See also Fitzpatrick's "Memoirs of Whateley" (1861).

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• **Whewell, William, D.D.** (b. Lancashire, May 24th, 1794; d. March 6th, 1866). "Elementary Treatise on Mechanics" (1819); "Analytical Statics" (1833); "Astronomy and General Physics considered with reference to Natural Theology" (1833); "A History of the Inductive Sciences" (1837); "The Philosophy of the Inductive Sciences"

(1840); "The Mechanics of Engineering" (1841); "Elements of Morality" (1845); "The History of Moral Philosophy in England" (1852); etc. "An Account of his Writings, with Selections from his Correspondence," by I. Todhunter, in 1876.

White, Rev. Edward (b. London, May 11th, 1819). "Life in Christ" (1846); "Mystery of Growth," etc. (1867); "Some of the Minor Moralities of Life" (1868); "Life and Death" (1877); "The Higher Criticism" (1892); "Modern Spiritualism" (1893), etc.

White, Henry Kirke (b. Nottingham, August 21st, 1785; d. Cambridge, October 19th, 1806) was the author of "Clifton Grove" and other poems, published in 1803. Remains were edited, with a "Life," by Southey. See also the Biography by Sir Harris Nicolas.

White, Joseph Blanco (b. 1775; d. 1841). "Letters from Spain by Don Leucadio Dollado" (1821); "Practical and Internal Evidence against Catholicism" (1826); "Second Travels of an Irish Gentleman in Search of a Religion" (1833). He was also the editor of the *London Review*, as well as of two Spanish journals. His sonnet "To Night" was called by Coleridge the finest in the language. See "Life of Rev. Joseph Blanco White, written by Himself, with portions of his Correspondence," edited by John Hamilton Thom (1818).

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• **Whitehead, Charles**, (b. 1804; d. 1862). "Autobiography of Jack Ketch" (1834); "Richard Savago" (1842); "Earl of Essex" (1843); "Smiles and Tears" (1847); "Life of Sir Walter Raleigh" (1854).

Whyte, Rev. Alexander, D.D. (b. Kirriemuir, 1837). "The Shorter Catechism" (1883); "Characters and Characteristics" of W. Law (1893); "Bunyan's Characters" (1893, etc.); "Jacob Behnen" (1894); "Samuel Rutherford and Some of His Correspondents" (1894); "Laucelot Andrewes and His Private Devotions" (1896), etc.

Whyte-Melville, George John (b. 1821; d. December 5th, 1878). "Digby Grand" (1853); "General Bounce" (1854); "Kate Coventry" (1856); "The Interpreter" (1858); "Hohoby House" (1860); "Good for Nothing" (1861); "Tilbury Nogo" (1861); "Market Harborough" (1861); "The Gladiators" (1863); "Brookes of Bridlemere" (1864); "The Queen's Maries" (1864); "Cerise" (1865); "Bones and I" (1868); "The White Rose" (1868); "M. or N." (1869); "Contraband" (1870); "Sarchedon" (1871); "Satanella" (1872); "The True Cross" (1873); "Uncle John" (1874); "Sister Louise" (1875); "Katerfelto" (1875); "Rosine" (1876); "Roy's Wife" (1878); and "Black but Comely" (1879).

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Wilde, Jane-Francesca Speranza, Lady (d. 1896). "Ugo Bussi" (1857); "Poems" (1864); "Driftwood from Scandinavia" (1864); "Ancient Legends . . . of Ireland" (1867); "Ancient Cures, Charms, and Usages of Ireland" (1890); "Notes on Men, Women, and Books" (1891); "Social Studies" (1893); translations from the French and German, etc.

Wilde, Oscar Fingall O'Flahertie Wills (b. Dublin, 1856). "Poems" (1881); "The Happy Prince," etc. (1888); "A House of Pomegranates" (1891); "Lord Arthur Savile's Crimes," etc. (1891); "The Picture of Dorian Grey" (1891); "Intentions" (1891); "Lady Windermere's Fan" (1893); "Salomé," in French (1893); "A Woman of No Importance" (1894); "The Sphinx" (1894).

Wilkes, John (b. Clerkenwell, October 17th, 1727; d. London, December 27th, 1797). "An Essay on Woman" (1763); "Speeches" (1777-9 and 1786); and "Letters" (1767, 1768, 1769, and 1804). "Life" by Baskerville in 1769, by Watson 1870, by Craddock in 1772, by Almon in 1805, and by W. F. Rae in 1873.

William of Malmesbury (b. 1095; d. about 1142). "Gesta Regum Anglorum," "Historia Novella," "Gesta Pontificum," etc., in the "Scriptor's post Bedam," edited by Sir Henry Saville. Of the first two, there is an edition by Sir Duffus Hardy, published in 1840 for the Historical Society. An English translation by the Rev. John Sharpe, issued in 1815, formed the basis of that made by Dr. Giles, which is included in Bohn's "Antiquarian Library" (1847). See also Morley's "English Writers," vol. iii.

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Wilson, George (b. Edinburgh, February 21st, 1818; d. November 22nd, 1859). "Life of Cuvendish" (1851); "Life of Reid" (1852); "The Five Gate-Ways of Knowledge" (1856); "Paper, Pen, and Ink;" various scientific treatises; "Life of Professor Edward Forbes" (1861). Memoir by his sister (1866).

Wilson, John ("Christopher North") (b. Paisley, May 18th, 1785; d. Edinburgh, April 3rd, 1854). "The Isle of Palms" (1812); "The City of the Plague" (1816); "Lights and Shadows of Scottish Life" (1822); "The Trials of Margaret Lindsay" (1823); "The Foresters" (1824); "Essay on the Life and Genius of Robert Burns" (1841); and "Recreations of Christopher North" (1842). Poems and Dramatic Works collectively in 1825. His complete Works, edited by Professor Fefrier, in 1855-8. "Life" by his daughter, Mrs. Gordon (1863).

Winter, John Strange, reverend Mrs. Henrietta Eliza Vaughan Stannard (b. York, January 13th, 1850). "Cavalry Life" (1881); "Boots' Baby" (1885); "Houp-la" (1886); "Pluck" (1886); "On March" (1886); "Mignon's Secret" (1886); "Mignon's Husband" (1887); "That Imp" (1887); "Boots'

Children" (1888); "Confessions of a Publisher" (1888); "Buttons" (1889); "Mrs. Bob" (1889); "Dinna Forget" (1890); "Ferrers Court" (1890); "He Went for a Soldier" (1890); "Harvest" (1891); "Lumley the Painter" (1891); "The Other Man's Wife" (1891); "Only Human" (1892); "A Man's Man" (1893); "That Mrs. Smith" (1893); "Aunt Johnnie" (1893); "The Soul of a Bishop" (1893); "A Born Soldier" (1894); "A Seventh Child" (1894); "A Magnificent Young Man" (1895); "Grip" (1895); "I Loved Her Once" (1896); "The Strange Story of My Life" (1896).

Wither, George (b. 1588; d. 1667). "Prince Henry's Obsequies; or Mournefull Elegies upon his Death" (1612); "Abuses Stript and Whipt; or, Satirical Essayes" (1613); "Epithalamia" (1613); "A Satyre written to the King's most excellent Majesty" (1614); "The Shepherd's Pipe" (1614, written with Browne); "The Shepherds Hunting" (1615); "Fidelia" (1617); "Wither's Motto" (1618); "A Preparation to the Psalter" (1619); "Exercises upon the First Psalmes, both in Verse and Prose" (1620); "The Songs of the Old Testament, translated into English Measures" (1621); "Juvenilia" (1622); "The Mistress of Philareto" (poems, 1622); "The Hymnes and Songs of the Church" (1623); "The Scholler's Purgatory, discovered in the Stationer's Commonwealth, and described in a Discourse Apologetical" (1625-26); "Britain's Remembrancer, containing a Narrative of the Plague lately past" (1628); "The Psalmes of David translated into Lyrick Verse" (1632); "Collection of Emblemes" (1635); "Nature of Man" (1636); "Read and Wonder" (1641); "A Prophecie" (1641); "Hallelujah" (1641); "Campo Musæ" (1643); "So Defendendo" (1643); "Mercurius Rusticus" (1643); "The Speech without Doore" (1644); "Letters of Advice touching the Choice of Knights and Burgesses for the Parliament" (1644); etc. *See* Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses," Brydges' "Censura Literaria," "British Bibliographer," and "Restituta," an essay on Wither's Works by Charles Lamb, Willmott's "Lives of the Sacred Poets," and Farr's Introduction to his edition of the "Hallelujah."

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Wood, Mrs. Henry (b. 1820; d. February 10th, 1887). "East Lynne" (1861); "The Channings" (1862); "Mrs. Halliburton's Troubles" (1862); "The Shadow of Ashlydyat" (1863); "The Foggy Night at Offord" (1863); "St. Martin's Eve" (1866); "A Life's Secret" (1867); "Roland Yorke" (1869); "Dene Hollow" (1871); "Johnny Ludlow" (1874-85); "Edina" (1876); "Pomeroy Abbey" (1878); "Court Netherleigh" (1881); "About Ourselves" (1883); and several posthumous works.

Woolner, Thomas, R.A. (b. Hadleigh, Suffolk, December 17th, 1826;

d. October 7th, 1892). "Silenus" (1884); "Tiresias" (1886); "Nelly Dale" (1887); "My Beautiful Lady" (1887), etc.

Wordsworth, Charles, D.D., Bishop of St. Andrews (b. Bocking, Essex, 1806; d. December 5th, 1892). "Shakespeare's Knowledge and Use of the Bible" (1854); "The Outlines of the Christian Ministry Delineated and Brought to the Test of Reason, Holy Scripture, History, and Experience" (1872); "Catechesis: or, Christian Instruction;" "A Greek Primer;" "Annals of my Life" (1891); "Primary Witness to the Truth of the Gospel," etc. (1892).

Wordsworth, Christopher, D.D. (b. Cockermouth, June 4th, 1774; d. Buxted, Sussex, 1846). "Ecclesiastical Biography; or, the Lives of Eminent Men connected with the History of Religion in England from the Reformation to the Revolution" (1809); "Sermons on Various Occasions" (1815), etc.

Wordsworth, Christopher, D.D., Bishop of Lincoln (b. 1807; d. 1885). "Memoirs of William Wordsworth;" "Theophilus Anglicus;" an edition of the Greek Testament, with notes; an edition of the Old Testament in the Authorised Version, with Notes and Introduction; "The Holy Year;" "Original Hymns;" "Greece, Historical, Pictorial, and Descriptive;" "Sermons on the Church of Ireland;" and the "Correspondence of Richard Bentley."

Wordsworth, Dorothy (d. 1855). "Recollections of a Tour made in Scotland in 1803" (1871).

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